

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of

The Annunciation

Baltimore, Maryland

Fall 2021 Parish Newsletter



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 13, 2021

V. Rev. Archimandrite Constantine Moralis
24 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Father Constantine,

I greet you warmly in the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Having returned to the Archdiocesan headquarters in New York from my recent visit abroad to the Queen of Cities and our Mother Church of Constantinople, it is with sentiments of joy and paternal satisfaction that I communicate with you in order to express my deep thanks to you personally and to the entire community of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral for your financial assistance and for your swift and unhesitating response to the Archdiocese Greece Fires appeal – to both support the immediate needs of our Greek brethren who have lost their livelihoods, as well as to help spur the long-term revitalization of our Hellenic homeland.

The response of the *omogeneia* in this country to the current tragedy in Greece is truly commendable, and I am grateful for and appreciative of your generous contribution of \$2,000.00 toward this noble cause. I remain confident that together with the concerted efforts of IOCC — with whom we are so thankful to have as our partners for this relief project — we will be able to provide solace to those who are suffering most and tangibly contribute to the necessary long-term economic renewal and reconstruction efforts of Greece.

Thanking you once again for your wholehearted support and immediate response to this tragedy, I extend to you and to all the beloved faithful of the Annunciation Cathedral my archpastoral blessings and heartfelt prayers for a blessed and spiritually prosperous balance of the summer season, as I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

+ ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

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His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia
will visit our parish on
Sunday, December 5, 2021.

HERE- WE GROW

FATHER DEAN

Over the course of our lifetime, somewhere there is that awakening that takes place within our lives that becomes so overwhelming, it is unimaginable. We cannot think of anything else - and PRAY and HOPE it never goes away.

Faith, through whatever circumstance, carries us - and by the Grace of God, we realize the importance of how our spiritual growth continues to intensify.

The photograph to the right is not a view that everyone is able to see - in fact, it is really from my own vantage as the celebrant of the services at our Cathedral. The center red book - is the Book of Gospels, the icon is that of the Resurrection. There are two sides to it - the other is the crucifixion. Outside of Pascha, and any Sunday, that is the side that is always facing up. Under the Gospel, rests the antiminsion, it is a cloth that looks like an epitaphio or burial shroud, with the signature of our hierarch, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. A liturgy cannot be

celebrated without an antiminsion. Directly in front is a candle that is always lit, and inside the gold tabernacle is the reserve *amno* or reserve lamb (sacrament) that is used for emergencies or baptism. The candle to the left, and

at times, it may be to the right, is the light that was gifted to us from Jerusalem. It is on either side depending on circumstances of the day (no liturgical reason, more practical).

I share this with you so that we all grow together through Christ and His Word, and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us. We grow as individuals, but the blessing is more that we grow together as a community. Days cannot be passed by without prayer; we will feel absent in life. The busyness of life gets away from us - and that time we take to grow cannot be put off.

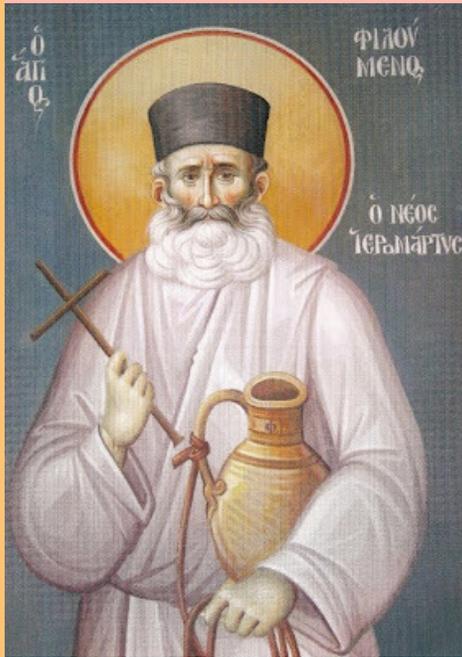
Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.

Saint John Chrysostom



SAINT PHILOUMENOS

The life of the New Martyr Father Philoumenos is an example to us that martyrdom for Christ is not of the past from Roman or Communist times, but is a reality even in our own day. Father Philoumenos, an Orthodox monk, was brutally martyred in 1979 in Israel. His life is a reminder to us of the danger of being so devoted to our Faith, that we use it as a club or a weapon to attack those who disagree with us. While Muslim fundamentalists receive most of the press regarding this, even Orthodox Christians can use their love of the calendar, canons, or concern with being correct to attack and antagonize those who do not measure up to their standards.



For priests, Father Philoumenos is an example of continuing in prayer regardless if there is a congregation to join us. While we priests are tempted to omit some of the services since "no one will attend" he faithfully conducted the cycle of Vespers, Matins and Hours in remote locations with no congregation in attendance.

Father Philoumenos was born on the

island of Cyprus on October 15, 1913, the twin brother of Father Elpidios, a monk of Mount Athos in Greece. At the age of 14 both of the brothers dedicated their lives to the service of Christ as monks, entering the ancient monastery of Stavrovouni, founded by the Empress St. Helen. Later, Father Elpidios left for Mount Athos while Father Philoumenos joined the monastic Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem in 1934. Arriving in Palestine, Father Philoumenos was concerned as he saw how the Orthodox Palestinian faithful were being spiritually neglected. He began the study of the Arabic language, becoming fluent in both speaking and writing and conducting the divine services. It was Father Philoumenos who was sent by the Patriarch of Jerusalem to communities whenever there was a problem caused by the behavior of an unworthy priest or when various sects attempted to lure the faithful away from the Orthodox Faith. He became known as a true defender of the Faith, a man of a blameless life, a man from whom no one could imagine any immodest or improper word, a man whose faith and integrity were a model for all. With energy and zeal he visited small, outlying villages to serve the faithful, often using his own funds to try to save the faithful from being seduced away from the true Faith by the wealth, power and education of other churches from the West. His spiritual son, the Monk Yeghia wrote these reminiscences of his father in Christ:

He never omitted one word of any day's service. When we were alone in some remote monastery, particularly for Matins, he slowly and carefully chanted each word of every psalm and canon. But when there were pilgrims for the Divine Liturgy and

Vespers, he made the usual abridgements lest the service be too long and some be tempted to leave. Later on, privately, he would read every word that had not been

chanted in church. Those who stayed with him for some time saw the copies of the church service books and noticed that the markers were always in place and the volumes never dusty, which earned the Divine Promise: "Well done good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over little things, I will set you over great things. Enter into the joy of the Lord" (Matthew 25:21).



His Martyrdom

The crowning moment of Father Philoumenos' earthly pilgrimage came on November 29, 1979 at the shrine built on the site of Jacob's Well. Father Philoumenos had been assigned as the guardian and keeper of this holy place, the very place where our Lord met the Samaritan Woman and offered her living water. (Gospel of St. John, chapter 4)



The week before a group of fanatical Zionists came to the monastery at Jacob's Well, claiming it as a Jewish holy place and demanding that all crosses and icons be removed. Father Philoumenos gently reminded them that the floor they were standing on had been built by the Emperor, St.

Constantine, in 331 A.D. The shrine at Jacob's Well had served as an Orthodox Christian holy place for sixteen centuries before the Israeli state was created, and had been in Samaritan hands before that. Several days later, during a rainstorm, a man tossed a hand grenade into the shrine and when Father Philoumenos tried to flee, killed him with an axe. The monk was already vested and preparing to celebrate Vespers. While the Israeli police launched an immediate investigation, no killer was identified. Unfortunately, some Orthodox individuals, with an apparent anti-Semitic agenda, began circulating rumors that Father Philoumenos was killed in a ritual murder carried out by a group of fanatical Jews. The killer was finally apprehended four years later when he was once again attempted to enter the Monastery at Jacob's Well carrying hand grenades. He was identified as Asher Raby, a devout Jew but mentally ill who had previously committed murders in other parts of Israel of both Jews and non-Jews.

Father Philoumenos' body was buried on Mt. Zion, and when it was exhumed four years later, as is the custom among Greek monks, it was found to be substantially incorrupt. Because he was murdered out of hatred for the Orthodox Christian Faith, the Patriarch of Jerusalem with his Synod of Bishops, in 2009 resolved to add Father Philoumenos to the calendar of Saints as the Holy New Martyr Philoumenos of Jacob's Well. His sacred relics are enshrined in a magnificent church that has been constructed near Jacobs Well. He is remembered each year on the anniversary of his martyrdom November 16/29.



GROWING IN FAITH

Orthodox Basics

A class titled Orthodox Basics will be offered online. The discussion is designed for those seeking to be part of the Orthodox Church and to learn more about their faith. Plan on joining us on Saturday, October 23, following Divine Liturgy. Register by contacting Father Dean, dmoralis@annunciationbaltimore.org

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Join us for a presentation by five of our faithful who journeyed to Mount Athos. There is no charge, but registration is required. Contact Father Dean for information.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study has started up again. Please contact Irene Bullock if you are interested in joining irenebullock@gmail.com.

Altar Boy Retreat

An Altar Boy Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 20 at 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM. This is being done in preparation for visit of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia on December 5. Contact Father Dean for information.

Parish Retreat

Save the date for the annual Nicholas Tsakalos Growing in Faith Memorial Retreat, April 1-2, 2022. Father Nicholas Louh from St. John the Divine in Jacksonville, Florida will be the Retreat Master.

Article by Trevor J. Bullock

This month our YAL (young adult league) gathered to watch “Love to the End”, a documentary on Mother Maria (Skobtsova) of Paris. Mother Maria was a Russian aristocrat, poet, and intellectual who moved to France during the Bolshevik Revolution. Maria spent much of her early life as an atheist and had a difficult life, losing her father as a teenager and later going through two divorces. After the death of her daughter, Maria rediscovered her faith and was tonsured a nun with the agreement that she would live in the world; she wanted to dedicate the rest of her life to loving the poor and needy.

The Life of Mother Maria

Mother Maria started with a small house to shelter Russian refugees. As more and more refugees came to her, she soon outgrew her house and set up a new home to accommodate all the refugees. At this home Mother Maria began to prepare dinners, serving up to 120 people every night. Sometimes Orthodox leaders would be invited to the dining hall to teach the Faith. Mother Maria also converted the back stable area into a chapel, creating many of the icons herself.

Mother Maria then started a hospital, she began schools for children, and she rescued Russian refugees from mental hospitals who were being held there because they could not speak French. She also helped start “Orthodox Action,” which provided safe places for travelers and the elderly to stay. Mother Maria lived in poverty herself, often bartering or begging for food to feed herself and those under her care.

When the holocaust began, many Jews were held in a stadium near the Eiffel Tower before being shipped to the death camps. Mother Maria coordinated with trash workers to smuggle children out of the stadium in trash cans. Mother Maria was warned that she should be betrayed by one of the workers, but she kept on smuggling children out of the stadium. Mother Maria was eventually caught and sent to a concentration camp. She was sentenced to death on Holy Friday and died in the gas chamber on Holy Saturday morning, 1945.

What can we Learn from the Life of Mother Maria?

Mother Maria reminds us that we are called to help one another, not in a distant or convenient way, but in a way that demonstrates our recognition that each person is created in God’s own image. At the final judgement, the Lord will hopefully say to us: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Mother Maria wasn’t interested in retreating from the world, but instead wanted to live among the suffering people. She didn’t just create programs to solve social problems, but she loved her neighbors by sheltering people in her own home, teaching them the Faith, and by trying to make personal connections with them. Mother Maria once wrote: “I should say that we should not give away a single piece of bread unless the recipient means something as a person for us.” In other words, filling bellies is not our goal, but rather we should strive to see Christ in each and every person we encounter.

Seeing Christ in them, we should love them, and feed them out of our love for them. Showing love could manifest itself through feeding someone who is hungry, but it could also be much more. A meal program that simply delivers pre-made meals to the hungry is doing good work, but a Christian meal program that strives to show love might invite people in, wait on them, talk with them, listen to their stories, and try to connect without any kind of hidden agenda, in addition to providing a home-cooked meal. Our primary focus should be on loving, and if our brother is hungry, we should feed him out of love. If he is naked, we should clothe him out of love. If he is lonely or imprisoned, we should visit him out of love.

If Christ was sitting in front of us, how would we act? How would we serve Him? Are we concerned with quickly and easily getting a need “taken care of”, or do we love first and act out of our love?

Mother Maria once said:

“A person should have a more attentive attitude toward his brother’s flesh than his own. Christian love teaches us to give our brother not only material but spiritual gifts. We must give him our last shirt and our last crust of bread. Here personal charity is as necessary and justified as the broadest social work. In this sense there is no doubt that the Christian is called to social work. He is called to organize a better life for the workers, to provide for the old, to build hospitals, care for children, fight against exploitation, injustice, want, lawlessness.

In principle the value is completely the same, whether he does it on an individual or a social level; what matters is that his social work be based on love for his neighbor and not have any latent career or material purposes.”

Mother Maria was officially recognized as a saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2004. Her feast day is July 20th.

Resources for more Information

Love to the End, a film on the life of Mother Maria

<https://www.lovetotheend.com>

Essays and other Writings by Mother Maria

Mother Maria Skobtsova: Essential Writings, trans. Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky

Detailed Life of Mother Maria

<https://incommunion.org/2004/10/18/saint-of-the-open-door>



FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Junior Division (grades 7-9)

1. Share what you learned about yourself after a "technology fast" of at least 21 days. What can we learn about our relationship to God and the world by fasting?
2. In our personal prayer and liturgy, we usually make requests of God. Discuss why we make these petitions and how God fulfills them.
3. Choose a saint whose life has been important to you or your family. Discuss what you find most inspiring about this saint and what others can learn from how they lived their life.
4. Discuss how you would share your Orthodox Christian faith with a visitor to your parish.
5. Discuss your favorite Church service of the year and why it is meaningful to you.

Senior Division (grades 10-12)

1. Discuss the significance of Orthodox iconography (historically, symbolically and/or artistically) and how icons enhance our worship.
2. From the earliest days, Christian worship has been community-based, not only solitary, and Christians formed communities where the members learned from and took care of one another. Why is it important to be part of a Church community, and how is this relevant today?
3. The Orthodox faithful pray to the saints for physical healing and we have examples of saints like Cosmas and Damian who were doctors. What does this teach us about the Orthodox perspective on faith, health, and medicine?
4. Discuss ways that a young person can respond to God's call to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength and one's neighbor as oneself (see Luke 10:27).
5. In every Church service, we pray for "peace in the world," usually many times. Yet, war and violence persist. What is the Orthodox Christian approach to war and violence?

St. Photios National Shrine 2021 NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

\$1000 Prize

In an essay, please discuss why or why not the lines from the poem, "The New Colossus," by Emma Lazarus found at the Statue of Liberty in New York City are still relevant for our nation.

*Give me your tired,
your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of
your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door!*



- Participants must be ages 13-19
- Maximum word count: 1,000
- A single essay will be selected as the winner by a committee and will receive a \$1,000 prize
- All participants will receive a certificate
- All essays become property of St. Photios Shrine and can be used for various publicity purposes, always with the byline of the author

Submit essays NO LATER THAN December 16, 2021 via email to:
Polaxeni Maouris Hillier, Executive Director of St. Photios National Shrine at
phillier@stphotios.com
Winner will be announced Sunday, January 9, 2022.

The St. Photios National Shrine 2021 Essay Contest is made possible by the generosity of The Kathie D'Anna Charitable Fund.

SAVE THE DATE!

**YOUTH NIGHT AND
CONTEMPORARY TOPIC
DISCUSSION WITH**

FATHER NICHOLAS LOUH

Friday, April 1

YOUTH CATECHISM

GREEK SCHOOL



SUNDAY
SCHOOL

GREEK
SCHOOL



IN PERSON
CLASSES



ONLINE
CLASSES



JOIN US
THIS
SUNDAY!

To register or for information -

greekschool@annunciationbaltimore.org

Go Orange Crush!

Basketball Practice every Wednesday at the Cathedral for everyone beginning at 7 PM.

Contact Coach Steve Demos -
sedemos1223@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

To receive Sunday Bulletins, Monthly Newsletters, and **Cathedral updates** via email, please email Fr. Dean with SUBSCRIBE in the subject line and your name in the body. Please note, the platform for sending out mass emails has changed. If you were previously signed up and are no longer receiving emails from us, please check your spam filter. Please also note, when this is mailed, it takes time for this to arrive from the post office.

If you would like to sponsor a **coffee hour** after Liturgy on a particular Sunday, please contact the Cathedral office first to find an appropriate date.

Consider purchasing masks with the emblem of our Cathedral at the **Bookstore**. Suggested donation is \$10

Alcoholics Anonymous and **Al-Anon** will meet in person this afternoon, beginning at 5:00 PM. Park on the lot and use the Maryland Avenue entrance.

Weekend Backpacks **Hats/Gloves/Scarves Drive** is collecting new hats, gloves and scarves for children 5 to 14 years old through *November 30th*. Items can be dropped off outside of the church office. Or we can do the shopping for you; please make your check out to Philoptochos with the notation H/G/S Drive. Contact Effie Theodore at etheodore@cox.net with questions.

The Philoptochos supports the **Franciscan Center** effort to make 200 toiletry bags. They are in need of men's shaving cream and deodorant. The items can be shipped directly to the Franciscan center at 101 W 23rd Street, Baltimore Md. 21218 or you can bring it to church. They have requested individual bottles of water. You can order online at Safeway or in stores and send directly to the Franciscan center.

Greek School starts again in October. Please contact greeschool@annunciationbaltimore.org for more information. Registration: <https://annunciationbaltimore.org/Greek-School-Registration>

Online donations can be made through our parish website: annunciationbaltimore.org. Click the "DONATE" button in the upper right-hand corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship during these difficult times. We also offer a TextToTray service. Simply text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts. Please note that TextToTray can only be used for candles and tray donations. The Cathedral is also very grateful for donations made in the form of checks.

Mobile Giving News: The Give+ Mobile is being replaced by *Vanco Mobile* which is available for you to download in Google Play or iOS app stores. Your login credentials will remain the same and any recurring payments you had set-up in Give+ will continue. If you have the Give+ app on your phone you should have received an email about this important change. Please download the new *Vanco Mobile* app if you haven't already. Thank you for your mobile support!

Support the Cathedral through your purchases by logging into **Amazon Smile** and selecting "Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation".

On November 8th, the feast day of the Archangels, our Annunciation Cathedral Parish will be offering meals to the local police academy cadets as well as our local police precinct and fire station. As members of our community, our parish community will be able to sponsor these meals through our website as well as volunteer for food prep and distribution. Please stay tuned for more information that will be forthcoming in the bulletin over the next several weeks.

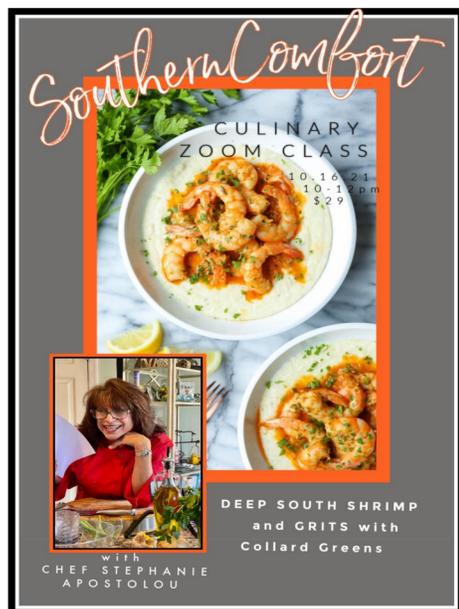
If you have any questions, please email John Hall atjhall@annunciationbaltimore.org.

A New music ministry is coming to our community. Everyone 14 years old or older who are interested in the writing, production and recording of non-liturgical christian music are welcome. No prior musical experience needed. Please check your bulletins in the coming weeks for more information. Please direct all questions to John Hall atjhall@annunciationbaltimore.org or 410-241-7728

Sunday School has begun! Join us! Children meet in the Cathedral in assigned pews. Liturgy begins at 9:00 AM. We look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful and faith-filled opportunity to learn more about His Holy Church!



The WOMEN'S GUILD of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation invites you to join our tasty Culinary Zoom Class adventures again featuring comfort foods ... DEEP SOUTH SHRIMP and GRITS with creamy Collard Greens



Saturday, October 16th
10:00 – 12:00 noon
Donation - \$29 per person
Payment/Reservation link:
<https://annunciationwomensguild.square.site/>

Welcome to our virtual Zoom class of culinary adventure seekers where we share a love of delicious foods, family, and church.

Our very own talented Master Chef Stephanie Apostolou from Tastefully Gourmet Catering will be making classic Southern Food at its best in her always entertaining, tip-filled and refreshing methods! Yes, currently the rage, this wonderful comfort dish, SOUTHERN SHRIMP and GRITS is perfectly garlicky buttery lemony Shrimp prepared with the creamiest Grits and Collard Greens, all with simple fresh ingredients transformed into a sophisticated and elegant meal for easy everyday cooking. Join us for the fun for the comfort of your kitchen or desk. Ingredients and Zoom info will be sent at sign up. Contact: Cathie Stamidis at cathiekaras@gmail.com

KALI OREXI ! Sign up here: <https://annunciationwomensguild.square.site/>

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

**WOMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
&
CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**

OR

DECEMBER 10, 11 & 12TH

**A PHILOPTOCHOS & WOMEN'S GUILD
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

*A final decision will be made by the end of October
based on prevailing COVID circumstances*

**ANNUNCIATION WOMEN'S GUILD
GENERAL MEETING AND FALL TEA**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th AT THE ANNUNCIATION ORTHODOX CENTER
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**



GUEST SPEAKER – LYNDA McCLARY

Among her many credentials, Lynda is a Master Gardener with the University of Maryland Extension Service. She will present "Mother Nature's Pharmacopia" which invites you to learn more about the medicinal effects of herbs today, their historical and cultural references, and how we can incorporate them in our lives for better health.

Handouts will be provided as well as an opportunity to ask questions
A light brunch will be served.

If planning to attend, please contact Maria Letras with the number of people in your party.
Marigold1@me.com

**HELLENIC
HERITAGE MUSEUM
OF MARYLAND, INC**

PRESERVING GREEK CULTURE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland presents:



The Promise of Tomorrow 1940 - 1960

Narrated by the late Olympia Doukakis, this film is the story of the experiences of the first generation of Greek-Americans in Southern California. Many of Maryland's Greek-Americans can identify and relate to growing up in a Greek-American community. Join the Hellenic Heritage Museum as it reminisces what it was like to grow up Greek in America.

Sunday November 14, 2021
Annunciation Orthodox Center
Baltimore, MD.
After the Divine Liturgy

A light lunch will be served
\$15.00

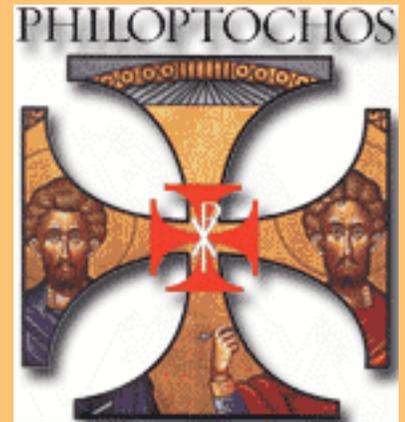
For reservations contact
Maria Letras at marigold1@me.com





Ladies Philoptochos of the Annunciation

Making a Difference



Did you know....

Our Philoptochos chapter assists with countless opportunities to feed the hungry in our City?

Our Philoptochos chapter assists with those who are unable to purchase life-saving medication?

Our Philoptochos chapter stepped up on numerous times to help with expenses for burial?

Our Philoptochos chapter continually offers assistance to those who are unable to pay for housing?

Our Philoptochos chapter offers scholarships to our young people?

.....and there is so much more!

If you are not a member, sign up today!

The money raised from the yard sale, baking, and donations you offer when you enter the Cathedral **make a difference!**

Baking dates for Philoptochos and Women's Guild

October 22-23 - beginning at 10:00 AM

November 13 - beginning at 10:00 AM

December 2 - beginning at 11:00 AM

December 8 - beginning at 10:00 AM

Contact Jean Prevas, jprevas@aol.com or
Georgeann Morekas, gmorekas@css-inc.com

YOUTH NEWS

An Altar Boy Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am – 10:30am in preparation for the visit of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia on December 5. Contact Father Dean for information.

A number of college students are looking for rides to/from campus and the Cathedral for Sunday Liturgy. If you are able to give rides, please contact Trevor.

The Evangelakia Dance Troupe practices in the Ahepa Room. Contact Peggy DiBiasi, pdibiasi@comcast.net.

The Filakia Dance Group practices at the Annunciation Orthodox Center following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, October 3. For information, contact Dr. Nestoras Mathioudakis, nmathio1@jhmi.edu.

OCTOBER GOYA MEETING

Fri, Oct. 8
6:30pm – 9:30pm



**CORN
MAZE**

Contact Trevor: tbullock@annunciationbaltimore.org



Axion Charity Events presents



Greek Night Out Glendi

Join us for a night of Greek Dancing, Family Fellowship and Fun

"It's All About the Kefi"



Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

7pm till Midnight

Martin's Valley Manson
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Cockeysville, MD

\$30/Adult - \$20/Under 18

Lite Appetizers will be served. Cash Bar
Live Greek Music



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axioncharityevents@gmail.com

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Axion Charity Events, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation that engages with the Greek community in fundraising projects to enhance and support the Greek Orthodox churches of the Baltimore Metropolitan area. We serve the community by providing fellowship and organizing cultural events that benefit the various ministries of the churches.

2022 Dates to Note

February 13-Triodion begins

Feb. 26, March 5, March 12 -
Saturdays of the Souls

March 7 - Great Lent begins

March 13 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

April 16 - Saturday of Lazarus

April 17-Palm Sunday

April 22- Great and Holy Friday

April 24 - Pascha

June 6 - Ascension

Parish Assembly & Parish Council

Dates to Remember

- ▶ Parish Assembly – Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021
- ▶ Parish Council Elections – Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021

For those not attending the Parish Assembly in person, you will need to pre-register to participate via Zoom. Additional information for pre-registration will be sent to you soon.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Those interested to serve on the Parish Council, or nominate another to service, must complete this form by November 15, 2021. Prior to nomination, confirm with Father Dean that the nominee is in good standing of our church for the year 2020 (article 18, section 1-3 of the Uniform Parish Regulations). A final list of candidates will be offered at the Parish Assembly, November 22, 2020 by the nominating committee.

Name _____

Email _____

Mobile phone _____

AHEPA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 7

Free-will offering to benefit the IOCC



CATHEDRAL CHOIR NEWS

The choir is extremely thankful and pleased to return after an extended absence due to the coronavirus pandemic to partake in the musical life of the church. We wish to thank our excellent psalti/chanters who with their beautiful and melodious voices have inspired us during these challenging times. During the month of October the choir will be singing every other Sunday beginning with October 3rd. A special thank you is extended to the Sigambris family of J and J Alterations for generously cleaning our choir robes.

On October 17, 2021, our parish will celebrate Church Music Sunday. On this day, we acknowledge and thank the men and women who have heard and responded to the Lord's invitation to be church musicians: that is the priest, psalti, choir members, organist, choir director and music educators. This day is an opportunity to express our appreciation to those who serve God with their chanting the beautiful hymns of our faith thus leading us in worship. We thank them for their commitment and the stewardship they offer. The following persons will receive special awards for their milestone commitments to our Annunciation Choir. They are Alfred Hansard-45 years, Maria Letras-35 years, Jim Georges-25 years, Mia Pefines Jensen-10 years, Joanne Livaditis-10 years and Evanthe Sophocleus Salisbury-10 years. Congratulations to these individuals and may they be blessed with many healthy years to continue singing the Lord's praises.

The Annunciation Cathedral Choir and our choir director Fotini Fifi Nichols are pleased to invite you to join our choir. Contact Fifi at fnichols1@verizon.net or 443-745-9686.

Save the date for the annual Annunciation Christmas Concert which is scheduled for December 12, 2021.



Congratulations to Aidan Deighan for receiving the scholarship from the Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Musicians. Aidan is a student at the Peabody Conservatory. We are proud of him for his accomplishments!

Ask the Elders

Saint Theophan the Recluse

Excerpts on *Tips on Prayer/ How to Enter a Prayerful State of Mind*

Being the soul's breath, prayer is most important in the life of a Christian. The presence of prayer in one's life means that the person is spiritually alive; without a prayer he is dead. Standing in front of icons and bowing is not yet prayer itself—those are only attributes of prayer. The same can be said about reading a prayer: whether recited by memory or read from a book, it would be not prayer itself, but merely a way to begin. The main thing in praying is the invocation of feelings of reverence for God: devotedness to the Father, gratitude, submission to the will of God, an aspiration to glorify Him and similar feelings. That is why while praying we should make those feelings permeate us so that our hearts would not be dry. It is only when our hearts appeal to God that reading prayers (evening or morning praying) becomes true prayer; otherwise it is not yet prayer.

A prayer, which is an appeal of our heart to God, should be invoked and strengthened; a spirit of intercession should be brought forth within us. The first way to do this is to pray by reading or listening to

prayers written in prayer books. Read the prayer book or listen to it very attentively and you will definitely incite and strengthen your heart in its ascension to God, which means you would enter into a prayerful spirit. In the prayers of the holy fathers (printed in prayer books and other church books), a great power of prayer is in motion. Whoever diligently pays attention to them will through this force of interaction delight in that power, as the state of mind of the person praying comes closer to the essence of those prayers. In order to turn your intercessions into an effective way of cultivating prayer, you must make it so that both your mind and heart would perceive the content of the prayers being read. Here are the three simplest ways to achieve this:

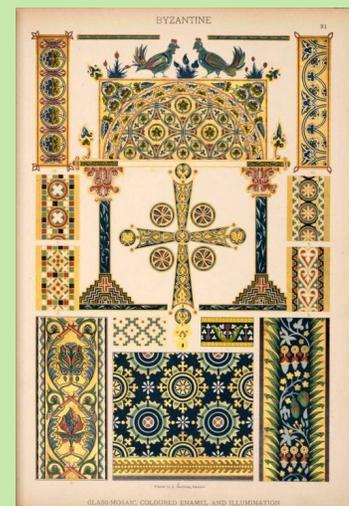
1. Do not start a prayer without preparing yourself for it properly.
2. Say prayers with feeling and attention, but not casually.
3. After completing your prayer, do not hasten to go back to your everyday cares.



How to Prepare for Prayer

Before you start a prayer, no matter where it might be, stand or sit for a short time and try to sober your mind, relieving it of all irrelevant work and cares. Then give thought to the One to Whom you are turning in prayer, and who you are in praying to Him; invoke the appropriate attitude of humility and reverential awe for God.

That is the beginning of a prayer, and a good beginning is half the success.



Stewardship 2021

1

Give thanks to God for the blessings you have received. Pray about what you can offer to His Holy Church.

2

If you have not received a Stewardship Card, pick one up the next time you come to worship, or contact the office to send you a card.

3

If you are comfortable paying by check, or using weekly envelopes, contact the office.

4

Consider setting up a regular giving program on our website, www.annunciationbaltimore.org.

As of August 30, 2021, the following have made a stewardship commitment to the Cathedral. If your name does not appear below, either the commitment was made in September, or a card has not been received. Please contact the office if you have any questions. In the beginning of September, a reminder was sent to those who have not made a commitment for 2021. Kindly and prayerfully consider this request.

As of August 30, 2021, \$566,000 has been received in stewardship.

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Chios, Jim
Chios, Linda
Chios, Louis
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Chirigos, Nicholas
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Christopoulos, Tula
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Constantine, Maria
Constantine, Maryanth
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Constantinou, Peter G. & Christina
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Coroneos, Mary N.
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Cossis, Elia D. & Kara R.
Costa, Philip & Sara
Courpas, Constantine & Louise
Coutros, George W & Vicki
Coutros, Katherine
Coutros, Peter G. & Despina P.
Coutros, William G. & Mary C.
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Dardamanis, Mary
Darwin, Peter & Lisa
deBorja, Christopher & Gale
deBorja, Nicole
Deitz, Joanne
Del Pizzo, III, Nick & Kaliope
Delise, Thomas & Christine
Dellis, Michael & LoAnn
Demestihias, Stanley & Lele
Demetrakis, Dean
Demetrakis, Estelle
Demetriou, George
Demopulos, Barbara
Demos, Emmanuel & Bessie
Demos, Eugenia
DeRito, Carl A. & Irene
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Deros, Nicholas
Deros, Stella
Dezes, Nicholas & Jacqueline
Dezes, Paul & Gina
Diamond, Brian & Vickie
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Thank you to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards as of August 31 for the 2021 pledge year.

Please join them in their support for the ministries of the Annunciation Cathedral.

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Karabelas, Aris
Karabelas, Mary
Karabelas, Steve & Janine
Karamalakos, Helen
Karas, Avraam & Vasilea
Karathanos, Thomas
Karavasilis, Effie
Karavedas, Katherine
Kariotis, Mary M.
Karoutsos, Paul
Karvounis, Andreanna
Karvounis, John & Mary
Karvounis, Maria
Karvounis, Nikolaos & Carla
Khoury, Rabih & Melissa
Kiladis, James
Kimos, Constantine & Maria
Kimos, Peter & Nancy
Klicos, Dina Mallis
Klicos, George & Deborah
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Lineberger, Shari
Link, Lawrence & Stephanie
Lintzeris, George & Kelly
Lisowsky, Arthur & Evelyn
Livaditis, Laura
Loizou, Louis & Toulla
Loukas, Gus
Lumpkin, Anna
Madani, Sohrab & Trina
Maglaras, Effie
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please help us close the gap and submit your pledge card.
Need a card?
Ask for one after Liturgy or contact the Cathedral office.

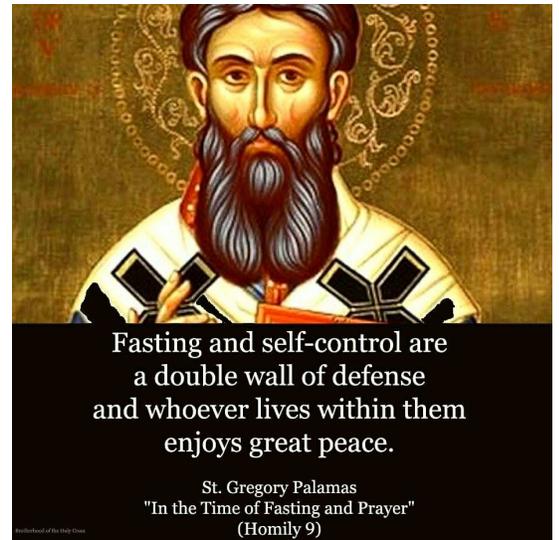
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Maistros, Julia	Murino, Andrea	Philippou, George & Karen
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Makris, Eleni	Nicholas, Nitsa	Polites, Angeline
Makris, Triandafilia	Nichols, George & Catherine	Ponticas, George
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Markulis, Thomas G.	Panagakos, George & Christina	Psaros, Alexander R. & Patricia
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Mayer, Frank & Maria	Pappas, Andrew & Katie	Roros, Dimitrios & Politimy
McBrien, Claudia	Pappas, Basil M. & Linda	Roros, George
McCarus, Cheryl	Pappas, Chrysanthe	Roros, Isidoros & Jennifer
McMillion, Evangelia	Pappas, Katherine	Roros, Isidoros & Eleni
McShane, Helen Coutros	Pappas, Mark J. & Harriet	Roros, Tereza
Meares, Christina	Pappas, Susan	Roulis, Theodora
Melanitis, Ioannis	Parameros, Michael	Sakellarakos, John & Pauline
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Mexis, George & Dimitra	Paterakis, John & Emily	Sarioglou, Yianni & Melissa
Michallas, Irene	Paterakis, Stephen & Victoria	Savvakis, Andreas & Koula
Miller, Theodora	Paterakis, William	Schneider, Marianna & Jeremy
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God gives to us without strings. We must reach a level of spiritual maturity from which we can give back to God without expecting to get more in return.

Simmons, Melody
Siotka, Loretta
Skandalis, George
Skevofilax, Emmanuel
Skevofilax, Michael & Sophia
Skinner, John & Vayia
Skinner, Katarina & Louis
Skleres, Paula
Slifer, Keith
Smith, Alexander
Smith, Eric
Smith, Frederick & Venice
Paterakis
Smith, George & Valerie
Smith, Sean & Stephanie
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Solomotis, Alex & Marianne
Somwaru, Rudolph & Agapi
Sophocleus, Gregory J.
Sotirakos, Diamond
Sotirakos, Peter
Sotirelis, Thomas S & Maria
Souranis, Michael & Thoula
Sourlis, George & Rose
Sourlis, Peter & Stephanie
Spanos, George B. & Sandra
Stakias, George A. & Mary
Stamas, George P. & Georgia P.
Stamas, George S. & Tula
Stamatakis, Eve
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Stamatos, Nicholas & Cleo
Stamidis, Cathie
Stavrakas, Spyros & Georgette
Stavrides, Constantine & Veronica
Stevens, Pamela A.
Sticka, William & Vicki
Stone, Thomas & Corinna
Stover, Charles & Maria
Stratakis, Athena
Stratakis, Gus & Suzan
Suehs, Svetlana
Svolos, Marinos & Sebbie
Swanson, Christopher & Hellen
Taffe, Kathryn
Telis, George & Jennifer

Theodore, Nicholas & Effie
Theopulos, Andy
Thomakos, Maria
Tomaselli, Charlene & Gordon
Tomczewski, Stephen & Patricia
Tomczewski, Steven G. & Flora
Topaltzas, Dimitrios M. & Calliopi
Tragas, Georgia
Triantafilou, Constantine & Maja
Tsakalas Flannery, Eleni
Tsakalas, Carolyn
Tsakalas, Sam
Tsakalos, Angeline
Tsakalos, Chris N. & Triantafia
Tsakalos, Harry
Tsakiris, Connie
Tsakiris, Marc & Melina
Tsakiroglou, Panagiotis
Tsamoutalis, James & Abbie
Tsamoutalis, Steve & Theresa
Tsampos, John & Nikolette
Tsapkini, Kyrana
Tsimis, Eugenia
Tsimis, Michael
Tsonis, Nicholas & Kitsa
Tunkel, David & Theda Kontis
Turc LaBar, Rita
Vailas, Peter G.
Valsamakis, George & Gwen
Van Velsen, Deanne
Varlas, Stanley N. & Judith
Vavaroutsos, Panagiota
Virune, Narine & Vince
Vlahoyiannis, Theodoros & Nora
Vlangas, Georgette
Vlangas, Irene K.
Voultepsis, Alex & Roanthi
Wagner, Catherine
Wagner, Kip & Sandra
Weisenborn, Jr., Kenneth
Weisenborn, Kevin
Weisenborn, Sr., Kenneth R. & Stephanie
Wells, David & Georgia
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Wiles, Daniel & Matina
Wiles, Michael & Elizabeth
Williams, Mark F. & Christie A.
Windle, Justin T. & Tina P.

Yingling, John T. & Christina M.
Zarafonetis, Jean
Zaruba, William & Constance
Zavage, Gerald R. & Andrea P.
Zavakos, Ollga
Ziesat, H. Anthony
Zizos, Thomas & Nicolett
Zotos, Georgia
Zoulis, John & Joanna



Pastoral Reminders

Worship

Sunday

Orthros: 8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM

Weekday

Orthros, 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Prosforon

One of the great honors for a family is to bake Prosforon to be used for the Divine Liturgy. Please contact the church office or Father Dean if you would like to provide Prosforon.

Artoclasia

For those wishing to offer an Artoclasia (blessing of the five loaves) for the good health of your loved ones, contact the Cathedral office.

Coffee Hour - Please contact the Cathedral office, 410-727-1831, if you would like to host or co-host a Coffee Hour on Sunday.

Sacramental Wine and Altar Supplies - You may make a financial gift to help defray the cost of the sacramental wine that is used for Holy Communion. Please note on the memo line of your check or on the envelope "Sacramental Wine." The donation is \$150.00 which may be offered in memory or in honor of a loved one. For additional information, contact the Cathedral office.

Sacraments - Please schedule your upcoming sacraments with Father Dean by calling the Cathedral office.

Forty Day Baby Blessings- Contact the Cathedral office two weeks prior to scheduling this service. These blessings take place immediately after the Divine Liturgy and families should plan to arrive at the Cathedral no later than 9:00 a.m. Ushers will have seating available for you and will direct you when it is time for the service.

Sunday School- All youth are invited to participate in the Religious Education program of the Cathedral. Pews are reserved for students in the Cathedral during the Divine Liturgy. Following the reception of Holy Communion, students are escorted to their respective classrooms for the lesson. They are dismissed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Altar Boys — Young men, ages nine and above are encouraged to serve in the Altar. Dress code is dark trousers, black dress shoes, white long sleeved dress shirt and conservative tie. They should arrive ten minutes prior to the service to receive the blessing to serve.

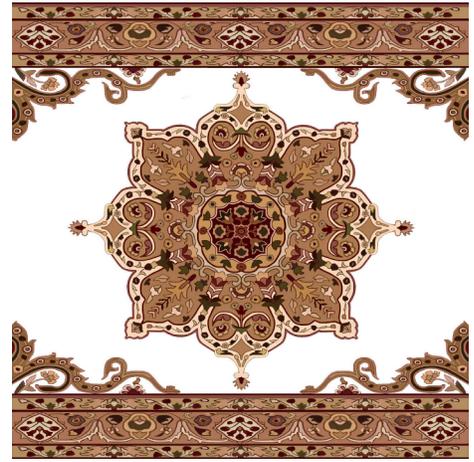
Memorial Services- It is up to the family to contact the Cathedral two weeks prior to schedule a memorial service for your loved one. Be mindful conflicts sometimes do occur due to the ecclesiastical calendar of the Orthodox Church. It is up to the family to distribute the koliva (boiled wheat) unless other arrangements have been made. Flowers and koliva should be at the Cathedral no later than 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Pews will be reserved in the center for family members only on a first come basis. Father Dean will visit the Greek Orthodox Cemetery on Windsor Mill Road first, then the other burial sites unless prior arrangements have been made. If flowers are ordered, it is the family's responsibility to take them to the gravesite.

Death- When a death occurs in the family, contact the funeral home of your choice and Father Dean. Arrangements for the funeral will be made in conjunction with the funeral home and Father Dean. Funerals are never permitted on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Hospital And Nursing Home Visits- It is up to the family to notify Father Dean when a visit is necessary. It is advised to contact him immediately by calling 410-727-1831. If it is a medical emergency and the office is closed, the emergency telephone number will be given. Due to legal obligations, and privacy laws, he is not at liberty to offer information regarding a parishioner.

Parking – Parking on the Cathedral lots are reserved only for Cathedral activities. If there are not activities, the lots are closed. Cars left on the lot, regardless of parking permits, will be towed at the owner's expense.

Electronic/Written Communications- All communications that are disseminated through the parish are done with the consent and blessing of Father Dean. The e-mail listserv is a private listing that only contains Patriarchal/Archdiocesan/Metropolis and Cathedral information. It is not used to advertise for private business. The sole purpose is to keep our parishioners informed about related events in the life of our parish. Death announcements are sent out only if the funeral takes place at the Cathedral or our Cemetery Chapel.



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