

Gennaro Sponsors Green Queens Essay Contest



City Councilmember James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows) and Brad Feldman of Northern Appliance presented awards to the winners of the first annual "Our Green Queens" Essay Contest winners. The contest, sponsored by Gennaro and Northern Appliance, asked students in the public middle schools in Gennaro's district: "What do you think is the one best action that people in our community can take to protect our environment?" Shown (l. to r.) are: Samier Trabilisy, Gennaro, Feldman, Christine Carroll and Emma Berger.

THE GREAT FEAST OF THE SACRED PATRIARCHAL AND STAVROPEGIAL MONASTERY OF ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU

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JULY 27-30

The Feast attracts every year multitudes of faithful to venerate the Miraculous Weeping Icon of the Saint. The Feast brings to Astoria thousands of people from all over North America, to witness the lively presence of the Saint and Her obvious and famous miracles, on Her Feast Day.



SCHEDULE OF THE FEAST

THURSDAY July 27

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Great Vespers and the Blessing of Five Loaves. His Grace Bishop VIKENTIOS of Apameia, presiding and the Special Blessing of the Water.

FRIDAY July 28 FEAST DAY of SAINT IRENE

7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Orthros and Hierarchal Divine Liturgy. His Excellency Metropolitan PAISIOS of Tyana presiding.
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Vespers, Supplication Service for Health to St. Irene Chrysovalantou.

SATURDAY July 29

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Great Vespers officiated by His Excellency Metropolitan PAISIOS of Tyana, assisted by other Hierarchs. The Blessing of the Five Loaves and APPLES, in a special Service, followed by an all-night vigil.

SUNDAY July 30

7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Orthros and Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, officiated by the His Eminence Archbishop DEMETRIOS of America, assisted by His Excellency Metropolitan Paisios of Tyana, Abbot of the Patriarchal Monastery and Their Graces Bishop PHILOTHEOS of Melea and Bishop VIKENTIOS of Apameia. The Great PROCESSION of the MIRACULOUS ICON of SAINT IRENE will follow with a marching band and many officials. During the Procession, sick and needy faithful will pass under the Miraculous Icon of the Saint.



SUNDAY EVENING

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The Epitaphios Service of the Saint, officiated by His Excellency Metropolitan PAISIOS of Tyana, followed by presentation of honorary awards.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

From July 27 to July 30 the annual Festival - Bazaar will take place from 5:00 - 11:00 p.m., sponsored by the Church of St. Irene Chrysovalantou: Games and rides for the children, along with live Greek music by the "Trojans of New York", as well as Greek food, and dances from the Greek-American Folklore Society of New York.

Hall of Science Studies How Children Learn

As teaching evolution continues to make headlines, the New York Hall of Science and five other institutions are beginning a project to research how children acquire the concepts of biological evolution and look at new ways to engage children in exploring the topic.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a \$2.5 million grant for a four-year research project entitled Life Changes, which will be conducted by the Hall of Science, the Center for Human Growth and Development, the University of Michigan, the North Museum of Natural History and Science, the Miami Science Museum and Planetarium, and the Association of Science and Technology Centers.

Life Changes will yield insight into how children ages 5 to 12 learn complex science and will culminate in a traveling exhibition on evolution geared to children and their parents.

"This is an exciting and groundbreaking project that has the potential to revolutionize the way children learn about evolution," Alan J. Friedman director of the New York Hall of Science, said. "We are grateful to NSF for supporting this work."

The primary goal of the project is to help children explore biological concepts of evolution such as variation, inheritance, selection and adaptation. Current research in cognitive psychology indicates that if children are introduced to these concepts at an early age, they are more likely to see the natural world through a scientific perspective.

The research will culminate in an exhibition designed to engage both children and their parents. The 1,000-square-foot Life Changes exhibition will be displayed at the Hall of Science before traveling to other informal science institutions throughout the country. On-site and online training will be provided for staff at participating museums. The project also includes Web-based activities; two symposia to disseminate research results, discovery boxes to accompany programs and exhibits, and bilingual exhibit materials and family guides.

Life Changes will also offer creative professional development strategies to help staff at science centers and museums deepen their understanding of how children understand evolution and to work in new ways to engage children in exploring the topic.

The New York Hall of Science is New York City's hands-on science and technology center. More than 400 interactive exhibits explore the wonder and excitement of biology, chemistry and physics. In July and August, the Hall of Science is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Admission is \$11 for adults and \$8 for children ages 2 to 17, college students with valid ID, and adults 62+. For more information, visit www.nyscience.org or call 718-699-0005.