

Parishioner Engagement Program (PEP)

FAQ for the Expectations of

Steward Participation - The 33% Tuition Credit Tier

(1) Parishioners at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in good standing with baptized Orthodox Christian children enrolled at A. Fantis.

What does it mean to be a parishioner in good standing?

A parishioner in good standing is defined by the [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Uniform Parish Regulations](#) (Article 18, section 1-3). "At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish (See church membership form), abide by all the regulations herein stated (in the UPR) and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish."

How does this work at Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral and A. Fantis School?

Families are required to have their 2026 church membership paid and to have submitted their child's baptismal certificate in order to be eligible for tuition support. If you have not yet submitted your payment and would like us to charge your membership through FACTS, please see Ms. Stelene in the school office. Our membership signup can also be found on our Church Website [HERE](#) followed or by contacting Mr. Maki in the church office at churchsecretary@afantis.org or (718) 624-0595.

(2) Regular participation in Divine Liturgy (at least once per month during the school year)

Why is participation in the Divine Liturgy tied to the PEP Program?

As we hear throughout the year, "every good thing begins and ends with prayer". The center of the life of an Orthodox Christian is our Sunday worship and participation in Holy Communion. One of the core features of this program is to encourage our families to be active members in Sunday worship at least once per month, for their own benefit. In this way, we are rooted in Christ as both a church and school community.

(3) Active enrollment and participation in Sunday School (at least once per month).

When does Sunday School meet and when should our family be there?

Our Sunday School program meets weekly for Pre-K through 6th grade following Holy Communion beginning on October 4th, 2026 and concluding with the last class on May 23rd, 2027. It also includes our Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday December 13th, 2026 and Graduation Sunday on Sunday June 6th, 2027. We ask that at a minimum, our families are in attendance for these major events and once per month throughout the school year.

How do I register my child for Sunday School?

All Sunday school registration materials will go out in August before the school year. For parents of 7th and 8th grade students, we are also looking for students to assist with Sunday School. Please email Mr. John for more information.

How can I get involved?

We would love to have as many parents as possible to teach and assist in the classroom. Please email Mr. John at jstrzelecki@afantis.org or call/text at (314)413-8522 if you are interested in getting involved with this most important ministry.

(4) Active participation in Youth Ministries (HOPE, JOY, GOYA), including participation in major events and regular attendance of social activities.

What are the Youth Ministries and when do they meet?

Our church has a Little Lambs (Pre-K) HOPE (K-2nd), JOY (3rd-6th Grade) and GOYA (7th-12th grade) youth groups. Each of our Youth Groups are led by Advisors (members of the Youth Committee) who schedule regular events throughout the year for the spiritual and social formation of our students. For GOYANs (7th grade and up), this includes participation in GOYA events as well as regular meetings.

Please note: Our Little Lambs program is new and we will be building this year's schedule with our advisors.

Who can attend youth activities?

All of our youth activities are open to anyone in our church and school community and beyond. You have a friend? Bring them along!

How do I find out about upcoming events?

A full event calendar will be available in September. All upcoming events will also be posted to the church website calendar [HERE](#). We also have a WhatsApp group for each of our youth groups (1) [Little Lambs](#) (2) [HOPE](#) (3) [JOY](#) (4) [GOYA](#)

(5) Parent involvement in a church community committee

What are the Committees available and how do we sign up?

The list of Church Committees with their descriptions can be found on our website [HERE](#).

The signup can be found [here](#).

Who signs up and when?

We need at least one parent per family to sign up for a committee. Of course, if you would like to help in multiple committees or you and your spouse both want to help, please both sign up! The deadline is Sept (Curriculum night)

If you have any additional questions about the program, please email the church office at churchsecretary@afantis.org and we will direct your inquiry to the best person to respond.