

Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District Olympics

Memorial Day Weekend May 23-25, 2025

January 15, 2025

Dear Reverend Fathers, JOY & GOYA Advisors, Coaches, Parents, and Athletes,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. We are thrilled to announce that preparations are well underway for the 47th Annual Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District Olympics (GOADO), which will take place over Memorial Day Weekend, May 23–25, 2025. The committee has been hard at work over the past few months, and we are excited to share some exciting updates and plans for this year's event.

To kick off the 2025 program, we invite you to attend our first General Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Whitestone.

This meeting will include the traditional **cutting of the Vasilopita**, followed by important updates about the GOADO program, the committee's plans, and the future of this meaningful initiative.

We strongly encourage each community to send a representative to this meeting, as we will be sharing vital information and resources to help your parish fully participate in the event.

The JOY & GOYA Olympics program has been a cornerstone of our District's youth ministry for 47 years. It continues to inspire athletic excellence, celebrate cultural pride, and uphold the values of our Orthodox faith.

The committee is eagerly looking forward to an exciting year and a Memorial Day Weekend filled with opportunities to celebrate faith, family, fellowship, and the remarkable talents of our youth. Thank you for your continued support of this important program. Together, let's make the 47th GOADO Olympics an event to remember!

For additional details, please visit our website at <u>www.goado.com</u> or reach out to us via email at <u>info@goado.org</u>.

With warm regards,

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