



Yan Theros

Skyline High School

Yan is a part of the second graduating class of Ann Arbor Skyline High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society, the Student Action Senate, the Spanish Club and the Barbarians Barbershop quartet group. Music is Yan's favorite subject as well as extracurricular activity. Yan is a member of Skyline's select choirs, Bel Canto and A Capella. Yan has also lettered and earned her chevron and service bar, auditioned and participated in MSVMA State Honors Choir, and received multiple superior ratings at State Solo and Ensemble for voice. St. Nicholas is a big part of

Yan's life. She sings with the church choir, and attends church and Church School regularly. Yan has learned a lot through her church community, the GOYA, and from her participation in the annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Yan hopes to continue to grow in her faith while attending the University of Michigan this fall.



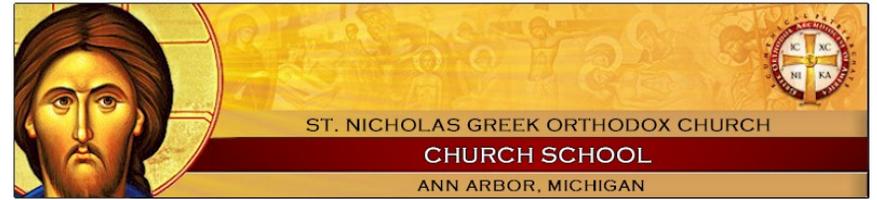
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2013
CHURCH SCHOOL
GRADUATING SENIORS



Alexandra Apostoleris
Margaret Apostoleris
Robert Hays
Nicholas Kokkales
Christopher Mitropoulos-Rundus
Lee Petropoulos
Cara Pliakas
Erica Theros
Yan Theros





Alexandra Apostoleris

Skyline High School

Alexandra (Alex) is a member of the National Honor Society, an honor roll student, and an AP Scholar. She is a Student Action Delegate, and a member of the Spanish Club and the indoor track team. Alex has a passion for the game of soccer, is a lettered member of the Skyline Varsity Soccer Team, and has played competitive travel soccer during the past 8 years. Alex has enjoyed participating in multiple volunteer opportunities for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor. Alexandra has been a proud member of the Greek community at St.

Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. She has been an active participant in Greek School, Church School, and GOYA events and activities during the past 12 years. She is thankful for the rich experience her church community and family has provided her. Her experience at MDSC Church camp in Rose City has created many friendships and memories throughout the several years she attended. Alex looks forward to building on the values her Orthodox faith has taught and provided her as she pursues higher education. This fall, Alexandra will be attending Hope College in Holland, Michigan as a recipient of an honors merit scholarship. She looks forward to exploring a career in the healthcare field and to continue to play soccer as a member of the Hope Soccer Team.



Margaret Apostoleris

Skyline High School

Margo is a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar, and an honor roll student. She has been a Student Action Delegate, a member of the Spanish Club, and the indoor track team. As a lettered member of the Skyline Varsity Soccer Team, Margo was the recipient of the MVP All Conference and All Districts. She has played competitive travel soccer during the past 8 years. Margo has been an active participant in multiple volunteer opportunities for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and numerous GOYA events. Margo has deep appreciation for the Greek community and is

honored to be a part of the orthodox family. She has been an active participant in Greek School, Church School, and GOYA events and activities during the past 12 years. What she has learned at Church School about the foundation of our faith contributes to her deep commitment to Orthodoxy. In the fall, Margaret is looking forward to attending Hope College in Holland, Michigan and is a recipient of a honors merit scholarship. She plans on pursuing her passion for medicine and will explore healthcare career opportunities. She is also looking forward to playing soccer during her college experience

2012. For varsity soccer, Lee was starting Goalkeeper sophomore year and was voted Most Improved Player. Senior year stats included most shots on goal saved in Division I Michigan High Schools. At St. Nicholas, Lee attended Church School, was an Altar Boy, participated in the St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, was a member of Goya. His philanthropic activities include helping with the Ya'ssoo Greek festival, refurbishing homes for Habitat for Humanity, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and volunteered at a local soup kitchen. This fall, Lee will be attending Bowling Green State University. "I learned to keep my faith in God and to follow the 10 Commandments. I learned to always be who I really am and to make the right choices."



Cara Pliakas

Huron High School

Cara Pliakas is graduating from Huron High School with a 3.73 GPA. She treasures the time she spent as secretary of GOYA and has learned a lot throughout the years spent in Church School. This fall, Cara will be attending the University of Michigan to study business. She will keep her faith and God close as she takes the next steps in her life.



Erica Theros

Skyline High School

Erica Theros is graduating from Skyline High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Vice President of the Spanish Club. Erica lettered in Cross Country and Track and Field, where as Track and Field co-captain, she set high school records. Last fall, Erica was elected to the Senior Year Homecoming Court at Skyline HS. At St. Nicholas, Erica was a member of GOYA, participated in the Greek Independence Day and OXI Day program at the Statue of Ypsilanti, participated and has been a parish winner of the St. John Chrysostom

Oratorical Festival, attended MDSC camp in Rose City, attended Church School and participated in the Church School Christmas Pageant. Erica's philanthropic activities include helping with the Ya'ssoo Greek Festival and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Erica also received the Faith in Action Award from Fr. Nick. This fall, Erica plans to attend Hope College in Holland, Michigan. "Attending Church School has helped me make friendships and learn and allow God to become a bigger part of my life."



Robert Hays

Robert is graduating from Washtenaw Technical Middle College, as well as having completed a Liberal Arts Transfer Degree from Washtenaw Community College. He will graduate with an Associates Degree with a concentration in Broadcast Arts. He plans to attend Eastern Michigan University in the Fall with 60 credit hours and will enter the College of Technology to complete his Bachelors Degree in Communication Technology / Broadcast Media and Production. Robert has been a part of St. Nicholas Church since birth. He has enjoyed serving in the altar, participating in the reading of the Epistle, singing in the Choir as well as being a member of GOYA. Robert is proud of his Orthodox Faith and Greek heritage and knows that it will always be an active part of his life.



Nicholas Kokkales

Nick completed his first two years of high school at Pioneer. He played on the basketball team both his freshman and sophomore years and was enrolled in Kumon extracurricular math classes earning medals for his accomplishments. Just before his junior year, he transferred to Skyline High School to join his friends and concentrate on his academics. Nick has dedicated himself to participating in all aspects of our parish. He is very proud of his Greek heritage and has been a diligent participant at church services, one of the youngest acolyte captains, serving since twelve years old and has been a Reader in our church. Nick has been an active member of GOYA, where he has made precious friends. He has served as treasurer and currently serving as vice president. His community service includes help with St. Andrew's kitchen, Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, Christmas Caroling, and all-around help at the Greek Festival. He also, in the summer of 2011, along with his friend Christopher Mitropoulos- Rundus, painted numerous rooms of the St. Nicholas education wing. He participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical festival, attended nearly every Bible study, and danced at the Greek Independence Day Parade as well as our annual Ya'ssoo festival. Nick is honored to be a part of such a rich Greek Community and shares that the Greek Church has made a great, positive impact in his life and will continue to do so. It has molded him into the person he is today, helping him gather thoughts and opinions centered on God. Church will continue to guide him to make affirmative decisions that he knows will benefit him and the people that surround him. Additionally, he knows he has made lifelong friends that will always stand by him. He has a sense of peace knowing that everyone at church is supportive and are people that he can always rely on. This fall, Nick will be attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.



Christopher Mitropoulos-Rundus

Skyline High School

Christopher is a member of the National Honor Society and DECA, while also playing rugby and Skyline Varsity Football, where he received a Scholar Athlete Award. St. Nicholas has been a big part of Christopher's life. He has attended Greek School and Church School and participated in the Oratorical Festival every year. He has served as acolyte captain and was tonsured as a Reader. He has been active in GOYA and has served as its President for two years, participating in many philanthropic and spiritual activities, such as singing

Christmas Carols to shut-ins, helping at St. Andrews Kitchen, dancing with GOYA at the Greek Independence Day Parade in Greektown, our own Greek festival and various festivals in the Metro Detroit area. To promote Christian Education and Fellowship, Christopher helped set up the annual GOYA retreat at St. Nicholas, attended by area clergy and GOYAns throughout the metro Detroit area. He also was instrumental in encouraging GOYAns to attend the various Lenten spiritual retreats and lockins in the Metro Detroit area and as far away as Grand Rapids, MI. He led the GOYAns to play basketball in Dayton, Ohio and Holiday Hoops at St. John's in Sterling Heights. Christopher has attended nearly every GOYA bi-weekly Bible Study led by Fr. Nick. In the summer of 2011, along with his friend Nick Kokkales, they painted numerous rooms of the St. Nicholas education wing, and in 2013, he organized a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Nicholas. He also attended MDSC in Rose City as a camper and as a counselor-in-training. Christopher will continue to include St. Nicholas in his life as he goes to Eastern Michigan University this fall, where he has received an honors merit scholarship, to study Psychology and Engineering. "Church School and Bible Study have taught me about my Greek Orthodox Faith and how to become a good Christian. I plan to carry what I learned at St. Nicholas into my new environment."



Lee Petropoulos

Pioneer High School

Lee Petropoulos is graduating from Pioneer High School. Lee has had a lifelong passion for many sports and has played Freshman, JV, & Varsity sports in Football, Soccer, Basketball, & Baseball. In 2012, he was the attendee at the Area Sports Leadership Conference representing Pioneer. He was recognized for his achievements including Baseball First Team Outfielder, All District First Team Player, and All Conference 2012 Southeastern Conference. He was voted Most Improved Player and best team Offensive Player in