

GREEK 1

Term: Yearlong 2021–22, September 7–May 27

Target Grade Levels: Grade 5+

Schedule: 1x / week, 60 min.

Price: \$250.00

Course Section

Section 1: Tuesdays 12:15–1:15 (Eastern Time)

Course Description:

In this course, students will complete most of *Elementary Greek: Year One* published by Memoria Press. The course moves slowly in the beginning to ensure that everyone has a handle on reading and pronouncing the Greek alphabet. In their study of the Greek language, students will:

- Learn to pronounce the Greek alphabet (Modern pronunciation)
- Expand their understanding of English grammar through the study of Greek grammar
- Practice parsing, classifying, and diagramming Greek and English sentences
- Memorize paradigms of Greek nouns, verbs, adjectives, articles, and pronouns
- Develop Ancient/biblical Greek vocabulary (foundational to the English vocabulary of many academic disciplines, such as medicine, mathematics, theology, etc.)

Mr. Roumas also guides students in a study of Orthodox hymnography and Scripture. Students will:

- Learn to sing Apolitykia of 12 Great Feasts in both Greek and English (Byzantine chant)
- Inscribe in their hearts common prayers and hymns of the liturgy
- Read Scriptures in Greek (Septuagint and New Testament)

Student Expectations

Every student is expected to memorize paradigms, vocabulary, verses, prayers, and songs, and students are asked to recite or sing them in class. Every student will be called on to participate in each class.

Weekly tests are administered at home and reviewed as a group with Mr. Roumas. Students are encouraged to get out their red pencil during this time and make corrections on their own work.

Grading and Feedback

Mr. Roumas will grade online submissions of tests and give a recommendation for the course grade each semester, with comments. Throughout the year, Mr. Roumas responds to student and parent questions via e-mail. Phone and video conversations can be set up if needed.

Course Materials:

- *Elementary Greek Year 1* [student textbook](#), [test book](#), [workbook](#), and [teacher key](#) from Memoria Press. (Note: Do not buy the audio CD, because the pronunciation is different.)
- Binder for collecting handouts

About the Instructor: Nicholas Roumas, originally from rural Massachusetts, now lives in the Midwest. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2013), a certificate in Byzantine Music (2015), a Master's degree in Theology from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (2016), and a Ph.D. in Theology from Marquette University (2021). He translates Scriptures and hymns for Orthodox services, and has studied biblical Greek since the age of 12. Mr. Roumas is a Psaltis, and teaches chanting in addition to Greek.