

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION

THE ARCHANGEL

July/August 2023 NEWSLETTER



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A Message from Father Anastasios

Dear Faithful of the Cathedral of the Annunciation,
As we are amid the summer months, we are grateful for the many blessings from our Lord. Our Cathedral family remains faithful throughout these difficult times of our society. We hear so much about the troubles of the world - hunger, crime, divisions, poverty, and political instability – that our focus must

remain on our Orthodox Faith and how to keep our families pointed towards the tenets and teaching of our Lord. “Love one another” is not just a beautiful phrase, it is a call to action! We are called to see everyone, regardless of their beliefs and position in life, as a creation of God and, if we disagree, we must pray for them and create open dialogue so that the grace of our Lord may be with us both.

We also hear the question in the New Testament: “Who is my brother?” The answer is that everyone is our brother, and everyone is our sister. When we treat all with the respect and love that Christ freely offers to us, then our relationship with one another should imitate how Christ relates to us. Christ loves us, Christ forgives us, and Christ truly is our salvation. We can start



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within our own families and continue within our community and share that joy and energy with all the people we encounter.

Soon, we will begin the new ecclesiastical year in September. As we continue our fine work for the church, our youth programs, and various ministries, let us approach all our endeavors in a spirit of cooperation that is pleasing to Christ. Look to volunteer for one of the ministries that the parish offers. Look to the growth of the Cathedral by supporting the Stewardship Program and the opportunity to be a Day Steward. Participate more frequently in the liturgical services of the church and the sacraments such as Holy Communion and Holy Confession.

We are so blessed with a Parish Council and other strong ministries that have kept us aligned with the mission of our Church in proclaiming our faith to all. Let us support one another, let us love one another and let us work together for the glory of God and the health of our blessed Cathedral of the Annunciation.

Paternaly in Christ,

Fr. Anastasios

**If you have any have photos to share with the Newsletter Committee,
upload them to the Newsletter Drive:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WFn1I2wCh60UTywq1Z436wcDagXzSOs?usp=sharing>

September/October Newsletter Submission Deadline is Noon on August 19th

WELCOME!



Perry Falls

We would like to welcome our new custodial staff from Building Maintenance Services. Pete Amentas, owner, has worked with the other Orthodox churches in the area and is very knowledgeable regarding the Cathedral's custodial needs. Perry Falls will be our main custodian with several others helping out on his off days. When you see Perry, please welcome him to our community.

If there are any maintenance requests, please email John Hall at office@annunciationbaltimore.org or for an immediate need, please text 410-241-7728.

Message from Geli Ioannou, Parish Council President



Greetings in Christ!

I was pleased that we had seventy nine parishioners attend the spring General Assembly meeting on May 7. A substantial portion of the meeting was dedicated to a presentation outlining the various options we have, regarding determining a resolution to the five vacant properties. A resolution was passed at the spring assembly meeting, requesting that the Parish Council approve a conceptual plan for the education building and the five vacant townhomes. The resolution requires that the Parish Council present the plan at a General Assembly meeting, to be held no later than October 15, 2023. If approved at the fall General Assembly meeting, the Capital Campaign Committee would proceed with a clear mandate and vision for investing into the facilities and the Cathedral's ministries.

We held four working sessions concerning the vacant properties and they were well attended. In addition, the conceptual plans regarding the three levels of the education building were presented and discussed in greater detail. We will continue to discuss the various options regarding the vacant properties over the summer.

These working session meetings were opportunities for all parishioners, in good standing, to review the many options available to us and voice your opinions.

In Christ,

- Geli

Metropolis of NJ Clergy Laity



SCHEDULING OF SACRAMENTS, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

All must be scheduled with the Church Office.

Contact assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org
or 410-727-1831

Happy Summer Everyone!

Our Philoptochos chapter has been quite busy this past Spring with many activities ranging from philanthropy to hospitality.

Philanthropy

Activities included:

- Assembling and delivering 50 Paschal gift bags to our senior and at-risk community members.
- Providing aid to members of our community and others who have requested assistance.
- Working with our Baltimore community partners
 - Sponsoring the Homerun for Recovery fundraiser with The Baltimore Station
 - Supporting the Franciscan Center with a generous donation for food and water each month
 - Our Loaves & Fishes group prepared casseroles for My Sister's Place throughout the Spring
 - Providing a donation to My Sister's Place for the purchase of 62 pairs of athletic shoes
 - Providing a donation to the Helping Up Mission for Easter meals that was matched by one of their sponsors for their good work with both men and women.
- Supporting the Holy Cross Seminary in their effort to expand their educational programs.

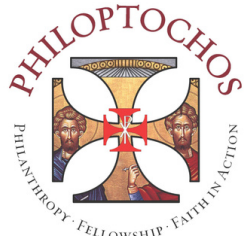
Hospitality is our middle name!

We continue to offer coffee hours for the community if a ministry or community member does not sponsor the coffee hour. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor a coffee hour.

On May 13, 2023 we sponsored the Mother-Daughter Luncheon and General Spring Meeting. Connie Rogers and Maria Letras hosted a beautiful event at the AOC. We had 90 in attendance, which was double from last year. Everyone wore festive hats for our Spring theme. Maria entertained us with quotes in both English and Greek from our mothers and grandmothers' favorite expressions. Casa Mia catered a beautiful lunch and I think everyone had a great time celebrating with their daughters, granddaughters, or God daughters.

We conducted some business and those attending passed unanimously the 2023-2025 Philoptochos Board. Thank you to Diane Homberg, Election Chair.

This is an election year for Philoptochos. On June 17, 2023 new officers were elected. Connie Rogers, President, Rhoula Monios, 1st Vice President, Georgeann Morekas, 2nd Vice President, Pam Stevens, Treasurer, Kathe Apesos Lazaridis, Assistant Treasurer, Alice Ioannou, Corresponding Secretary, Deanna Sakellaris, Recording Secretary and Jean Prevas, Advisor/Past President. Congratulations to our new officers. May God bless their work as they take the lead of this great organization for the next two years.



On May 20, scholarships were distributed to high school, college, and graduate students. In addition, donations were made to assist with Camp attendance. Thank you to Deanna Sakellaris and the Scholarship Committee.

Apron Fundraiser to benefit the Philoxenia House

The St. Nicholas Philoptochos runs the Philoxenia House that provides lodging for patients and their family if they are in Baltimore receiving treatment at Bayview or another Johns Hopkins medical facility. We currently assist with expenses for a family from Greece who is staying there. The house currently does not have an elevator. The cost of the project is approximately \$100,000. St. Nicholas has been doing their own fundraising, but we want to help them.

We are selling high quality embroidery aprons for \$35.00 to assist with their Elevator Fundraiser. All the proceeds will go to the St. Nicholas Philoptochos for this purpose. The aprons will be sold in church on Sundays, but they can also be ordered online. See the flyer in this Newsletter. For more information contact Rhoula Monios rhoulaevie@yahoo.com.

Flea Market - Flea Market - Flea Market !!!!

This summer marks our 11th Annual Flea Market. We kicked off the event with an “Evening at the Flea Market” on June 29th for the ladies of the community. We thank Father Anastasios who blessed the Flea Market opening with an Ayiasmos Service. Thank you to the community for their generous donations, which allows us to hold this event. The Flea Market Flyer provides information on days/hours of the sale. Please consider sending the flyer and/or posting to your social media platform to let family and friends know about this great event.

This fundraiser is a mammoth project, but the rewards have been great. The proceeds from the Flea Market allow us to help so many people in our community as well as our local Baltimore neighbors. We cannot do this without your help. We need you to volunteer to work. Please contact Diane Homberg at dianehomberg@yahoo.com and sign up to work a few hours during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Prevas, Past President



Sunday Worship

8:00am Orthros

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Office Hours

Monday–Friday

9:00am - 4:30 pm

All other services can be found

on the online calendar at

www.annunciationbaltimore.org/Calendar

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STEWARDSHIP & DAY SPONSORS

It is never too late for your family to **consider becoming a Day or Half-day Sponsor Steward**. The Day Sponsor Steward annual pledge is \$3,500 and the Half-day Sponsor Steward annual pledge is \$1,750. Choose any day throughout the year for a special occasion, in memory of or in honor of a loved one and submit to the stewardship committee or the Cathedral office. Your kindness and generosity will be greatly appreciated and blessed.

The average daily operating cost of our parish is \$3,500. Daily operating costs include administration, utilities, cleaning, maintenance, insurance, the commitment to the Archdiocese, and parish salaries. It's what is necessary to make sure our parish is open to you and all.

Stewardship is the giving of Time, Treasure, and Talent. It is giving back to God for the gifts He has given to you. Day or Half-day Sponsorship may not be within everyone's capabilities, but if it is within your household, the Stewardship Committee humbly asks for you to be "one of the ones" who allow us to reach our 2023 Stewardship goal or kindly consider becoming a Day or Half-day Sponsorship for 2024.

Whether you have made your annual commitment or have yet to do so, **please help us reach a goal of obtaining 100 Day Sponsor Stewards in 2023.**

For those who still need to become 2023 Stewards, there is no time like the present!

1. Just visit our church website at: www.annunciationbaltimore.org
2. Click on "Become a Steward" in the upper right- hand corner.
3. Fill out the information and submit.

You may also scan the QR code to the right and fill out online or pick up a hardcopy from the Welcome Table in the Cathedral Lobby, fill out and submit to the Cathedral Office.



Do I need to fill out a Stewardship pledge form?

YES! It is through the commitments in pledges that the Parish Council is able to manage the budget and discretionary spending. Pledges help us quantify how many families we have in our parish and allows you to register as a steward in good standing. **If you submitted your donation without a pledge, please complete your pledge form as soon as possible.**



As of July 10, 2023

2023 Pledged	2023 Non-Pledged (no Pledge Form)	Totals
\$208,425.34	\$230,266.40	\$438,691.74

**Our goal is to fund 100% of our Cathedral's expenses via Stewardship.
This year our budgeted expenses are approximately \$1.2 million.**

thank you

Thank you to the following parishioners who have submitted their 2023 Stewardship Pledge form - online or hardcopy - from 5/1/2023 to 7/3/2023



Maria Anagnostou
Kalomira & James Biagioli
Diane & Timothy Boia
Christopher & Amber Bosse
Georgette Calomeris
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John & Georgia Christopoulos
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Marina & Edward Imparato

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Kaliopé & Nicholas Del Pizzo
Ako Diakoparaskevas
Nina & David Diehl
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Christina George & Tyler Burton
Alexandra George
Katina Handakas
Robert Horst
Savvas & Mary Samantha Kakoullis
Helen & Aris Karabelas

Alexia Kariotis
Mikes & Megan Kikilis
Andrew Koronios
Evangelia Maheridis
Robert Morris & Maria Morris
Chrysoula Ponticas
Evangeline Sakles
Erin Shucosky
Christopher Steber
Hellen & Christopher Swanson
Constantine Swanson
Ollga Zavakos

Graduate Sunday & Philoptochos Scholarship Recipients



Women's Guild

The Annunciation Women's Guild is sponsoring an Artoclasia in anticipation of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Sunday, August 13 and a Community Coffee Hour in Celebration of their 68th Anniversary as a unique women's social organization open to ALL women of the Cathedral since 1955. The Blessing of the Loaves is offered by Constance Rogers in memory of her mother, Cornelia Rogers, both past Presidents. The flowers for the Icon of the Theotokos are offered by Pamela Stevens in memory of her parents, Georgia and George Stevens.

Father Anastasios will offer the "Affirmation of Office" for the new 2023-2024 Women's Guild Officers and Board to include: Kali Del Pizzo (President), Stella Jenkins (Vice President), Penny Heisler (Secretary), Nora Vlahoyiannis (Treasurer), Angelique Newport, Nancy Pappas, Melody



Simmons, Valerie Androutsopoulos, Peggy Daidakis Werner, Judy Georges, Maria Letras, Georgeann Morekas, Elizabeth Petrides, Van Sakles, Athena Sidou, Pam Stevens, Cathie Stamidis, and Georgette Stavrakas.

Light a Candle >>

In this time more than ever we need prayer. You may virtually light a candle for yourself or a loved one.

Please click the link above and follow the instructions. A photo of the lighted candle will be sent to the email address you specify.



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**\$35/
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"Greek Goddess at Work"



#2 Athena w/Owl in Red
"Greek Goddess at Work"



#3 Hercules in Black
"Greek God Grillin"



#4 Philoptochos Cross in
(a)Red (b)White (c)Blue
(d)Khaki



#5 When Life gives you
Lemons make
Avgolemono in Khaki



#6 When Life gives you
Lemons make
Avgolemono in Black

Scan QR code to place your order.

To Submit Payment->Venmo @Rhoula-Monios or send check made out to Annunciation Philoptochos to: Annunciation Philoptochos, c/o Rhoulia Monios, 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Contact Rhoulia Monios @ rhoulaeve@yahoo.com for more information



Book Reviews

by Presvytera Colette Bourantas

The Good Samaritan: A Children's Catechism

BY Fr. Michael Shanbour

The Good Samaritan is a first-of-its-kind catechism written specifically for young people (ages 6-12) to communicate the unchanging truths of the Orthodox Faith in the most accessible and engaging way. This beautifully illustrated, hard cover book follows the patristic model of sin as illness, Christ as the Medicine and the Church as the Hospital for the healing of the soul.

When You Pray: A Practical Guide to an Orthodox Life of Prayer

BY L. Joseph Letendre

Anyone who prays, or has tried to pray and given up in discouragement, knows praying—really praying—is not easy. Praying consistently seems almost impossible. Too often and too easily, prayer becomes a burden: one more item on an already overcrowded to-do list. Failing to pray becomes a source of guilt and stress as we must once again admit our inconstancy and procrastination to our father confessor. Yet, our Lord said, "Come to me, all of you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. My burden is easy and my yoke is light" (Matt. 11:30). The purpose of this book, then, is not to add to the burden, but to ease it by distilling the advice and experience of those who pray.



Sunday, September 17, 2023

A Film and An Authentic Constantinople Lunch

"A Touch of Spice" is a touching Greek film about an astrophysicist who returns to Constantinople to visit his ailing grandfather who was part of the historic non-violent 1964 expulsion of Greeks from Constantinople.

\$35.00 per person

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Bus trip to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine in New York City with a personal tour by Fr. Andreas Vithoukasi. Lunch at Skinos Restaurant. Followed by a quick tour of the near-by Ukrainian Museum.

\$130.00 per person

Reservations and information forthcoming from the Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland

The Bookstore

The bookstore invites you to stop in and have a look at our new icons and greeting cards.

We also have a new selection of incense burners with charcoal and various fragrances of incense.

We hope to see you!

Cheryl McCarus and Christie Williams



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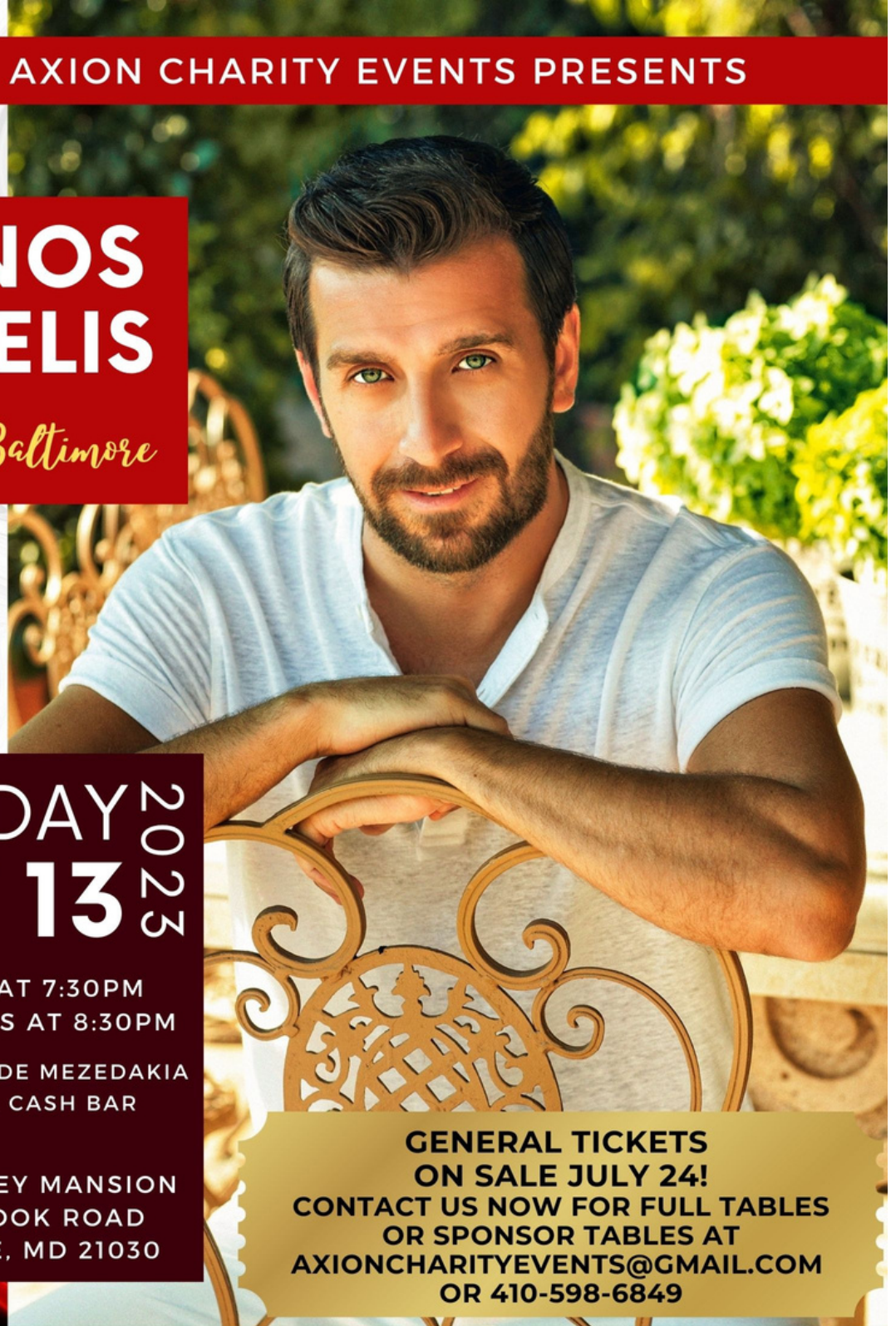




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Save the Dates

Thursday 10/5: 5 PM - 9 PM

Friday 10/6: 11 AM - 9 PM

Saturday 10/7: 11 AM - 9 PM

Sunday 10/8: 12 PM - 5 PM

YAL

THE YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE
OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MD

WORSHIP ✝ FELLOWSHIP ✝ SERVICE ✝ WITNESS

YAL is the young adult ministry group that serves the young professional community (21-35) of the Baltimore, MD area. We are here to serve Annunciation, the Orthodox community, and provide a welcoming and fun group for all to enjoy. Whether you are new to the Baltimore area or have been a long-time resident, come join us. We look forward to seeing you at our events. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - Annunciation Yal of Baltimore.

Stay tune for more YAL events.

YAL BASEBALL



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTAL REGISTRY

WEDDINGS

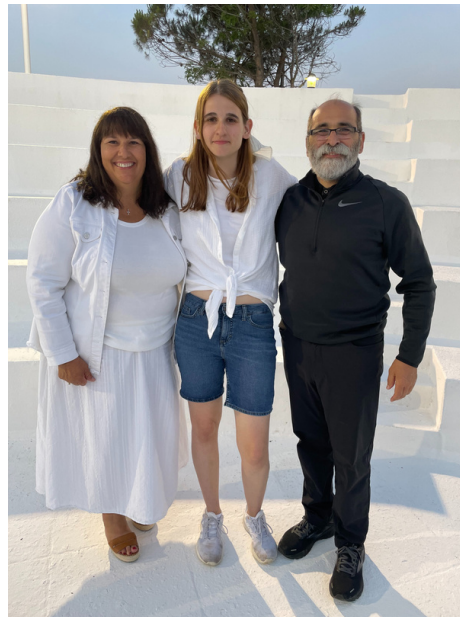
- On May 20, 2023, **Christopher Steber and Athena Vaughn Smith** were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Annunciation Cathedral. Their Sponsor was Mr. and Mrs. Basilios Roros. Congratulations!
- On May 27, 2023, **Jacob T. Shibley Knaupp and Shannon M. Baglanis** were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Annunciation Cathedral. Their Sponsor was Alexandra Fockler. Congratulations!
- On June 3, 2023, **Tyler Michael Burton and Christina Maria George** were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Annunciation Cathedral. Their Sponsor was Alexandra George. Congratulations!

FUNERALS

- On May 6, 2023 the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **Elizabeth Gabriel**, age 98.
- On May 18, 2023 the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **Dionysios Dennis James Psoras**, age 94
- On May 20, 2023 the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **Vasilios William Thomas Popomaronis**, age 70.
- On May 26, 2023 the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **Barbara Cole (Panagakos)**, age 70.
- On June 16, 2023 the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **Georgia Zotos**, age 91.

May Their Memory Be Eternal

Ionian Village



Fr. Anastasios, Presvytera Nicoletta and Annunciation parishioners - Yeoryia Swanson & Thomas Rafailides. What a beautiful experience!!!



AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS

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Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella.

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YOUTH Ministries

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, 8/27 - Blessing of the Backpacks & Donuts with Father Anastasios and Father John
- Friday, 9/8 - Start of Greek School Classes
- Sunday, 9/10 - Ministries Sunday & Sunday School Open house
- Sunday, 9/17 - Sunday School begins
- Sunday, 12/10 - Communion Breakfast and Santa Visit
- Sunday, 12/17 - Christmas Pageant



Our Youth Ministries begin their 2023/2024 season and are looking forward to all the activities and events planned for the year. We hope your children will **Join Us!**



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the
date

Donuts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
AFTER LITURGY



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- **Little Angels** - Under 4 years of age
- **Hope/Joy** - 4 to 11 years of age
- **GOYA** - 7th to 12th grade
- **Altar Boys** - 8 years of age and above
- **Dance Groups** - Filakia & Evangelakia - 1st grade to 12th grade
- **Greek School**
- **Junior Choir** - 8 to 12 years of age - Usually practices after liturgy in the Junior Choir Room for 20-30 min.

WE'RE HIRING

- **Sunday School is looking for Volunteers** - Teachers, Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aids for the 2023/2024 school year. Contact Anastasia Georgiou at religioused@annunciationbaltimore.org.
- **The Greek School is looking for Teachers** for the 2023/2024 school year. Contact Sia Kyriakakos at 443-824-2573 or siakyriakakos@gmail.com. This is a paid position.

Sunday School Year End



Greek School - Ελληνικό Σχολείο



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ANNUNCIATION GREEK SCHOOL



ΜΑΘΑΙΝΩ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE FOR ALL LEVELS

Pre-Register by September 1st using the QR code or at:
<https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6>



WHAT WE OFFER

CHILDREN'S TRADITIONAL CLASSES

"Your children will Thank You...We promise!"

Students are taught reading, writing and speaking Greek as well as religious traditions and current culture to build a sense of pride for our language, religion and heritage. Tuition includes online platform access and books.

Classes Start September 8th

Intro to Prep thru 6th Grade
Every Friday 5:15pm to 7:30pm

Tuition:

- \$535 for the first child
- \$485 for the second
- \$435 for the third
- \$385 for the fourth child

ADULT GREEK DISCOURSE

The course follows a thematic format and covers everything GREEK! Topics include Greek news, celebrations, TV shows, movies, books, recipes, etc. There will be plenty of opportunities to to converse and review grammar. Tuition: \$300. No textbooks or special classroom materials are required.

TRADITIONAL ADULT LANGUAGE PROGRAM

This class teaches beginners and experienced speakers basic language skills such as grammar, reading, speaking, and writing. Tuition: \$350. Textbooks must be purchased by the student.

Any questions, contact griekschool@annunciationbaltimore.org

Principal: Sia Kyriakakos at 443-824-2573
or siakyriakakos@gmail.com



GOYA PAINTBALL & POOL PARTY



& GOYA YEAR END OC TRIP





Join us for an exciting new year!

Sunday School consists of Nursery (2 & 3 year olds) through High School.

Sunday School class time begins once Communion is offered and is received by the students. The children will meet their teachers in the church lobby to go up to Sunday School. Altars boys will also attend Sunday School.

Sunday School will end at 11:30am or after the Divine Liturgy, whichever is the later. The children will be brought down to receive Antidoron and be dismissed from the church. Register your child at:

<https://forms.gle/Zy5bJs7q23fAvqdP8> or use the QR Code.



Sunday School Open House will be held **Sunday, September 10th** with a meet and greet.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be on **Sunday, August 27** along with Donuts with Father Anastasios and Father John.

Annunciation Dance Groups

Coffee Hour & St. Nicholas' Festival



HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCES - EARLY YEARS OF PARISH LIFE



100 Years Ago, on July 1, 1923, the first Divine Liturgy of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church took place in a rented hall at the corner of Broadway and Monument Street (site of the current Kennedy Krieger Institute). This historic liturgy marked the establishment of a second church and separated the Greek community into two political factions – a rivalry that would last over six years. Baltimore, however, was not unique. In fact, many Greek Orthodox parishes across the United States experienced this type of schism. To better understand why this occurred, we must look at the events of that era.

Though attempting to assimilate into American society, the Greeks were still tied to their native culture, traditions, and politics. During the first World War, Constantine I, King of the Hellenes, disagreed with Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos over government policies and whether Greece should enter the War with the Allies. Even after the war ended, royalist followers remained at odds with supporters of the Prime Minister. Orthodox Church hierarchs were also drawn into the “Royalist – Venizelist” controversy which spilled over to America.

By 1922, the “Evangelismos” (Annunciation) Church, located at that time on Homewood Avenue, was aligned with Prime Minister Venizelos. The pro-royalist priest was fired and replaced by a pro-Venizelist clergyman. Displeased, the royalists sued the Parish Council to have their priest reinstated. In early 1923, after King Constantine I died, the royalists’ request to have a memorial service was denied. Shortly after, the parish assembly voted to officially recognize the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (led by pro-Venizelist Archbishop Alexander) as its “ecclesiastical authority.” Following these events, the royalists made the decision to break ties with the “Evangelismos” Church and established the Holy Trinity Church. Fortunately, by the late 1920’s, political hostilities in Greece subsided, and it was deemed financially impractical to maintain two churches. The Greek community of Baltimore finally reunited at the “Evangelismos” Church on Homewood Avenue and a grand celebration was held in December 1929.

Coming in October...This fascinating segment of history will be featured in the Main Lobby Display Cases as Parish Historian Nicholas M. Prevas presents the Greek Orthodox Community of the 1920’s.

Phishing

Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target or targets are contacted by email, telephone or text message by someone posing as a legitimate institution to lure individuals into providing sensitive data such as personally identifiable information, banking and credit card details, and passwords.

The information is then used to access important accounts and can result in identity theft and financial loss.

Common Features of Phishing Emails:

1. **Too Good To Be True** - Lucrative offers and eye-catching or attention-grabbing statements are designed to attract people's attention immediately. For instance, many claim that you have won an iPhone, a lottery, or some other lavish prize. Just don't click on any suspicious emails. Remember that if it seems too good to be true, it probably is!
2. **Sense of Urgency** - A favorite tactic amongst cybercriminals is to ask you to act fast because the super deals are only for a limited time. Some of them will even tell you that you have only a few minutes to respond. When you come across these kinds of emails, it's best to just ignore them. Sometimes, they will tell you that your account will be suspended unless you update your personal details immediately. Most reliable organizations give ample time before they terminate an account and they never ask patrons to update personal details over the Internet. When in doubt, visit the source directly rather than clicking a link in an email.
3. **Hyperlinks** - A link may not be all it appears to be. Hovering over a link shows you the actual URL where you will be directed upon clicking on it. It could be completely different or it could be a popular website with a misspelling, for instance www.bankofarnerica.com - the 'm' is actually an 'r' and an 'n', so look carefully.
4. **Attachments** - If you see an attachment in an email you weren't expecting or that doesn't make sense, don't open it! They often contain payloads like ransomware or other viruses. The only file type that is always safe to click on is a .txt file.
5. **Unusual Sender** - Whether it looks like it's from someone you don't know or someone you do know, if anything seems out of the ordinary, unexpected, out of character or just suspicious in general don't click on it!

Social Engineering Red Flags



FROM

- I don't recognize the sender's email address as someone I **ordinarily communicate with**.
- This email is from **someone outside my organization and it's not related to my job responsibilities**.
- This email was sent from **someone inside the organization** or from a customer, vendor, or partner and is **very unusual or out of character**.
- Is the sender's email address from a **suspicious domain** (like microsoft-support.com)?
- I **don't know the sender personally** and they **were not vouched for** by someone I trust.
- I **don't have a business relationship** nor any past communications with the sender.
- This is an **unexpected or unusual email** with an **embedded hyperlink or an attachment** from someone I haven't communicated with recently.



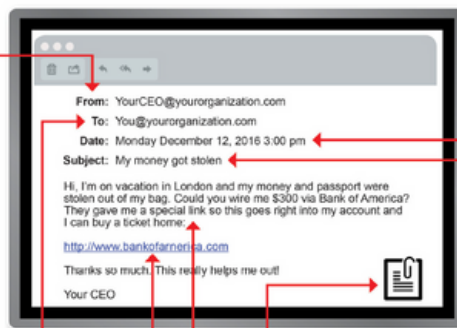
TO

- I was cc'd on an email sent to one or more people, but I **don't personally know** the other people it was sent to.
- I received an email that was also sent to an **unusual mix of people**. For instance, it might be sent to a random group of people at my organization whose last names start with the same letter, or a whole list of unrelated addresses.



HYPERLINKS

- I hover my mouse over a hyperlink that's displayed in the email message, but the **link-to address is for a different website**. (This is a **big red flag**.)
- I received an email that only has **long hyperlinks with no further information**, and the rest of the email is completely blank.
- I received an email with a **hyperlink that is a misspelling** of a known web site. For instance, www.bankofamerica.com — the "m" is really two characters — "r" and "n."



DATE

- Did I receive an email that I normally would get during regular business hours, but it was **sent at an unusual time** like 3 a.m.?



SUBJECT

- Did I get an email with a subject line that is **irrelevant** or **does not match** the message content?
- Is the email message a reply to something I **never sent or requested**?



ATTACHMENTS

- The sender included an email attachment that I **was not expecting** or that **makes no sense** in relation to the email message. (This sender doesn't ordinarily send me this type of attachment.)
- I see an attachment with a possibly **dangerous file type**. The only file type that is **always safe to click on** is a .txt file.



CONTENT

- Is the sender asking me to click on a link or open an attachment to **avoid a negative consequence** or to **gain something of value**?
- Is the email **out of the ordinary**, or does it have **bad grammar** or **spelling errors**?
- Is the sender asking me to click a link or open up an attachment that **seems odd** or **illogical**?
- Do I have an **uncomfortable gut feeling** about the sender's request to open an attachment or click a link?
- Is the email asking me to look at a **compromising or embarrassing picture** of myself or someone I know?



- **Prosforon** (Holy Communion Bread) - One of the great honors for a family is to bake Prosforon to be used for the Divine Liturgy. Please contact the Cathedral office if you would like to provide Prosforon.
- **Coffee Hour** - Contact the Cathedral Office 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 more information, contact the Cathedral office.
- **Forty Day Baby Blessing** - Contact the Cathedral Office to schedule the service. These blessings take place immediately after the Divine Liturgy and families should plan to arrive at the Cathedral no later than 9:30 am. 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 at the Cathedral. Pews are reserved for students in the Cathedral during the Divine Liturgy to the left of the Altar. Once the students receive Holy Communion, they will be escorted to their respective classrooms for the lesson. The students will be brought down at 11:15 am to the sanctuary or at the conclusion of the Divine liturgy to receive antideron and be dismissed (whichever is the later).
- **Altar Boys** - Young men, ages 8 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 no later than 9:30 am and must receive a blessing from the presiding priest before serving. Altar boys will be dismissed for Sunday School once they receive communion when Sunday School is in session.
- **Memorial Services** - Kindly contact the Cathedral two weeks prior to schedule a memorial service for your loved one. Be mindful that conflicts sometimes do occur due to the ecclesiastical calendar of the Orthodox Church. It is up to the family to prepare and distribute the koliva (boiled wheat) unless other arrangements have been made with the Philoptochos (contact Georgeann Morekas, 443-845-1176). Flowers and koliva should be at the Cathedral no later than 9:00 am on Sunday morning. Pews will be reserved in the center for family members on a first come basis. Father Anastasios 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 Anastasios. Arrangements for the funeral will be made in conjunction with the funeral home and Father Anastasios.
- **Hospital and Nursing Home Visits** - It is up to the family to notify Father Anastasios 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 no activities, the lots are closed. Cars left on the lot, regardless of parking permit, 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 Anastasios. 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 relevant events in the life of our parish. Death announcements are sent only if the funeral takes place at the Cathedral or our Cemetery Chapel.
- **Social Services Assistance** - The Philoptochos has resources available to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to: philoptochos@annunciationbaltimore.org; or Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org; or leave a message at the church.
- **Good Standing** - If you have already obtained a civil divorce, you must also receive an Ecclesiastical Divorce from the Church. This brief process is confidentially handled by the parish priest and must be completed in order to be in good standing with the Church, meaning that you may not partake in the Sacramental life of the Church (ex: being a sponsor at a wedding or baptism, receiving Holy Communion, Holy Unction, serving on Parish Council, voting at Parish Assemblies, and entering into another marriage). Please consider your personal situation and be in good standing with the Church. If you have questions or concerns please contact Fr. Anastasios directly.
- **Steward of the Parish** - As Orthodox Christians we are stewards of the Church not merely members. Stewardship is our lifetime commitment to our Church that begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues annually when we financially, physically, and spiritually contribute and participate in the life of the Church. Our Stewardship Pledge is made as a grateful response for what God has given us through Christ. All parishioners over 18 years of age who submit a stewardship commitment and remain current with that commitment during the year will be considered voting members of the parish. All members of a household who are over the age of 18 should submit their own stewardship commitment. More rights and responsibilities of our stewards are outlined in the charters and by-laws of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Metropolis of New Jersey, and the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation.