



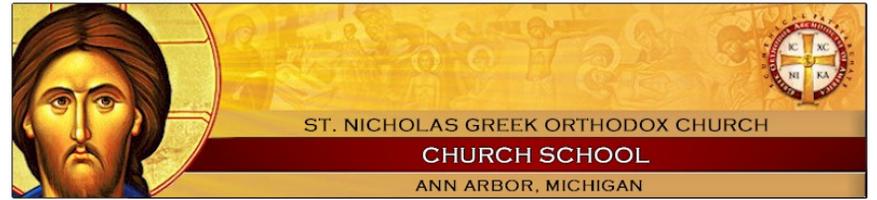
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SENIOR GRADUATION



SOPHIA GARRIS
IRENE KITROMELIDES
CHRISTINE KOKKALES
FRANK PAGALOS



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Sophia Garris

Pioneer High School

Sophia has lettered all four years at Pioneer in both diving and choir. She was the 2009-10 swim and dive “Most Improved” athlete and was also a member of the “Sha-Bop-Shoppe” choir. At Champion Gymnastics, she was the 2008-09 “Most Team Spirit” and “Most Improved”. In the Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program, she was “Student of the Month” for February. Sophia will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall and plans to major in Art and Design.

Sophia is very proud of her Greek heritage. She has been involved in JOY and GOYA, she participated in the St. Nicholas Choir and was the JOY representative during the Thyranioxia. That meant a lot to her and she is very proud of that moment in time. She enjoys learning about Greek Orthodoxy and Greek history, and has written papers about both during her time at Pioneer. Sophia helps during the festival and enjoys sharing her knowledge of both her culture and faith with her friends. Sophia will really miss her family and friends from St. Nicholas as she is very thankful to belong to such a welcoming and supportive parish. The best thing she learned from Church school is to be kind to others and to help them through their difficulties in life. She would like to thank her church family for being very caring and supportive.



Irene Kitromelides

Saline High School

Irene is graduating from Saline High School with a 3.95 GPA. She has been on the Honor-Roll for all four years and won the all A’s Award. She has participated in the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and the Saline Rowing Team where she served as a captain during her senior year. She has also served as GOYA President and Secretary. She has been involved in many community services, including volunteering at the Red Cross and St. Joseph Hospital. Irene will be attending the University of

Michigan where she will join the Michigan Women’s Rowing team as a coxswain.

Church School has taught Irene how important it is to always walk in God’s way and to keep Him at the forefront at all times. She knows that God has been with her throughout her life and has helped to achieve her goals. She will remain steadfast in her faith, confident that God will always be at her side to help her through the next chapter of her life.



Christine Kokkales

Pioneer High School

At Pioneer, Christine played the flute in the band, participated in numerous concerts, was a member of the crew rowing club, and participated in the B-side program for young entrepreneurs. Through her Humanities and Spanish classes she traveled to Italy and Greece, as well as Spain, both in her sophomore and junior years. Christine is planning to start her college experience at Washtenaw Community College in the fall with the intent of transferring to University of Michigan.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Christine has been very active in our St. Nicholas Church her entire life. She has attended Church School every year since nursery school and is currently Vice President of GOYA. She has also participated in our Oratorical Festival, Bible Study, and danced at the Independence Day Parade as well as our annual Ya’ssoo festival. Christine has learned many lessons at our church that will serve as a steady compass throughout her lifetime. She feels blessed to have such a rich heritage and to have grandparents on both sides who were founders of our church. All these experiences have create in her a strong sense of balance, a sense of family and the comfort of knowing her roots. She knows that this solid foundation will help keep her well-grounded in the future and on the right track in life.



Frank Pagalos

Saline High School (Saline, MI)

Frank is graduating from Saline High School, where he has been active in Writers Ink and the Photography Club. He has also served as an Altar Boy and Reader in our Church, and participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival and GOYA. He has completed the St. Nicholas Church School Curriculum and will be attending Eastern Michigan University to study Computer Science. Frank appreciates everything he has learned at Church School, and he particularly values the active class discussions. He hopes to continue to

learn more about his Orthodox Faith and ensure that it is always an active part of his life.