

## **Yianni Tsamutalis**

Yianni has been a lifelong member of Saint Andrew. Over the years he has participated in many of the ministries offered by the church. Yianni was a student in both the Hellenic Afternoon School and Sunday School programs. He had been an active member of the G.O.Y.A. where he made many lasting friendships. Through G.O.Y.A., he participated in the Greek folk dance group and in events such as Sights and Sounds. In addition to these groups, Yianni served as an acolyte under Father John which helped him develop a strong understanding and respect for the Divine Liturgy and the other church services and feasts. He is involved with the church choir and has been learning Byzantine chant under the choir director Alex Vlassis. He has a strong interest in Modern Greek history as well ecclesiastic history and traditions. Outside of the church Yianni is a recent graduate of Rutgers University where he earned his Bachelors of Science in Biotechnology and was a member of the Hellenic Cultural Association. He currently works at Novartis in Morris Plains and is involved with the manufacturing of the cell-therapy Kymriah™. Yianni seeks to join the Parish Council in order to help maintain St Andrew which has had a strong role in his development and to help the church continue its good works.

