

## **Nikolas Karkanias**

Nik was born in NJ to Greek immigrant parents Maria and Basil (Vasilios) and was raised in Irvington, NJ. In 2003 he married Harriet Giannakopoulos and together they have four children (Barbara, Elisabeth, Loukas, and Lazarus). Nik and his family reside in Lake Hiawatha, NJ. God, family, and culture are most important to Nik and drive how he spends his time. He enjoys Church services, reading Orthodox Christian texts, loving his family, learning and practicing Hellenic Culture and our Orthodox Christian Faith.



He has many hobbies and interests which can benefit the community including: Amateur Radio, Photography, Videography, Electronic Music, Technology (e.g., computers/websites), History/Folk History (e.g., Greek History, Arts, Dance, Genealogy), Travel, Camping, Martial Arts, and Emergency Management (i.e., volunteers with Parsippany-Troy Hills Office of Emergency Management).

Professionally, Nik received his B.S. in biochemistry at Rutgers University and his Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of Florida. Nik has diverse experiences from roles in research, legal, medical education, and medical affairs at several companies over 17 years. Nik worked as a medical science liaison in various therapeutic areas, as a scientific advisor for a patent law firm, in risk management and compliance for promotional and non-promotional functions, and led franchise operations and communications for medical affairs teams. Nik works in the Pharmaceutical industry where he is the Senior Director, Field Based Medical Lead for one of the business units of Pfizer Inc.

Nik plans to use his work experience, personal interests, and volunteer experiences to engage and help the St. Andrew's community.