

Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

2014 Essay Contest

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2015 ST PHOTIOS GREEK ORTHODOX NATIONAL SHRINE CONTEST

St. Augustine, FL - Senior High School Students are invited to submit a 4-minute video or 1,000 word essay comparing the immigrant story of the Greek Colonists who came to America in 1768 with the story of a friend or family member who emigrated to America. The deadline for submission is November 21, 2015

Arguably, this generation is the end bead of those generations before it. This is an opportunity for the author to compare and contrast the story of the New Smyrna Colonists with the story of someone he or she knows. The submission then becomes part of Shrine Family History Archives. A 4 minute oral history can be recorded and uploaded or a 1,000 word essay can be submitted to Shrine Director, Mrs. Polaxeni Hillier at phillier@stphotios.com. Submissions must be sent for consideration by Friday, November 20, 2015.

Information about the New Smyrna or Andrew Turnbull colony can be found on the Shrine website (www.stphotios.org), in the book, The New Smyrna Colony, an 18th century Odyssey by Dr Panagopoulos and by researching the topic on line. Authors and researchers on this subject include but are not limited to, Dr. Daniel Schaffer, Kathleen Deegan and David Nolan.

Results of the contest will be posted via press release on the www.stphotios.org website on Monday, January 4, 2016. Those oral or written essays placing first, second and third will win \$500, \$250 and \$100. Prizes and certificates of participation signed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America will be sent January 15, 2015.

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