

Presvytera Hresanthe (Terry) Calogredes

June 8th 1951 – March 1st 2017

Our beloved Presvytera Terry Calogredes was born in Trenton, New Jersey on June 8th 1951 to Steve Litsas and Martha (Bogiatzis) Litsas. She grew up in Wrightstown, New Jersey where she attended her elementary school. She graduated from Saint Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey. Afterwards she attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. In 1970, the family went to Greece where she attended and graduated from Pierce College in Athens. In 1973, the family returned to the United States and Presvytera attended Hunter College where she received her degree in Early Childhood Education. While attending Hunter, she also worked at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in Manhattan as secretary in the department of Laity. It was there that she met the love of her life, Jim Calogredes who was at the Archdiocese on a seminar. They were married on June 29, 1975 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City.

On November 23, 1975, Jim was Ordained to the Holy Priesthood and Terry became a Presvytera wife of the Priest. On October 18, 1976 their first born child Karthryn was born while they were at the Transfiguration Church in Corona N.Y. On September 15, 1981, they were blessed with 2 boys – Nicholas and Steven, where they were serving the Saint John the Divine Church in Wheeling, West Virginia.

A dynamic, loving and dedicated woman, Presvytera Terry organized and ran the Sunday Catechism School program, organized the breakfast with Santa, puppet shows in Wheeling. From 1985 – 1996, Father Jim and Presvytera were in Saint George Trenton, New Jersey. Again she ran the Sunday Catechism School and Chaired the Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. In 1996, they came to Saint Nicholas Shrine in West Babylon, New York. At Saint Nicholas she taught Catechism Classes, Chaired the Oratorical Festival, and organized the Greek Bakaliko stand at the Greek Festival.

From 2004 – 2008 Presvytera was President of the DAD Presvyteres Sisterhood. Always energetic and filled with great ideas, she organized Christmas and New Year Dinners for the Priests and Presvyteres, Picnics at Long Island Parks, and Barbeques. She was a mentor to the Presvyteres, especially the younger ones, counseling them with their marital problems, consoling them in their medical situations, and advising in their children's concerns. Creating bonds of Love, Compassion and good Fellowship among the Presvyteres was very important to her.

The year 2008 arrived and they found themselves at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Picturesque Port Jefferson, Long Island, New York. There she helped resurrect the old Educational & Cultural Committee with religious and medical lectures, Dickens Festival, Bakalika Booths at the Greek Festival, Pot Luck Dinners, and unforgettable Apokriatiko Glendi!

In 2007 she received her Master's Degree in Literacy K – 12 from Hoftra University and later taught in Elementary Schools.

Presvytera Terry will always be remembered by her Captivating Smile, a Genuine Love for People and her Zest for Life.

May Others Follow her Example.

Her Loving Husband

Fr. Jim Calogredes

