

Joe + Eleni





We are Eleni and Joseph!





From Our Hearts

Thank you! Thank you for your bravery. Thank you for your strength and endurance. Thank you for your selfless love for your child.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for taking the time to get to know us, along with our prayers for your comfort and continued courage throughout this process and in your decision. We understand that this is one of the most challenging and courageous decisions a parent can make. With deep respect for your strength, we aim to share a little about our story and the loving home we hope to offer for your child. We are fully committed to always honoring you, and promise that your child will always know your love and sacrifice that brought them into this world.

We are fortunate to be influenced by strong maternal figures in our lives. Joe's grandmother, Tilly, who despite being a single mother of four without a high school education, ensured all her children received a college education. Eleni's mother made significant sacrifices to raise four independent women. Joe's mother, a hospice social worker, continued to serve patients two years after her stage 3C ovarian cancer diagnosis, when she herself qualified for hospice care. Yet, the most profound example of love and strength we hold dear is a woman neither of us has met: Joe's sister, Maria's birth mother. Maria was adopted from Latin America at the age of twelve. When Maria's mother was no longer able to protect her, she took Maria to an orphanage shortly after she turned nine. We are deeply thankful for the love and fortitude Maria's mother exhibited, making a difficult decision for her daughter's well-being.

We recognize the extraordinary love and dedication that motherhood represents. We are grateful to you and admire your strength, bravery and sacrificial love. Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us.

*With love and gratitude,
Eleni and Joe*

Why Adoption

**WE ADORE CHILDREN AND CAN
IMAGINE NO GREATER GIFT THAN
TO SHARE OUR LOVE WITH THEM.**

Several people in Joe's family - including his sister - have been adopted, so the gift of growing our family through adoption has always been at the forefront of our minds. Along with Joe's sister, Maria, our cousin has recently adopted two sweet infant children. It is a joy to learn from them, and to grow with them. We tried for several years to conceive, and truly believe that God is leading us to the opportunity to grow our family through adoption.



**WE WANT TO NURTURE OUR CHILD IN A LOVING ENVIRONMENT, ENSURING
THAT THEY HAVE THE SPACE TO GROW AND LEARN, THE CONFIDENCE THAT
WE ARE A WARM PRESENCE READY TO ENCOURAGE AND GUIDE THEIR HOPES
AND DREAMS, AND THE COMFORT OF KNOWING THAT YOUR IMMEASURABLE
LOVE FOR THEM EXEMPLIFIES STRENGTH AND SELFLESSNESS.**



Our Story



We have been married for three years.

Our story is a living testament to the ways God provides us what we need, even when we aren't looking for it. We recognize that we both are perfectly imperfect, and both of us bring unique gifts that compliment the other. Eleni's kindhearted and loving spirit meet with Joe's determined and sincere nature, forging a bond that grows deeper everyday. Our marriage reflects our commitment to support the emotional, spiritual and physical health of the other. Each challenge we face transforms into an opportunity to better lean on one another and to rely on God's guidance, reminding us how blessed we truly are.

Our Milestones

2018 - We met at a funeral after the widow of the deceased interrupted her eulogy to tell a story about Joe as a child (seriously!). Our families introduced us, but our interaction was brief.

2019 - We were fortunate to meet again at a church event, where family friends re-introduced us. We began talking on the phone during COVID, and a few months later had our first date.

2021 - After a few years of dating, we got engaged!

2022 - We were married, surrounded by family and friends.





Our Dynamics

We cherish the time we spend with family and friends, and embrace every opportunity for adventure and growth.

Whether we're traveling, spending time outdoors, or enjoying a musical or concert, our activities are filled with laughter and love. Guided by the unwavering love of our extended family and the foundation of our faith, our story is one of resilience, growth, and a deep commitment to one another. We look forward to building a family rooted in the promise of support and unconditional love, and the commitment to continuous growth toward each other and toward Christ.

We enjoy live music and both playing and watching sports, trying a new recipe, or celebrating our families' heritage through Lebanese and Greek recipes. We spend most weekends celebrating family events, relaxing around the house, enjoying our hobbies like woodworking and gardening, and going to church. We also love to travel, and particularly enjoy opportunities to be immersed in the sites, food, and history of different cultures.



Family Values

***Our family is deeply rooted in faith, which serves as the foundation for everything we do.** We are profoundly grateful for Christ's many blessings and strive to embody His love through our actions, words, and the way we care for one another. Faith is more than belief—it is a way of living with purpose, hope, and a commitment to loving others.*

***We cherish family and believe in the power of strong relationships, built on love, trust, and unwavering support.** Our home is one of warmth and safety, yet we realize that love isn't always easy. We celebrate the strength to always support each other, even when it is difficult, recognizing that true love is doing what is right even when it is uncomfortable. Whether through acts of kindness, mentorship, or simply being present, we aim to uplift each other and those around us.*



Learning and growth are central to our lives. Discovering new ideas, exploring cultures, and embracing new challenges, from building a 60,000 lbs. stone patio as first-time DIYers, to learning to sail in the Caribbean, we embrace new experiences and adventures.

Above all, we believe that love is more than a feeling—it is action, expressed through encouragement, humility, caring, and forgiveness. In parenting, love means instilling confidence, nurturing a child's dreams, and creating a space where they feel safe, inspired, and deeply cherished. Through faith, family, and service, we build a life rich with meaning, gratitude, adventure, and an ever-expanding sense of joy.





MEET Joseph

I admire Joe's thoughtfulness, selflessness, tenacity, creativity, and joy. There is no ask too great for those he loves. When someone in our family needs help, he is the first to offer, and the last to leave. Whether it is building a shed or building a financial model, Joe consistently and constantly proves that regardless of the challenge, he's committed to seeing a job to the finish, and to lifting others up in the process. He is a true independent thinker, unwavering in his convictions, and challenges me to think with a discerning and thoughtful lens.

With children, I think that he is the best version of himself. His high energy and unbridled joy are perfect matches, and they naturally gravitate toward him. He thrives when teaching, and has used his creativity to design obstacle courses, science experiments and art projects with our family and friends' children, not just for fun, but strategically aimed at helping children to develop a new skill. Despite the ease with which he teaches and encourages them to explore and learn, his gift is truly the way in which he provides a warm and safe presence for children to grow and experience the world around them.

IN ELENIS WORDS



A FEW HOBBIES I LOVE

- Wood working and building things*
- Golfing*
- Spending time with family*
- Live sporting events, music concerts, and musicals*
- Trying new restaurants with my family*
- Traveling and exploring new places*

I advise large, family-owned businesses on growth strategies, acquisitions, and succession planning, ensuring they continue to align with the owners' goals. I work alongside successful entrepreneurs who value family-first principles, helping them navigate complex challenges and find tailored solutions. As the leader of our firm's Business Advisory practice, I not only guide clients but also mentor junior team members, fostering their development and expertise. Like many of the clients I serve, the firm I work for is family-owned, and provides me the flexibility to maintain a meaningful balance between my professional and family life.



I eagerly look forward to expanding our family and embracing the profound joy and responsibility of parenthood. I imagine a home buzzing with laughter, filled with spontaneous singing and exploration—a place alive with curious energy and the gentle warmth of a loving family. I feel it is my duty to create an environment in which each child grows, feels cherished, and learns the beauty of unconditional love. Reflecting on the unconditional care and guidance that I was fortunate to experience in my own childhood, I aspire to lead by example, demonstrating the value of hard work, perseverance, and the power of unconditional love. In our home, every day will be a celebration of love, gratitude, continuous learning, and wonder. I strive to ensure that, through all of life's challenges and triumphs, each child feels secure and deeply valued. I will work to ensure I am actively present in my children's lives and am able to provide for my family.

As a husband and as a future father, I am committed to loving, respecting, and honoring my family with every fiber of my being. I strive to lead by example through small, everyday acts. I will honor my wife and our children by creating a home where each voice is heard, every emotion validated, and where challenges are met with empathy and thoughtful guidance. I believe that real strength lies in recognizing every individual's unique gifts and nurturing them so that we can all grow together in faith and compassion.



MEET Eleni

From the moment I met Eleni, I was captivated by her gentle warmth and the quiet yet unwavering strength that radiates from within her. She has an extraordinary ability to find light even in the darkest times, turning obstacles into opportunities with grace and wisdom. Her kindness and resolve transform challenging situations into opportunities for growth and understanding. Eleni's relentless compassion and love inspire everyone fortunate enough to know her. The way she approaches life—grounded in faith, determined in hope, and full of clarity—fills me with profound gratitude for her.

Eleni will undoubtedly be a remarkable mother, embodying Christ's love in every nurturing act and every word of wisdom she shares. I love watching Eleni with our nieces and nephews, as I get to see how loving, patient, yet firm she is. Eleni loves to teach children and has a unique ability to captivate their attention. Whether she is cooking food, planting flowers, or building Legos with our nieces and nephews, Eleni seamlessly blends gentle affection with steadfast guidance. It is amazing to watch how she ensures children feel both cherished and empowered, encouraging their curiosity and fostering a love for continuous learning. Parenting with Eleni will be full of life and love. As a mother, she will create a world where love, hope, and purpose flourish abundantly.

IN JOSEPH'S WORDS



A FEW HOBBIES I LOVE

-Spending time with Joe and our extended family

-Spending time with my nieces and nephews

-Tending to my vegetable and flower garden

-Playing the piano and percussion

(I am a trained music conductor)

-Exploring new places with Joe

I work for a large national bank where I manage the planning and strategy of health and wellness benefits. I established the mental health strategy, and even implemented our fertility and family building benefits! It is a rewarding job, because I know that our work improves the lives of not only our employees, but of their families as well. My role is flexible, and in addition to having time off after the birth of a child to focus on the transition, I plan to reduce my work schedule to a part-time role.



My greatest prayer for our future child is that through every interaction, and in every moment, they feel empowered and comforted by knowing that they are loved. My nieces, nephews, and godchildren describe me as someone they can approach and talk to about anything. Regardless of whether they are excited, proud, scared, or anything in between, they know that I have a vested interest in them and am a steady presence to both celebrate their joys and to offer comfort and security.

I am the best version of myself when I care for others. Committed to serving as a steady guide and strong advocate, my personal hobbies as well as my working career reflect roles that have granted me the opportunity to improve the lives of individuals and their families. Through consistent kindness, gentle assurance, and non-judgmental listening and care, I have earned the trust of family and friends who can depend upon me whenever they need support.

I am humbled that you are taking the time to get to know us, and to consider us as potential parents for your sweet child. Whether you choose us to adopt, or another family, I want for you to know that we are truly in awe of your strength and selfless love, and pray for your health, comfort and peace.



WELCOME TO Our Home

We have a 2-story red brick house, with a large stone side patio and yard. We have four bedrooms and two bathrooms, and Joe even has a wood shop in the basement! We are proud that we built our patio, intentionally designing it to be ideal for hosting a large family. On nice days, Joe will make homemade pizzas in our outdoor pizza oven- one of our favorite ways to enjoy the evening. When we built the patio, we included a garden area where we grow all sorts of plants, including a flower and vegetable garden during the warmer months. When our nieces and nephews visit, we treat it as an outdoor classroom, and they enjoy learning about the plants and helping us to tend to them.



Our Community

We live on the east coast, in a city that has a Midwest feel. The area of town in which we live is diverse both ethnically and socioeconomically, with hard working and friendly neighbors. It is a safe and friendly area. Our house includes walkable access to the library, parks, playgrounds, restaurants, and local shops, and is a short drive to downtown where both of us work. This blend of accessibility, safety, and community connection makes our area an ideal place to raise a family.



Our Family

JOE'S FAMILY

My family is a constant source of strength and encouragement. I have a brother, Greg, who is married to Diana. My sister, Maria, who was adopted, is married to John. My brother and sister-in-law's children, our five year old niece and two year old nephew, light up every family gathering. My father, whom we affectionately call Jiddo, is a calming presence, and synonymous with generosity and kindness. Despite living on opposite ends of the country, we all visit each other several times a year, and talk almost daily, maintaining a strong bond to bridge the distance.

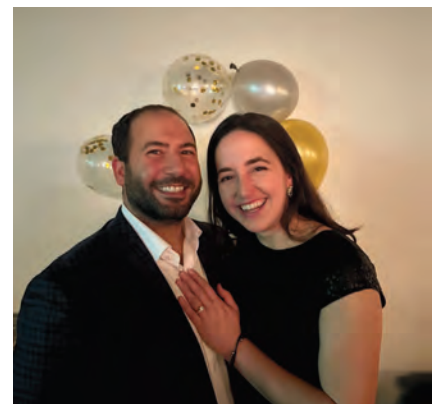
ELENI'S FAMILY

My side of the family is equally warm and supportive. My three sisters are Maria, Alexandra, and Anna. My brother-in-laws are Bobby, Marc, and Andrew. I have seven nieces and nephews. Two of my sisters and their children live nearby, while the third lives out of state. They, along with my parents, create a nurturing network. The children in my family range from newborns to a lively six-year-old. My parents are referred to as Yiayia and Papou, and exemplify what it means to be selfless and loving.



We are blessed to have a tightly knit family who offer unwavering support.

We prioritize spending time with those who are close by, as well as family who lives on the other side of the country. We are also surrounded by a supportive, loving community at church, who are excited and ready to welcome a new baby.



Holidays With Family

We always spend holidays with family, and both enjoy hosting as well as traveling to celebrate with those we love. We celebrate holidays like Christmas and Easter through worship services, and in fellowship with family and friends. For most holidays and birthdays, we enjoy traditional Lebanese and Greek food, alongside American staples. Eleni is a choir director, and enjoys rehearsing and conducting music during different holiday services.

We love celebrating the birthdays of our nieces and nephews, and instead of traditional gifts, we have a blast planning a gift that is an experience, like a playdate at the children's museum, a cooking class, or musical. We cannot wait to celebrate the birthdays of an addition to our family!



Our Future

Every day we are learning about each other, and finding new ways to love each other and to show support. We envision a future where we are continuing to grow together and toward Christ. We would love to expand our family to have several children. We are planning to stay in our current home for the time being, potentially moving to another home nearby years down the road, within the same community. We definitely plan to travel, whether that is to visit family or to explore a new city, state, or country.



Education

We believe that education is the gateway to endless possibilities, and curiosity is a virtue to be encouraged. We're also naturally curious! We love to facilitate learning opportunities with our nieces and nephews, and also enjoy learning new skills. Eleni has a background in education and is also a music conductor, and Joe volunteers to help teach Sunday School in addition to teaching the interns at his firm. Depending upon the school district, we plan to send a child to either public or private school, and would encourage a child to pursue additional education. We promise to stand firmly by our child, offering support, guidance, and a steadfast belief in their potential—even if the educational journey takes them down a unique path that may not involve college.



FROM JOE

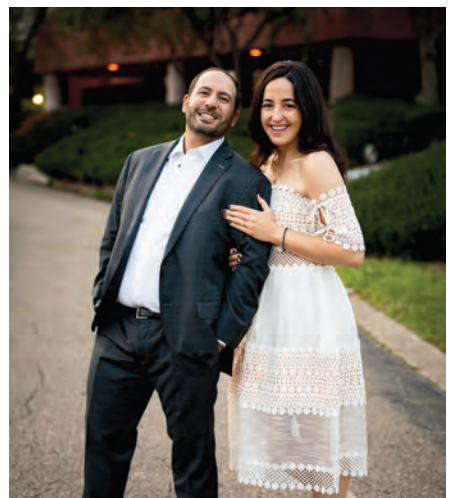
To welcome your child into our lives is to expand the collective heart of our family. We promise to provide a loving embrace, a listening ear, and a secure environment where every question is met with understanding and every triumph celebrated with genuine pride. Whether we're sharing quiet moments in prayer, laughing together during a meal, or facing life's challenges, we will treat your child as our own, cherishing them just as we do every blessing that comes our way. We will always ensure they understand the strength and love you have for them, and the gratitude we share for your sacrifice. Our heartfelt prayer is that you feel supported, understood, and uplifted by our story, and that you find confidence in trusting us to be the safe, loving home where your child's journey continues with hope, joy, and endless love.

FROM ELENI

It is truly my greatest joy when those I love are healthy and well, and when they are not feeling their best, I am committed to providing them with gentle care and support. A nurturer at heart, I am also a fierce protector and cheerleader for my family, friends and co-workers. Particularly with a new child, I will be steadfast in my commitment to create an environment where they are warmly embraced, unconditionally loved, and fully aware of YOUR foundational love. By considering adoption for your child, I am humbled by your strength, which has set the standard high for what it means to be a selfless mother. We admire and are grateful to you for your loving example of strength and selflessness.

Our Promises to You

- ♥ *We promise to raise your child in a home that is full of warmth, laughter, stability, and unconditional love. They will grow up knowing how deeply they are cherished- not only by us, but by you. Your courage and selflessness will never be hidden; instead, your love will be woven into the very foundation of who they are.*
- ♥ *We promise to provide every opportunity we can- emotionally, spiritually, and educationally- so they can grow into the unique and beautiful person God created them to be. We will support them, guide them, and celebrate their individuality every step of the way.*
- ♥ *We promise to speak of you with honor and love. Your child will always know where they came from and the strength of the love that brought them into our family.*
- ♥ *If openness is something you're comfortable with, we promise to welcome an ongoing connection with grace and respect, knowing how valuable it can be for both you and your child.*
- ♥ *We promise to be open, to listen, to nurture, and to walk through life hand in hand with them; through every stage, every challenge, and every joy.*
- ♥ *Most of all, we promise to never take this gift for granted. We will carry this honor with humility, always striving to be the parents your child deserves.*



Before You Go





Thank you for considering our family as a loving home for your precious child. Our hearts are filled with both gratitude and deep respect for the courageous decision you are making for your child's future. We understand that this choice is among the most difficult a parent can face, and we honor every aspect of your journey. In our prayers, we ask for strength, clarity, and peace during this time, and we promise to honor you and to provide your child a nurturing environment filled with care, encouragement, and unconditional love. We are profoundly grateful for the possibility of linking our lives together through love and faith.

We pray that you feel the comfort of knowing that, should you choose us, your child will be embraced with the same love and respect that defines our entire family.

*All our love and prayers,
Eleni and Joe*



You are so loved

