



## OUR PHILOSOPHY

The institution of the family lies at the center of the success of every Orthodox community. It is in the family dynamic that dedicated Christians grow and thrive. It is in the family context where Christian values and the Orthodox way of life are instilled and adopted by tomorrow's generation.



## OUR MISSION

A successful future is predicated on building a strong foundation. We do this by providing a safe, stimulating and developmentally appropriate learning environment, in conjunction with a quality educational curriculum that assists the social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth of all children.

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## Our Faculty

Our bi-lingual Archangels Academy faculty is comprised of faithful and committed teaching professionals who bring their love of education to the classroom daily. Our small class size ensures that all students get the attention they need to thrive.

### Sofea Malamis, Director

A long time member of the Archangels Academy family, Mrs. Sofea has been involved with our program for over 18 years, both as a parent and as a teacher. She has a passion for early learning, especially enriching young minds through play and mindful experiences. She holds a degree in Early Childhood Education and Business Administration. Mrs. Sofea has completed extensive training in the Creative Curriculum/Teaching Strategies, Jolly Phonics Literacy Program and Montessori Instruction.

### Katerina Alexakos

Kyria Katerina has been teaching Greek language and culture at our Academy for over 18 years. Kyria Katerina implements modern pedagogical methods and practices in her lessons while being supportive and encouraging to our students. She attends yearly workshops hosted by the Department of Greek Education of the Metropolis of Chicago and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

### Evi Marouda

Mrs. Evi has been teaching at Archangels Academy Preschool for 2 years. Mrs. Evi brings a unique perspective as her role as a teacher. She holds a degree in the Protection of Forests and Endangered Species as well as teaching Greek as a second language. Her passion for nature/science and her expertise in the Greek language make her a valuable asset to our preschool.

### Rev. Father George Lamberis

Father George's priority is the faith formation of our students and their families. He visits the classroom regularly and engages our students with mini-lessons, hands-on and age-appropriate lessons on the Orthodox Faith. We welcome Father George to Saint Spyridon and to the Archangels Academy.

# READY, SET, GROW!

Young children learn best by doing. Archangels Academy's curriculum engages our students with high quality, developmentally appropriate lessons through play and exploration in a safe, caring environment. Our highly qualified faculty team, teach and differentiate instruction so that our little learners are engaged, motivated and kindergarten ready.

## Archangels Academy Areas of Development and Learning

- Language
- Cognitive
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- Social-Emotional
- The Arts
- Physical
- Hellenic Language & Culture
- Orthodox Faith Formation

### Complemented By:

- An on-site lending library
- Off and On-Site field trips
- Community helper class visits
- Food exploration experiences
- Daily gym time



### Visits/Tours

Call the church office during office hours of 9am-2pm to schedule your visit!  
Or email Academy Director, Sofea Malamis at [Directorearchangelsacademy.org](mailto:Directorearchangelsacademy.org)

### Registration

Applications are accepted beginning the first week of January and continue until classes are full. A \$50 non-refundable application fee is due at this time. Applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. You can pick up an application from the church office or print directly from [www.archangelsacademy.org](http://www.archangelsacademy.org). Our low student to teacher ratio means we fill up quickly, however we do keep a waiting list!

### Class Schedule/Info

Classes run Monday-Friday 9am-12pm Half Day  
Student drop-off between 8:45am-9am  
Student pickup 12 pm  
Students must be 3 years old by September 1st  
Students must be potty-trained  
We accept 3 & 4 year old students