

Commerce Bank Awards Scholarships

Commerce Bank recently announced the recipients of its annual American Dream Scholarship program, which awards \$1,000 to local graduating seniors who both achieve academic excellence and serve the community.

In Queens County, Commerce Bank gave scholarships to:

- **Phillip Chang**, a Kew Gardens resident, who graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. Chang plans to attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Throughout high school, Chang was a member of the Presidential Scholar Honors Program and a New York University Lewis Rudin

Scholar.

- **Chantalle Hanna**, a Glendale resident, who graduated from Marymount School. Hanna plans to attend Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, and major in behavioral science and neuroscience. Throughout high school, Hanna was a peer assistant leader and editor in chief of the school newspaper.

- **Mena Hanna**, a Ridgewood resident, who graduated from Grover Cleveland H.S. Hanna plans to attend Albany College of Pharmacy in Albany, New York and major in pharmacy. Throughout high

school, Hanna was a volunteer with Columbia Community Outreach as well as his church's repair project, and co-organized his school's anti-defamation league project.

- **Olivia Hu**, a Little Neck resident, who graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. Hu plans to attend Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Throughout high school, Hu was actively involved with the policy debate team and Key Club and was treasurer of both the Spanish Honor Society, and tennis club.

- **Olympia Ignatiadis**, an Astoria resident, who graduated from Long Island

City H.S. Ignatiadis plans to attend State University of New York at Binghamton in Binghamton, New York and major in law/criminal justice. Throughout high school, Ignatiadis was a peer mediator and editor in chief of the yearbook, and actively involved with student government and the Borough Student Advisory Council.

- **Kimberly Kim**, a Bayside resident, who graduated from Bayside H.S. Kim plans to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and major in biological sciences. Throughout high school, Kim was a member of the girls' varsity golf team, a volunteer at the American Cancer Society

Asian Initiatives, and a semifinalist in the New York City Science and Engineering Fair.

- **Pengyuan Qiao**, an Elmhurst resident, who graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. Qiao plans to attend Columbia University in New York City and major in pre-medicine.

- **Brittany Quiles**, a Maspeth resident, who graduated from Grover Cleveland H.S. Quiles plans to attend the Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania and major in pre-medicine/biology. Throughout high school, Quiles was vice president of the Key Club and teacher's assistant for Professional Development, manager of the boys' varsity volleyball team and an honor roll student.

The American Dream Scholarships Program awarded scholarships to 225 community service-oriented high school seniors within the bank's market area of more than 470 branches. Commerce donated \$225,000 in scholarship dollars this year. Nearly 7,000 students sought scholarships from the program.

A staunch commitment to active involvement in the local community is a vital element of the Commerce philosophy. Commerce Bank provides financial and other forms of support to educational, community, human service, arts, and health-related programs, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families.

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

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JULY 24-28

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 24

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The service of the Special Blessing of the Water for the beginning of the Feast and Vespers, officiated by His Excellency Metropolitan Paisios of Tyana, Abbot of the Sacred Patriarchal Monastery.

FRIDAY July 25

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Vespers and Supplication Service for Health to St. Irene Chrysovalantou.

SATURDAY July 26

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Great Vespers officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of Dardanelles, representative of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch, assisted by other Hierarchs. The Blessing of the Five Loaves and APPLES, in a special Service, followed by an all-night vigil.

SUNDAY July 27

7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, officiated by HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN NIKITAS OF DARDANELLES, representative of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch, assisted by His Excellency Metropolitan PAISIOS of Tyana, Abbot of the Patriarchal Monastery, His Grace Bishop VIKENTIOS of Apameia and other Hierarchs. The Great PROCESSION of the MIRACULOUS ICON of SAINT IRENE will follow with a marching band and many elected officials attending. During the Procession, sick and needy faithful will pass under the Miraculous Icon of the Saint.

SUNDAY EVENING

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Great Hierarchical Vespers officiated by His Excellency Metropolitan PAISIOS of Tyana, assisted by other Hierarchs and the Blessing of the Five Loaves.

MONDAY JULY 28,

FEAST DAY OF SAINT IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU
7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. His Excellency Metropolitan PAISIOS of Tyana, presiding.

MONDAY EVENING

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The Epitaphios Service of the Saint, officiated by His Grace Bishop VIKENTIOS of Apameia.



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

From July 24 to July 27 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, acrobatics by the Loupakis School and dances from the Greek-American Folklore Society of New York. Blood Drive will take place on Saturday July 26 from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m.