

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine Essay Contest

On behalf of the Essay Committee, Katherine P. Bacalis, chair, invites all teens, 13 to 19 years of age, to research and write on one of these two topics:

There are many historic and sacred sites throughout the world. What makes Saint Photios Greek Orthodox Shrine a historic and significant site for Greek Orthodox Christians?

Or

All Americans (other than those born of a Native American father and mother) born in the United States, can trace their family's history to an ancestor who came to America from a foreign country. Compare and contrast your family's immigrant history with the immigrant history of the New Smyrna Colonists of 1768.



The Essay Committee accepts submissions throughout the year. The committee sends blind copies of the essays to three judges on January 5th. Once the judges have ranked the essays, they are returned to the committee. The three highest ranked essays and certificates of Participation are sent to His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios.

At that time the results are posted.

Prizes are awarded to the top 3 ranking essays: (first place) \$500, (second place) \$250 and (third place) \$100.

The Essay Program is held in memory of Mrs. Kathie D'Anna and with the support of the AHEPA SPEEDWAY CHAPTER #410.

All essays become property of St Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine. Please submit a cover page with your name, address, phone number, home parish where you worship and email address. **Deadline: January 5, 2018**

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Submit a 1,000 Word Essay by January 5th, 2018 to

Polexeni Maouris Hillier, Director

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

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St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Or email your Essay to phillier@stphotios.com

Thank you and God bless you!