



Parthenope "Penny" Athanasopoulos

I was born In Lynn, Massachusetts to the late Michael Tsaparlis and Anna. After the passing of my father, my mother became the pillar of our family and instilled strong Christian values in my brother Nicholas and myself.

I started teaching Sunday school at 14 and continued to do so for 43 years. For a period of time, I was also the Athletic Director of the St. George Girls Basketball Program. In 1986, I received my Bachelors in Elementary Education from Suffolk University and went on to teach at a Christian school.

In 1991, I married my husband Nicholas, and we were blessed with two daughters, Stella and Anna who both went on to become nurse practitioners.

As I continued my labor of love at St. George, I coordinated the Christmas Pageant and junior myrrhbearers. I served on the PTA board and Philoptochos and volunteered at our festival. I also have a passion for decorating Paschal lambathes which benefit the "Caring and Sharing Program" that serves underprivileged families in our community.

During my thirties, I was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Despite my disability, I continue to do the Lord's work. The Saint George community, including Father George, allowed me to use my talents toward working with children in our community. Currently, I work as a Greek Medical Interpreter in various healthcare facilities. I thank and praise the Lord for the strength to continue to face life's challenges and hope to continue to keep our Orthodox faith alive for future generations.