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"Peace I leave with you;



My peace I give you." John 14:27



Music & Dance Festival
Philadelphia - February 14-16, 2025
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

INAUGURAL MDF PROGRAM BOOK

Metropolis of New Jersey Music & Dance Festival

On behalf of our gracious host, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, we welcome you to the inaugural Metropolis of New Jersey Music & Dance Festival! The Mission of MDF is to bring His Eminence's vision to fruition: gathering our youth and adults from all corners of our Metropolis for a weekend of fellowship, dancing, and singing. Dance troupes will be performing traditional Greek dances, and Church groups of all ages will be participating in the Liturgical Choir. "Praise God in tympani and dance." Psalms 150:4

The underlying theme for the weekend is "Peace". In a world with much despair, we gather under embracing words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which state, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"* John 14:27 Be sure to check out each other's QR Codes!

Friends, the days are filled with singing and dancing while our evenings will be highlighted with the Glendi Saturday night and the Banquet Awards ceremony on Sunday night featuring a Cretan & Pontian Band as well as the renowned DJ Taso.

A surprise guest is excited to greet you Saturday evening!

On behalf of our Executive Board, we welcome you and thank you for joining us!

Father Christ Kontos, Chairman
Father Anastasios Bourantas, Co-Chairman
Stella Fisfis, Managing Director
John Vasiliou, Consultant

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**WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR
GENEROUS MDF INAUGURAL SPONSORS**

DIAMOND

Peter & Jennifer Kyriakodis

PLATINUM

Peter N. Stathis

Anonymous from St Luke

GOLD

Chris & Kia Blazakis

Aleksandra & Haralambos Garofalis

Maria Kalisperis in honor of her 6 Kalisperis grandchildren

Andreas & Faithe Kalisperis

Pan Gregorian Enterprises of New Jersey an P.G.E.I. of America Charitable
Foundation

St Luke Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council, Broomall, PA

John & Renee Vasiliou

Anna & Aris Yortzidis: Byzantio Greek Dance & Cultural Arts Program

SILVER

Apostolos & Stella Fisfis

BRONZE

Yiro Yiro - A Fresh Spin on Fast Greek: Avgiris Family

Hellenic College & Holy Cross School of Theology

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Wilmington, Delaware

Dr. Ron & Ginny Markos

Daniel and Sophia Milinkovic

Anthony & Lisa Palmieri

St Luke Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos, Broomall, PA

The Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian, Tenafly, NJ

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gouris

WHAT IS WHERE?

LIBERTY BALLROOM LEVEL

Group registration packet pickup

Individual Ticket Sales

Merchandise

Vendors

All Meals: Liberty Ballrooms C-D

MEZZANINE LEVEL

Dance Practice in Salons 3-6,8,9

Liturgy Sunday morning: Independence Ballroom

Liturgical Choir: Philadelphia Ballroom

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS

PHILADELPHIA BALLROOM:

Liturgical Choir

Ryan's Case for Smiles

LIBERTY BALLROOM A-B:

Advanced Senior Dancers,

Senior Dancers,

Advanced Intermediate Dancers,

Intermediate Dancers

INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM

Primary Dancers

Junior Dancers

Advanced Junior Dancers

Noncompete Dancers

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MDF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday February 14, 2025

5:00pm -10:00pm **Registration** – Individual Ticket & Swag Sales: LIBERTY
6:00pm – 10:00pm **Practice Rooms** Open: MEZZANINE Salons 3-6,8,9

8:00pm **Dance Directors Meeting**
LIBERTY Ballroom AB

Saturday February 15, 2025

7:00am ALL DAY **Registration**- Individual Ticket & Swag Sales: LIBERTY

7:30am **Opening Ceremony Line up**
Outside LIBERTY Ballrooms ABCD

8:30am-9:30am **Opening ceremonies**
LIBERTY BALLROOM AB

9:30-6:00pm **Practice Rooms** Open: MEZZANINE Salons 3-6,8,9

10:00am-3:00pm **Dance Performances, Advanced Senior, Senior, Advanced Intermediate, Intermediate** in LIBERTY BALLROOM AB

10:00am-3:00pm **Dance Performances, Advanced Junior, Junior, Primary, Exhibition Groups** in INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM

11:30am -2:00pm **LUNCH** Liberty Ballroom CD

12pm – 1:00pm **Liturgical Orientation Mtg**
PHILADELPHIA BALLROOM

3:00pm- 5:00pm **Liturgical Choir Performance**
PHILADELPHIA BALLROOM

6:00pm-11:00pm **Dinner and Glendi**
LIBERTY BALLROOM CD
Featuring DJ Taso, Cretan Band, Pontian Band,
Special Cretan performance and **Special Visitor**

Sunday, February 16, 2025

INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM

8:00am-10:30am

[Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy](#)

His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey Presiding

Following Divine Liturgy, special presentation by Cindy Kerr, Ryan's Case for Smiles

11:00am All Day

Individual Ticket & Swag Sales

11:00am-5:00pm

Practice Rooms Open

11:00am-1:00pm

LUNCH LIBERTY Ballroom CD

12:00pm -4:00pm

Ryan's Case for Smiles Independence Ballroom,
Community Service Project

12:00pm – 5:00pm

FINAL Dance Performances

LIBERTY A-B & INDEPENDENCE

Banquet, Awards and Glendi

6:00pm -11:00pm

Featuring DJ Taso, Cretan Band,
Pontian Band

LIBERTY Ballroom BCD

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Saturday February 15, 2025

INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM

PRIMARY

11:00am Ellinakia – St. Luke Broomall, PA
11:12am Asteria – St. George Cathedral Philadelphia, PA
11:24am Zephyros Jr. – St. George Media, PA

JUNIOR

11:36am Hara – Ss. Constantine and Helen Annapolis, MD
11:48am Kymatakia – Annunciation Elkins Park, PA
12:00pm Evangelakia Jr. – Annunciation Cathedral Baltimore, MD
12:12pm Terpsichorean Jr. – Holy Trinity Cathedral Wilmington, DE

JUDGES BREAK 12:30pm – 1:15pm

ADVANCED JUNIOR

1:20pm Hellenic Golden Coins Jr – St. Nicholas Baltimore, MD
1:35pm Asteria – Ss. Sophia, Faith Hope and Agape – Jeffersonville, PA
1:50pm Neo Kyma – St. Andrew Randolph, NJ

EXHIBITION

2:00pm Pitsirikia – St. George Ocean, NJ
2:15pm Neo Kyma – Ss. Constantine and Helen Cathedral Richmond, VA
2:30pm Ss. Constantine and Helen – Newport News, VA

LIBERTY BALLROOM AB

INTERMEDIATE

9:55am Meraklides – Annunciation – Elkins Park, PA
10:05am Terpsichoreans – St. George Hamilton, NJ
10:20am Evangelakia – Annunciation Cathedral Baltimore, MD
10:35am Philotimo – Annunciation Cathedral Norfolk, VA
10:50am Ai Symiotes – St. Barbara Toms River, NJ

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

11:10am Terpsichoreans Holy Trinity Cathedral Wilmington, DE
11:25am OPA Paithia – Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John Tenafly, NJ
11:40am Pegasus – St. Demetrios Upper Darby, PA
11:55am GOYA of Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen – Roseland, NJ
12:10pm Kimisis Youth Dancers – Kimisis Tis Theotokou Holmdel, NJ
12:25pm Olympians – St. Luke Broomall, PA

JUDGES BREAK 12:35pm – 1:15pm

Saturday continued...

LIBERTY BALLROOM AB

SENIOR

- 1:30pm St. George Dancers – St. George Piscataway, NJ
1:45pm Poseidon Greek Dancers – St. Nicholas Wyckoff, NJ
2:00pm Aegeans – Ss. Constantine and Helen Annapolis, MD
2:15pm Zephyros Sr ~ St. George Media, PA
2:30pm St. Demetrios Greek Dance Troup ~ Perth Amboy, NJ
2:45pm Hellenic Golden Coins Sr ~ St. Nicholas Baltimore, MD

ADVANCED SENIOR

- 2:55pm Hellenic Heritage – St. Thomas Cherry Hill, NJ

LITURGICAL CHOIR – PHILADELPHIA BALLROOM

INTERMEDIATE

- 2:55pm Holy Trinity – Egg Harbor Township, NJ
3:05pm St. George – Clifton, NJ
3:15pm Holy Trinity ~ Westfield, NJ
3:25pm Annunciation – Elkins Park, PA
3:35pm Kimisis Tis Theotokou – Holmdel, NJ
3:45pm St. John the Theologian – Tenafly, NJ

JUDGES BREAK 3:55pm – 4:15pm

SENIOR

- 4:20pm St. Nicholas – Wyckoff, NJ
4:30pm St. George – Media, PA
4:40pm St. Demetrios – Upper Darby, PA
4:50pm Holy Trinity – Wilmington, DE
5:00pm St. Luke – Broomall, PA

ADVANCED SENIOR

- 5:10pm St. Katherine – Falls Church, VA
5:20pm St. Thomas – Cherry Hill, NJ

Sunday February 16, 2025

INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM

PRIMARY

- 1:20pm Zephyros Jr – St. George Media, PA
1:35pm Ellinakia – St. Luke Broomall, PA
1:50pm Asteria – St. George Cathedral Philadelphia, PA

JUNIOR

- 2:10pm Kymatakia – Annunciation Elkins Park, PA
2:20pm Evangelakia Jr Annunciation Cathedral Baltimore MD
2:35pm Hara – Ss. Constantine and Helen Annapolis, MD
2:50pm Terpsichorean Jr – Holy Trinity Cathedral Wilmington, DE

JUDGES BREAK 3:00pm – 3:40pm

ADVANCED JUNIOR

- 3:45pm Asteria – Ss. Sophia, Faith Hope and Agape – Jeffersonville, PA
4:00pm Hellenic Golden Coins Jr. – St. Nicholas Baltimore, MD
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LIBERTY BALLROOM AB

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JUDGES BREAK 2:30pm- 3:15pm

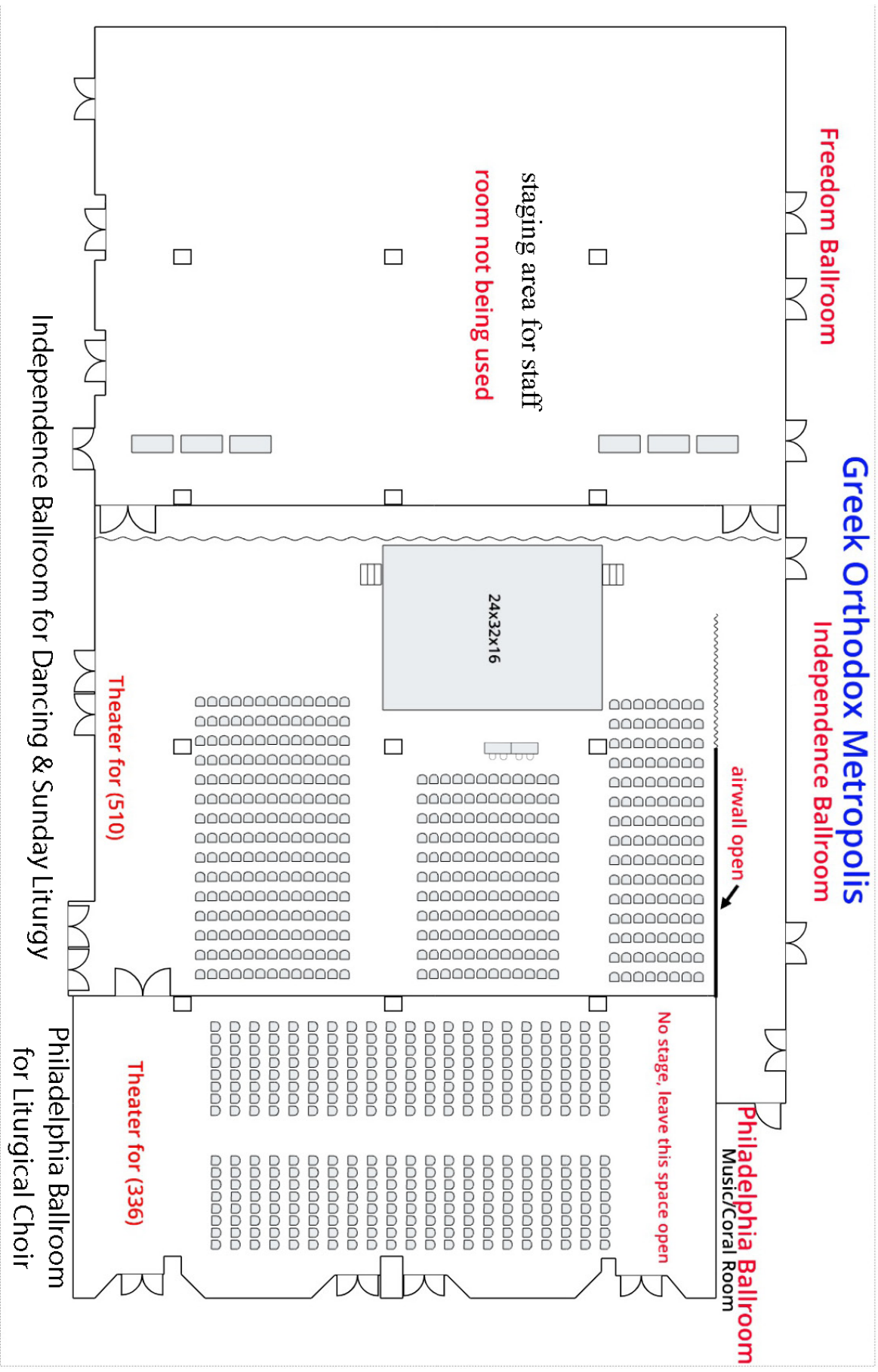
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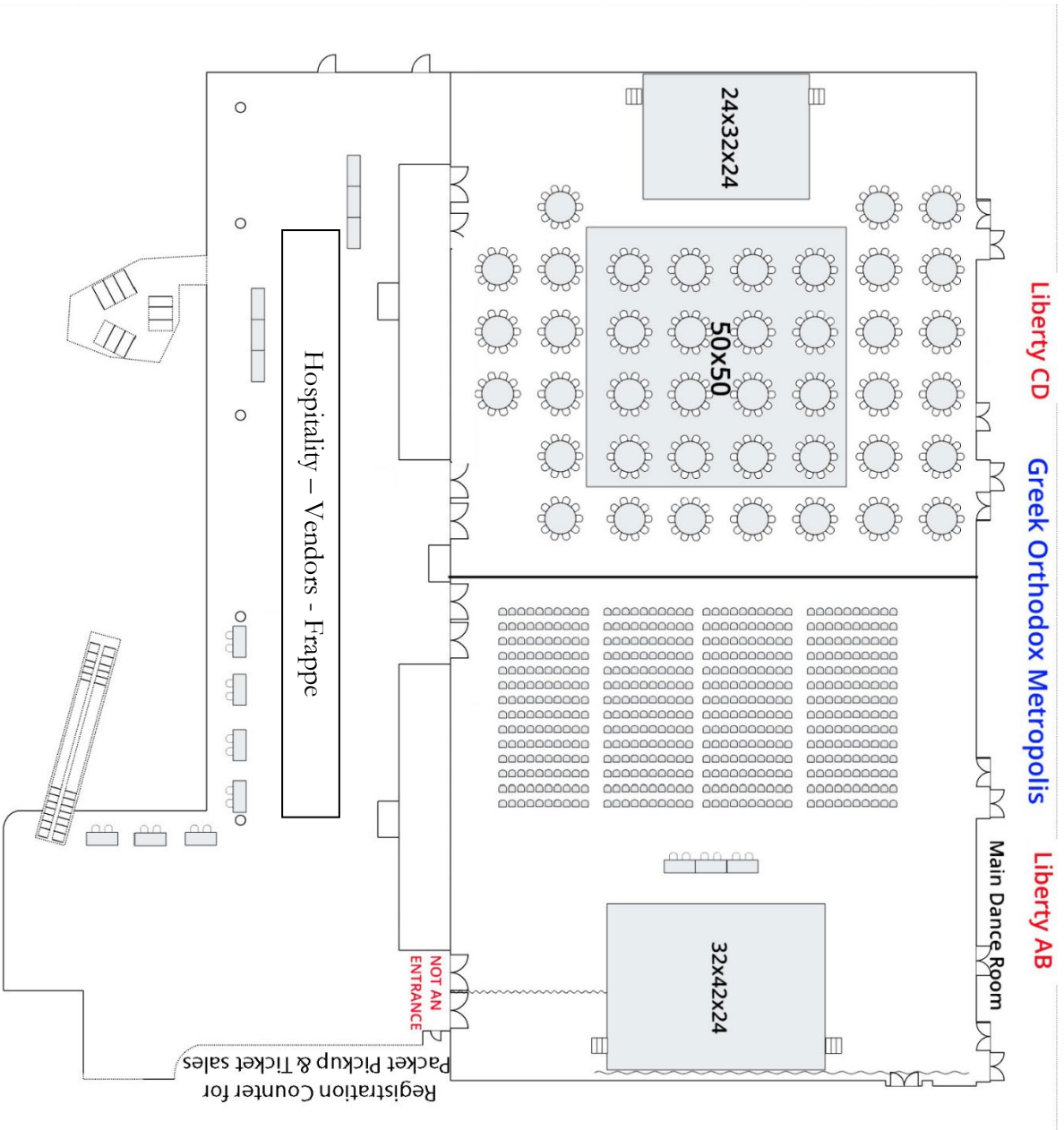
ADVANCED SENIOR

- 4:50pm Hellenic Heritage – St. Thomas Cherry Hill, NJ

MAP OF MEZZANINE LEVEL



MAP OF LIBERTY BALLROOMS LEVEL



OUR BLUE RIBBON JUDGES

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Philoptochos Hospitality Booth

They say, many hands make light work. The ever so gracious Ladies Philoptochos from the following Metropolis of New Jersey Parishes used many blessed hands to make 5400 Koulourakia! **ΑΕΙΕΣ!**

With gratitude to our Hospitality Booth Chairperson, Alexis Limberakis for her leadership and in-kind donation. Also, thank you to Diane Saphos who assisted with the printing of the labels and signage.

Participating Philoptochos Chapters:

Annunciation Cathedral	Baltimore, Maryland
Annunciation	Elkins Park, Pennsylvania
Evangelismos Tis Theotokou	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Holy Trinity Cathedral	Wilmington, Delaware
Holy Trinity	Westfield, NJ
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	Holmdel, New Jersey
Saints Constantine and Helen	Annapolis, Maryland
Saint Demetrios	Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Saint George Cathedral	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Saint George	Bethesda, Maryland
Saint George	Clifton, New Jersey
Saint George	Media, Pennsylvania
Saint George	Piscataway, New Jersey
Saint George	Trenton, New Jersey
Saint Luke	Broomall, Pennsylvania
Saint Sophia	Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania
Saint Thomas	Cherry Hill, New Jersey
Nora Kefalas	Baltimore, Maryland (In memory of father)



Thank you Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos!

COLOR CODES:

Wristbands/Ticket Chart

Type	Color/Type	Price	Type	Color/Type	Price	Type	Color/Type	Price
Fully Paid Participant	BLUE Rubber Wristband	\$315.00	Saturday Glendi and Dinner	NEON BLUE Paper Band	\$90.00	Sunday Lunch	Ticket (white)	\$25.00
Saturday Spectator	RED Paper Band	\$30.00	Saturday Glendi	PURPLE Paper Band	\$50.00	Sunday Banquet	NEON GREEN Paper Band	\$110.00
Saturday Lunch	Ticket	\$30.00	Sunday Spectator	NEON ORANGE Paper Band	\$30.00	Frappe	Ticket	\$4.00
						Water	Ticket	\$1.00

NOTES SECTION:

Find your "Peace"



WITH GRATITUDE!

To His Eminence, Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
for his vision and guidance.

Rev. Protopresbyter Kosmas Karavellas
who planted the seed with FDF in 1991.

The leadership and assistance of:
V. Rev. Archimandrite Nektarios Cottros,
Chancellor of the Metropolis of New Jersey

V. Rev. Archimandrite Philotheos Tomczewski

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Rev. Archdeacon Konstantinos Loukas

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