THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION

THE ARCHANGEL

September/October 2023 NEWSLETTER





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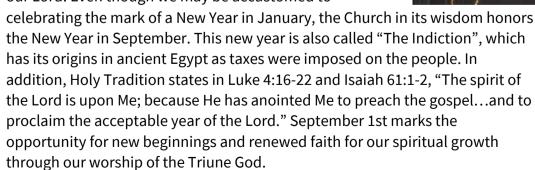
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A Message from Father Anastasios

Dear Faithful of the Cathedral of the Annunciation, With prayers that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will bless us with His will throughout this New Ecclesiastical Year.

A new beginning...A continuation of ministries...A return to normalcy...Whatever we may call it. It is always the Year of our Lord. Even though we may be accustomed to



As we commence this New Year, we are inspired by the work and ministries of our Cathedral of the Annunciation. We have already started preparing for the New Year by meeting with the various organizations, such as Philoptochos, Youth and the numerous committees that make up the amazing membership of our Cathedral. Ministries and organizations do not function on their own. It is required that volunteers create space in their schedules to participate and



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make the ministry a place where talent, time and treasure are used to their potential. In the past year, I have seen this great Cathedral grow in all aspects of our Orthodox Faith.

The youth have been inspired and their programs are showing great promise—the Sunday School, GOYA, JOY/HOPE, and the camping ministry. In August, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos appointed me as the Youth Commissioner of the Maryland and Northern Virginia Region. It is truly an honor. We wish His Eminence "AXIOS" in his election as the spiritual leader of the Metropolis of New Jersey. We will have His Eminence in our prayers as he will be enthroned on September 16, 2023.

There are many upcoming programs and events scheduled for the next few months and throughout the year. Strongly consider participating in and attending the events sponsored and planned by our Cathedral. Our Festival in October, the many celebrations of our ministries, and classes in Orthodoxy are just a few dates on the calendar. The faithful are the Church and all are welcomed to participate, so that the oneness in Christ may be our goal. Also for this reason, we must always be cognizant of our Stewardship to the Church. The Cathedral relies on the free will offering of the faithful to support the Church and continue the work that is required to proclaim the Gospel. The Stewardship Committee takes their role seriously and asks all of us to give to our potential. God offers us so much, let us consider our gift back to our Church. Ever thought about being a Day Sponsor? A Day Sponsor is a gift that covers the Cathedral expenses for ONE DAY. What a statement that will be made! Thank you to all who contribute to our blessed Cathedral!

Let us also keep in our prayers the work of the Parish Council, the Capital Campaign committee, and all those working diligently for the resolution of the five vacant properties that are across from our Cathedral. They met with our faithful throughout the summer and carefully examined all possible uses for the buildings. We are confident that, by the grace of God and our continued prayers, a proper resolution will result from our efforts.

Therefore, as we enter this New Ecclesiastical Year, let us stay focused on the teachings of our Lord. Let us speak words of encouragement, let us act with kindness, and let us be examples of unity rather than dissension, so that when we are looked upon, we resemble Christ and His saints in all that we do.

As I prepare to complete my first year at the Cathedral of the Annunciation, I, Presvytera Nicoletta, and our girls, are grateful for the outpouring of support that has been graciously given to us. I look forward to continuing to meet new families through the ministries of our Church and the blessing of their homes or businesses. So this year - come to Church, support and get involved - because as we read in Romans 8:31 – "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Paternally in Christ,

Fr. Anastasios

If you have any have photos to share with the Newsletter Committee, upload them to the <u>Newsletter Drive</u>:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WFcn1I2wCh60UTywq1Z436wcDagXzSOs?usp=sharing

November/December Newsletter Submission Deadline is Noon on October 16th

Message from Geli Ioannou, Parish Council President



Greetings in Christ!

We recently conducted our sixth and final "working session meeting" regarding resolving what should done with our five vacant properties. Specifically, resolving the question of how to incorporate the properties into the overall conceptual plan for our Capital Campaign. A conceptual plan for the properties to repurpose and reimagine the space in furtherance of the Cathedral's purpose and mission has been forefront in our thoughts, as we have explored many options. Based on a thorough review of the five options, the Parish Council has no desire to sell or relinquish control of the properties, which sit directly across the street from our beautiful Cathedral.

I want to thank all the parishioners who attended the meetings. The Parish Council has been open and receptive to hearing your thoughts and concerns. I truly believe that we have determined a path forward, pending confirmation of costs. The May 7 General Assembly concluded with the following resolution being passed, "That the Parish Council select one of the scenarios and report back to a General Assembly, to be held after September 15, 2023, but no later than October 15, 2023." The Parish Council is on schedule to fulfill this resolution. I am excited and hopeful that we can begin renovating the education building and lower level, where we gather so often in mission, purpose and fellowship. I am also excited that as we explored all our options, we realized that there was a need to reimagine how the parish ministries can better use the space in the AOC building across the street.

Father Anastasios reminded us in his recent sermon, that as we begin a new ecclesiastical year, we should feel free to celebrate this time as a "new beginning", fully understanding that there is a continuation of God's purpose for us in His church. Our parents, grandparents and great grandparents purchased the Cathedral with nickels and dimes, and some mortgaged their homes. Their desire was to establish a house of Orthodox worship and community. We are the beneficiaries of their sacrifice and dreams, and we have a responsibility to honor their efforts and ensure that future generations will always have a spiritual home at the Cathedral. It is with this spirit that we should all embrace the vision of the Capital Campaign as we invest in "bricks and mortar". But it is more important that we invest and participate in the life and fellowship of the church. On Sunday, September 10th, the various ministries and organizations of the Cathedral were represented in the Father Monios Hall during the coffee hour. It is not too late to take the opportunity to expand your understanding of our ministries and become more involved in church life. There are many reasons for us all to be joyful and energized as we begin the new ecclesiastical year.

In Christ's Service,

-Geli



SCHEDULING OF SACRAMENTS, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please contact the Church Office before you schedule all on-site and off-site meetings, activities and events to ensure that there are no conflicts for meeting space and that the meetings/events appear on the church calendar.

Contact <u>assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org</u>

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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Noon on Wednesday to assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org

The Archangel Newsletter Noon on October 16th to newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dn. John and Dka. Irene welcomed Phanourios John Bullock on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 12:02am. Both Diakonissa and the baby are healthy and well. Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTAL REGISTRY

BAPTISMS

- On July 8, 2023, Antonia Morris, daughter of Robert and Maria Morris was baptized in the Orthodox Church. Her sponsors were Evelyn Kimos and Yianni Charalambopoulos and given the Baptismal Name - ANTONIA.
- On July 22, 2023, Nikolaos Wesley Green, son of Morgan and Stephanie Green was baptized in the Orthodox Church. His sponsor was Nicholas Antonis and given the Baptismal Name - NIKOLAOS.
- On August 26, 2023, Adeline Elizabeth Bosse, daughter of Christopher and Amber Bosse was baptized in the Orthodox Church. Her sponsor was Elizabeth Bosse and given the Baptismal Name - ELIZABETH.

CHRISMATIONS

On July 2, 2023, the servant of God, Chelsea Green, was received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation. Her sponsors were Harry and Reina Amarantidis and given the Chrismation Name - ANASTASIA.

WEDDINGS

- On August 26, 2023, Kyriakos George Diakoparaskevas and Sophia Artemisia Halkias were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. Their Sponsor was Maria Anagnostou. Congratulations!
- On September 3, 2023, Spyridon Christopher Swanson and Kelly Margaret Chapman were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. Their Sponsors were Vasileios and Lemonia Sfakianoudis. Congratulations!
- On September 9, 2023, Edward Raymond Imparato, Jr. and Marina Lauren Conits were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. Their Sponsors were Anthony Bridges and Wallace Vlassis. Congratulations!

FUNERALS

• On August 14, 2023, the funeral service was held for the servant of God, John Tselepis, age 70.

May his memory be eternal.

"Growing In Faith" Women's Bible Study

The Fall 2023 Session of the Women's Bible Study has begun. Let's learn together as we explore the book of Galatians on the following Saturday mornings @ 10-11:30am at the Annunciation Orthodox Center (AOC):

- September 9th, Chapter 1
- October 21st, Chapter 4
- September 30th, Chapter 2 November 11th, Chapter 5
- October 14th, Chapter 3
- November 18th, Chapter 6

No prior Bible knowledge is required! For questions, contact Janine Karbelas womensbiblestudy@annunciationbaltimore.org





Our Cathedral of the Annunciation Philoptochos chapter continues to be exemplary in their service to others through Philanthropy, Fellowship and Faith in Action. We are a beacon of light to all those in need.

Maui Relief – the news reporting destruction of another beautiful area of our county struck with raging fires has been devastating. Philoptochos has been in contact with Dean Triantafilou, IOCC, offering immediate financial support.

Due to the situation still developing and authorities limiting access, the IOCC has requested us to hold on the donation until there is a clearer picture of needs and the distribution capacity is understood. Pray for people of the island of Maui.

11th Annual Flea Market – We recently concluded our annual Flea Market. The Philoptochos thanks the Cathedral community for their donations and support of the event. Our initial results have exceeded \$76,000. Your generosity allows us to continue serving those within our community and other local and state organizations that assist those in need. All unsold items are being distributed to local charities for their use.

The Philoptochos Apron sale fundraiser to benefit the Philoxenia House Elevator Project experienced great momentum throughout the summer. Rhoula Monios and Jean Prevas' efforts reaching out to our Annunciation community, travelling to sister parishes, setting up displays for sale, and filling orders received has created such enthusiasm and enjoyment to all those who wear the colorful aprons with the many logos. If you have not yet purchased your apron, contact Rhoula at rhoulaevie@yahoo.com. They make great gifts!

Philoptochos has supported the following organizations during the last two months with sponsorships and donations, totaling \$7,688.50:

- Annunciation Bookstore Philoptochos recently partnered with the AHEPA to purchase Bibles for our Sunday School students.
- YOCAMA, Young Orthodox Christian American Mission Adventure We sponsored Gabriella Bourantas' recent mission trip. YOCAMA is an independent, non-profit organization that provides teens and young adults an opportunity to share the experience of working side-by-side with Native Americans who are helping to improve the quality of life in their own communities in the Navajo and Blackfeet reservations.
- The National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Donated to the 13th Biennial Retreat held in the New Jersey Metropolis, to assist with costs that allowed more Presvyteres to attend this much needed retreat.
- Adult Teen Challenge of Baltimore Event Sponsorship Their mission is to provide faith-based solution to individuals of all ages with life controlling issues using biblical principles. Teen Challenge has assisted us with moving furniture and helping with Flea Market set-up for the last two years.
- Helping Up Missions Met a Matching Fund challenge to assist the Men and Women's Helping Up Mission programs.
- Maryland Food Bank/Kahlert Foundation Met a Matching Fund Challenge to assist the Food Bank with providing food goods to the public.
- MudGirls Studios "New Beginnings" Our donation to MudGirls Studios is supporting a new renovation and move to a beautiful, accessible store-front and workspace.

- Kennedy Krieger Lower/Middle School & Henderson/Hopkins Elementary School Our donation is being used to purchase School Supplies for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Baltimore Public Schools Our donation is being used to purchase school supplies and deliver them to designated locations.

Upcoming Dates:

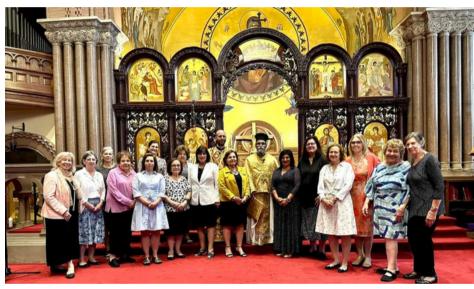
- September 26, 2023 The Baltimore Station Cook and Serve dinner.
- November 5, 2023 Sunday The Philoptochos Society honors our organizations Patron Saints Cosmas and Damianos with an Artoclasia and coffee reception.
- November 18, 2023, Saturday Philoptochos General Meeting Our members are invited for lunch and fellowship DETAILS TO FOLLOW

In Christ,

Connie Rogers
President



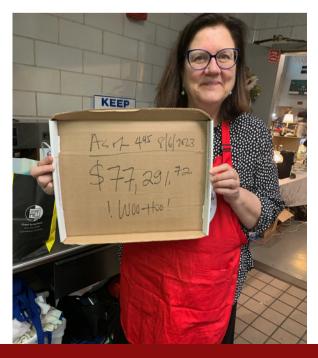
Kathe Lazarides and Jean Prevas visit the MudGirls Studio in Atlantic City, NJ. Pictured with them is Dorrie Papadimitriou, Designer/Director who established MudGirls to train women to work with clay to have meaningful employment and improve their living conditions.



2023 Philoptochos Board

















"Apron Fundraiser" to Benefit The Philoxenia House †

\$35/ Each

Each Apron is Embroidered

Shipping can be arranged for an additional charge.



#1 Athena Standing in Red
"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 Rhoula Monios, 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

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Contact Rhoula Monios @ rhoulaevie@yahoo.com for more information

STEWARDSHIP & DAY SPONSORS



Thank you to the following parishioners who have submitted their 2023 Stewardship Pledge form - online or hardcopy - from 7/2/2023 to 8/31/2023

Nicholas Antonis

Jasmine Lampadarios

Sophia Stratakis

Georgette Vlangas

Dear Faithful of the Cathedral of the Annunciation,

As we have just entered another year of our church, I wanted to relay to you that Stewardship revenue and potential revenue are below an 8-year normal and far below expectations for 2023. This summer, as in the past, stewardship revenue did not cover expenses, which means that the Parish Council covered costs by internal borrowing of money from restricted accounts. This summer lull in revenue happens every year; however, the more predominant concern is the current forecast that 2023 stewardship revenue will not catch up by year end. Based on what we see and what we know stewards have pledged, we are very likely to fall about \$100,000 short of the budgeted stewardship revenue. This is a real projection with potential impacts to the parishes' short- and long-term fiscal health. Simply put, there isn't \$100k worth of discretionary spending in the operating budget. Yet even with this projection, there is optimism, because our parishioners always respond when the alarm bell rings. Please, hear that bell ringing loudly. We ask you all to respond according to your ability to help strengthen and expand our ministries and to help meet our common expectations of who we are as a parish. We thank all who have made a pledge and have fulfilled or are fulfilling it. We thank all who have contributed in any way (time, talent, and treasure). We ask all who have not yet done so to please let us know what to expect from you this year. Simply put, communicate your intentions with an annual pledge. As a suggestion, the Stewardship Committee believes the Day Sponsor (\$3500) or Half-day (\$1750) Sponsor Program will resonate with many of our parishioners, for often time stewards ask for guidance for their contributions to the church and her ministries.

Every decision is personal. We ask for your patience and consideration. Sincerely sharing with you the love of our faith and parish,

Fr. Anastasios Geli Ioannou, Parish Council President Tom Boardman, Stewardship Chairman

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 9/8/2023

2023 Pledged	2023 Non-Pledged (no Pledge Form)	Totals		
\$247,279.34	\$265,797.40	\$513,076.74		

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

MINISTRY SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10































<u>Book Reviews</u> by Presvytera Nicoletta Bourantas

Children:

A Faith Encouraged: A Devotional Guide to Being Orthodox on Purpose by Fr. Barnabas Powell

In the style of his beloved podcast, Fr. Barnabas Powell offers reflections for each workday of the year to inspire us to live out our faith in the real world every day. Read these brief thoughts for a shot of encouragement to live each day as Orthodox on Purpose.

Adult:

Yiayia and the Prosphoron written and illustrated by Eglé -Ekatarine Potamitis

In this story, Yiayia shares with her grandchildren the joy of baking prosphoron as an offering to God. The book includes a recipe as well as prayers to say when preparing holy bread.

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.





The Father Dean Moralis Bookstore of the Cathedral of the Annunciation

In keeping with the mission of the Father Dean Moralis Bookstore of the Annunciation to provide spiritual and educational resources for the Orthodox community, we are offering stimulating books and prayer aids, including prayer beads and bracelets, to support our children and young adults in growing their faith.

Our shelves are overflowing with beautiful and inspiring gold leaf and pure silver icons imported from Greece. There is something for every home, and gifts for all ages.

Please visit us every Sunday after Divine Liturgy and other times as needed. Please feel free to contact us at bookstore@annunciationbaltimore.org.



This year all Sunday School Students from 4th grade to 12th grade will be receiving the <u>Greek Orthodox Study Bible</u> through our Annunciation Philoptochos and AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30's generous donation.

WOMEN'S GUILD

2023 - 2024 OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

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Georgette Stavrakas
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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.







WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, September 21st 6:30 PM - 10 PM

> Union Craft Brewing 1700 W 41st St Baltimore, MD 21211

LEARN ABOUT YAL &
MEET NEW PEOPLE



FESTIVAL FOOD PREPERATION

Join fellow parishioners to prepare food items for the upcoming Festival. Contact Michael Baglanis with any questions at pmbaglanis@stephengould.com or Eleni Roros at eroros99@gmail.com.

- o Saturday, September 16 (9:30am) Spanakopita
- o Saturday, September 23 (11am) Pastitsio & Mousaka
- o Thursday & Friday, September 28 & 29 (10am) Baklava

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

• We will be offering a silent auction at the festival. Please consider sponsoring a silent auction basket. Forms available on the Welcome Table in the lobby or online via the church website. For more information, contact Judy Georges at judy-wood@comcast.net or 443-301-5041.

FESTIVAL ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

• Are you interested in advertising your business in our community and to the over 10,000 festival attendees? Consider purchasing a \$250 Business Card Ad that will be displayed on dining table placemats AND poster boards throughout the festival weekend! In addition, the placemat will be posted on our festival social media for additional exposure! Kindly contact Nikki Monios 443-930-0404 or nikkimonios4@gmail.com for more information.



FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our 51st Annual Greek Festival is quickly approaching! We are looking for volunteers to help in venues throughout the festival, as well as set-up, which starts Sat, Sept 30. To volunteer scan QR code or use the link:
 https://forms.gle/VfGXFkPFtnsGHv5K9 or contact Diane Homberg at dianehomberg@yahoo.com or 410-952-2251.





Annunciation Cathedral 51st Greek Food * Wine * Culture Festival October 5, 6, 7 and 8th



Monetary Donation: \$_____ Gift Basket #: Other Donation:__

Please make checks payable to: Annunciation Cathedral Silent Auction

Silent Auction Basket Sponsor:

We will prepare the basket for you.

You may drop off your donation at the church office or mail your donation before September 15th to:

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

ATTN: Silent Auction Committee

24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Silent Auction Donation Form:

Name:		
Email:		
Telephone:_		
Address:		
	For more information contact.	

For more information contact: **Judy Georges** judy-wood@comcast.net, 443-301-5041

Thank you. We rely on generous donations from our Annunciation Cathedral families and friends.

SPONSORSHIP SUGGESTIONS

\$25 SPONSORS:

- 1. New Year's Eve Party Basket champagne, glasses, accessories
- 2. Candy lovers basket assorted sweets, candy & gum
- 3. Coffee Wagon gift card, coffee, coffee mugs, etc.
- 4. Tasty Tacos Holder, Recipes, Ingredients
- 5. Puzzled by Puzzles a basket of puzzles to conquer
- 6. Beauty Secrets Samples of Makeup and Skin care products
- 7. Americana Party Basket All things Red, White & Blue
- 8. Coloring Therapy Coloring Books, Crayons & Markers
- 9. Wine Rack, Bottles of Wine, Opener and Accessories

\$100 SPONSORS:

- Pasta Basket Pasta, cheese, grater, pasta bowls, sauces, GC
- 2. Date Night Dinner and a movie GC
- 3. Dog lover's basket gift certificate, toys, leash, treats
- 4. Cat lover's basket gift certificate, collar, toys, grooming tools, treats, and more
- 5. Man Cave Poker table top, Poker chips, Bottle opener, Beer mugs and Beer.
- 6. Breakfast Basket waffle/pancake mix, syrup, toppings, waffle maker and pancake warmer

\$50 SPONSORS:

- 1. Game Night games for the whole family
- 2. Crab Basket Many unimaginable crab items
- 3. Movie Night Popcorn popper, boxed candy
- 4. Italian Basket Pasta Bowl, Sauce, Cheese, Olive oil, Bread sticks, Olives, Capers and more
- 5. Moscow Mule So Cool Mule Mugs, Ginger Beer, Vodka and Accessories
- 6. Martini Basket Martini glasses, Martini mixes, Olives, Shaker, Napkins, Vodka
- 7. BBQ Lover's Basket Tools, Sauces, Mats & Recipes
- 8. Wine & Cheese Wine, Cheese, Crackers, Olives, Napkins, Wine glasses
- 9. Bakers Basket pans, mixes, frosting, decorations, cookbook

\$150 SPONSORS:

- 1. Books & Coffee Gift certificates, Books and Coffee
- 2. French Chef- gift certificate, Wine Caddy, Cooking Accessories
- 3. Ice Cream Supreme Ice Cream Maker, Recipes, Serving Dishes, Toppings, etc.
- 4. Juicing Juicing machine, recipes, juice mixes

\$75 SPONSORS:

- 1. Greek Basket -cookbook, apron, spices, foods, etc.
- 2. Auto gift certificate, car wash products, etc.
- 3. Mexican Fiesta chips, salsa, margarita mix, tequila, tortilla holder, margarita glasses, rim salt and more
- 4. Beauty Abounds Luxury Hair and Face products
- 5. Beer Sampler beer, glasses, bottle opener, snacks
- 6. Golf Basket tees, golf glove, balls, shirt, towel
- 7. Movie Night Dinner and Movie Gift Certificate
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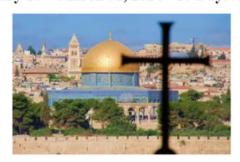
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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY & CONSTANTINOPLE

Join Rev. Fr. Anastasios Bourantas, Protopresbyter of Cathedral of the Annunciation of Baltimore, MD. February 16 – March 01, 2024 - 15 Days /13 Nights







THE HOLY LAND (9 Nights): Your trip to the Holy Land will be an unforgettable and spiritually rewarding journey! Visit and venerate Christendom's most sacred sites. See where Jesus spent most of his life and performed the many miracles you have read about in the Bible. Visit the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Tiberias! Pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Church of St Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the Prison of Christ (Praitorion), and The Church of the Holy Apostles and the Church of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. Take the cable car up to the Mount of Temptation Monastery and see the rock that Jesus prayed by. Visit the Church of the Nativity and touch the spot where Christ was born! Additional sites you will see are St. George of Lydda, the Church of Tabgha (the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes), Cana of Galilee, the Church of the Annunciation, the Garden of Agony, the Monastery of St. Gerasimos, the Church of St. Elisseos and the Tree of Zacchaeus. Take a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee and attend midnight Liturgy at the Holy Sepulcher. Enjoy an audience with the Patriarch of Jerusalem (Subject to confirmation)

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- *Daily breakfast and dinner in Israel. Daily breakfast and one farewell dinner in Constantinople
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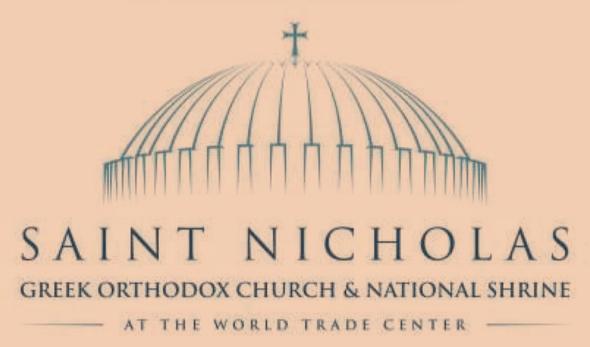




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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 Leaving at 7:00 A.M from and returning at 8:00 P.M to the Cromwell Bridge Park and Ride



We will be attending church service. After which, Fr. Andreas Vithoulkas will give us a guided tour of the magnificent iconography and talk about the rich history that connects the past with the present. Followed by a 3 course Mediterranean lunch at Skinos restaurant.

Then a tour of the nearby Ukrainian Museum with its array of traditional arts and crafts, 20th and 21st century art, and an extensive collection of archival material.

Cost: \$130.

For reservation please contact: Stacy Kosmides at 410-215-6900 or skosmides@msn.com





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Celebrating a century of service to the Greek-American community!

The Worthington Chapter No. 30 of AHEPA cordially invites you to its

100th Anniversary Gala Dinner-Dance



Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023

Place: Martin's Valley Mansion 594 Cranbrook Road Cockeysville, MD 21030



Time: 7 – 11pm

Ticket price - \$100 (Individual or Tables of 10 available)

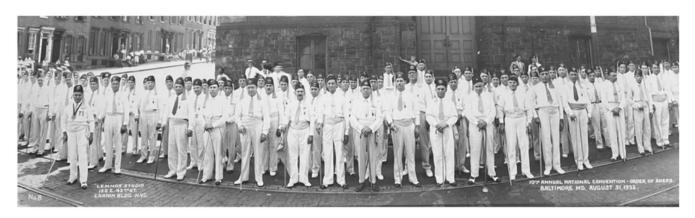
Black Tie Optional

All proceeds from this historic event will be donated to the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program that acquires dogs as companions for Veterans with PTSD.

Raffle Tickets are available for \$100 benefiting the veterans' service dog initiative with a grand prize drawing of \$25,000 – winner to be announced that evening!

Be a part of this historic celebration...which includes nostalgic photograph displays, a raffle drawing, plenty of fellowship and music by Koko Brothers. Each guest will receive a copy of "Tracing 100 Years of Progress" which was written for this special occasion!

Since October 1923, the Worthington Chapter has supported the Greek Orthodox Church communities and charitable organizations, both local and national, while promoting the Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, and civic responsibility. AHEPA stands for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.



Dinner and Raffle Tickets are available for purchase after church services or by contacting Chairman William Bond at bondgrp@comcast.net or 410-913-2350.

HOPE/JOY AT FIRST FRUITS FARM























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!

- **Sunday School** Preschool through High School
- 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

- <u>Dance Groups</u> Filakia & Evangelakia 1st grade to 12th grade
- Greek School
- <u>Junior Choir</u> 8 to 12 years of age Usually practices after liturgy in the Junior Choir Room for 20-30 min.



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 using QR code or at: https://forms.gle/Zy5bJs7q23fAvqdP8.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, 9/17 Sunday School begins
- Friday, 9/15 Greek School
- Sunday, 9/17 Sunday School
 & Evangelakia & Filakia St. Mary's Festival
- Friday, 9/22 Greek School
- Sunday, 9/24 Sunday School
 & Evangelakia Dance Practice
- Friday, 9/29 Greek School
- Sunday, 10/1 Sunday School
- Friday, 10/6 No Greek School
- Friday, 10/13 Greek School
- Sunday, 10/15 Sunday School
- Friday, 10/20 Greek School & 7:00pm GOYA Meeting
- Sunday, 10/22 Sunday School

- Friday, 10/27 Greek School
 & PTO Sponsored Event
- Sunday, 10/29 Sunday School
- Friday, 11/3 Greek School
 & 7:00pm GOYA Corn maze
- Sunday, 11/5 Sunday School
 St. Nektarios Procession & Teacher Appreciation
- Friday, 11/10 Greek School
- Sunday, 11/12 Sunday School
 & Hope/Joy at the Maryland Zoo (Time TBD)
- Friday, 11/17 Greek School
- Sunday, 11/19 Sunday School
- Friday, 11/24 No Greek School
- Sunday, 11/26 No Sunday School
- Sunday, 12/10 Communion Breakfast and Santa Visit
- Sunday, 12/17 Christmas Pageant

GOYA - IST MEETING AND POOL PARTY































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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.

Classes Start September 8th Intro to Prep thru 6th Grade Every Friday 5:15pm to 7:30pm

Tuition:

- S535 for the first child
- S485 for the second
- S435 for the third
- \$385 for the fourth child

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



loin the Annunciation Dance groups. Practices are on planned for Sundays after Divine Liturgy.

Contact Peggy DiBiasi at dance@annunciationbaltimore.org



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Contact Rhoula Monios rhoulaevie@yahoo.com

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HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCES - EARLY YEARS OF PARISH LIFE



By the fall of 1923, the Greek Community of Baltimore was split down political lines. The supporters of Greece's Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos were worshipping at the "Evangelismos" (Annunciation) Church at Homewood Avenue and Chase Street. They were known as "Venizelists." The supporters of the monarchy who were memorializing the late King Constantine I of Greece were known as "Royalists." They were worshipping at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at Broadway and Monument Streets.

A century ago, the community's schism led to anger and confusion, dissolved business partnerships, and hard feelings among many compatriots. Internally, Annunciation experienced trouble regarding church administration and clergy assignments. After the departure of proroyalist parishioners in 1923, records show that Annunciation changed priests no less than five times during the remainder of that decade, and not without repercussion. One priest defiantly filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Baltimore to keep his job but lost following the deposition of Archbishop Alexander. Thankfully, a reconciliation of the two rival groups occurred in 1929 and Baltimore's Greek community then reunited at the Annunciation Church.

During this era, those who took a dim view of the political fights in Greece, while witnessing the blatant discrimination against various immigrant groups, formed a fraternal organization called the AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association). Established in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, AHEPA promoted assimilation into American society, encouraged U.S. citizenship, and educated Greek compatriots to become more aware of their civic, charitable, and philanthropic duties in their newly-adopted country. On October 5, 1923, the 30th AHEPA lodge in the nation was established in Baltimore and was named the "Worthington" Chapter. This fall marks its 100th Anniversary and a centennial celebration will be held on November 4, 2023, which will include a detailed display of photographs and memorabilia spanning ten decades of the AHEPA chapter's history.

Coming in October – The Greek Orthodox Community of the 1920's, with the "Royalists v. Venizelists" theme, will be displayed in the Main Lobby showcases presented by Parish Historian Nicholas M. Prevas.



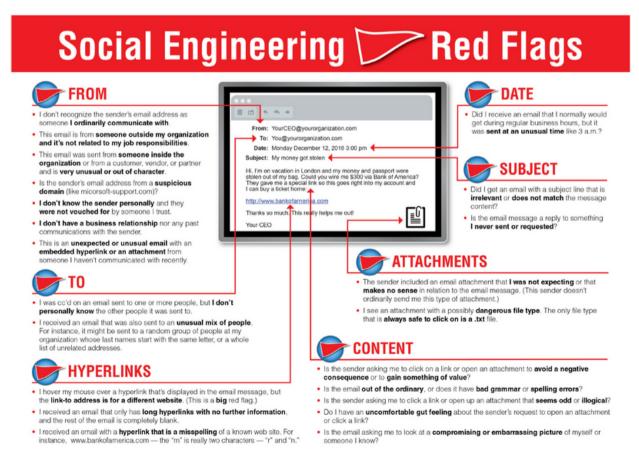
Phishing

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. <u>Too Good To Be True</u> 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 to good to be true, it probably is!
- 2. <u>Sense of Urgency</u> 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. <u>Hyperlinks</u> 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. <u>Attachments</u> 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. <u>Unusual Sender</u> 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!



Pastoral Reminders

• **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.
- **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.