

## 2015-J1902

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection on May 15, 2015

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection, to be celebrated on Friday, May 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The focus of the community of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection has always been its children; its youth commission strives to involve the youth of our parish in various religious, social, cultural and athletic activities and promote parish youth programs; and

WHEREAS, The Little Angels program is geared for newborns to three years, including unborn babies and their caregivers; participants meet at church for play, mat time, stories, and takes trips to places such as the Martin Viette Fall Festival, Long Island Children's Museum, Holy Cross monastery candle making, and Nassau County Art Museum, as well as a biennial moms/caregivers night; and

WHEREAS, Children ages four, five, and six are invited to join the Holy Orthodox Primary Education (HOPE) ministry; the four elements of worship, fellowship, service, and witness will be integrated into the program, and meetings will involve prayer, mini-lessons with movement and discussion, arts and crafts, snack, and play time; and

WHEREAS, Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) is the ministry for children of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America from ages 7-12; students meet

once a month to focus on their faith, make arts and crafts and/or engage in a social outing and play sports such as soccer and basketball, and participate in the Olympics during the Memorial Day weekend; and WHEREAS, The goal of GOYA ministry is for teenagers to explore the Orthodox faith, tradition and life; fellowship opportunities are provided by many social, community service, and athletic events; and WHEREAS, Sunday School is an integral part of the church's mantra to mold children from the age of three to 18, into the role of an Orthodox Christian; and

WHEREAS, The Holy Resurrection Greek School Program offers a comprehensive program of Greek education for children of all ages, from beginner through the Regents level; students are placed in levels in accordance with their knowledge of the Greek language rather than grades according to their age, which allow them to learn at their own speed; and

WHEREAS, The Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection proudly sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 72 and Cub Scout Pack No. 72; and

WHEREAS, There are many other ministries through which adults can serve the Church and their community, including the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., which is a duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; its mission is to aid the needy, undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the society promotes the purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, preserves and perpetuates Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and encourage

participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of President of the Parish Council, Kirk C. Demou, and Chairman of the Parish Council, the members of the Greek

Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection continue to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of past generations who came to America to pursue their dreams, and remain firm in their resolve to maintain their Orthodox faith and their Greek heritage not only in present time but for tomorrow and future generations to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kirk C. Demou, President, Parish Council, and James K. Xanthos, Chairman, Parish Council.