

# THE ARCHANGEL

May/June 2024 NEWSLETTER



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## Message from Father George Mastakas

Christ is Risen! Χριστὸς Ανέστη!

Dear Faithful,

We have had the blessing as a parish family to come together in prayer for Holy Week, culminating with the glorious day of the Lord's Resurrection. The solemnity of the Holy Week services prepared and led us to the joy and triumph of light over darkness, of hope over despair, and of life over death.



It has been an absolute blessing and joy to meet many more of our Faithful during this past week, and also become better acquainted with those I have already met. I have been very impressed and extremely grateful with the level of involvement from so many of you during these past few weeks. It's such a joy to see all our parish ministries in full force, contributing towards future success. It was particularly heartwarming to see the active participation of our youth in church services, during the Holy Friday Youth Retreat (with all the creative and fun interactive activities), the lovely young Myrofores during the Friday evening Lamentations, the Easter Egg hunt, and of course the young acolytes who assisted in the altar. It is



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imperative for our children to know and experience the holy traditions of our faith, and also the true joy that we can experience in fellowship. I also had the blessing this past week to visit some of the most vulnerable of our fellow parishioners who are no longer capable of attending services. Their tireless contributions throughout their lifetime has brought us to this day and afforded us the opportunity to build upon their success, and for that we are forever grateful. It was a blessing to hear their story and to bring Christ to them since they are no longer able to come to Him. I am thankful for the Philoptochos initiative that spearheaded this effort by providing a thoughtful Easter gift bag and card as a sign of appreciation and love.

As we go beyond this feast day, let us open our hearts to the transformative power of Christ's resurrection. The only way towards a better future is in Christ. It is through active participation in the life of the Church that we can embrace the promise of redemption and renewal, knowing that through His sacrifice, we are granted eternal life and boundless grace. Together we can work on strengthening the ministries that serve the faithful and allow them to draw closer to Christ and the love that comes with His embrace.

May the joyous Paschal season fill you with joy, peace, and the assurance of God's unfailing love. Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

In Christ,  
*Father George*  
Fr. George Mastakas



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May/June Newsletter Submission Deadline is Noon on June 15th



## **Message from Ernie Rafailides, Parish Council President**



Χριστός Ανέστη. We have completed our journey through Lent and have celebrated the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the last 60 days not only have we been preparing mentally, spiritually, and physically for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but we have also experienced change – mainly a change in leadership.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I want to thank the entire community for welcoming Father George, Presvytera Evelyn, and their adult children, John-Mark, Sophia, and Constantine to our Cathedral Family. We appreciate everyone's involvement and support as we transition to new clerical leadership.

The path of change will continue this Spring. For the first time in the Cathedral's history, we will hold our Festival over the Memorial Day weekend at the end of May. Please reach out to Geli Ioannou to volunteer. Over the next couple of months, Father George will start meeting with all our committees and continue planning for this year and start planning for next. I would encourage committees who have not had a chance to meet with Father George to reach out to the office and set up a meeting with him. All committees, unless specifically authorized by the Uniform Parish Regulations, work under the authority of the Parish Council. If a committee has been dormant or needs to be re-authorized, please reach out to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has already received a request to re-establish the Iconography and Beautification Committee. That request and others regarding committees will be taken into consideration during our May and June meetings. There will be another first this May. On May 11, 2024, the Cathedral will host the Metropolis Final of the St. John Chrysostom Festival. Corinna Vlahoyiannis is heading the Host Committee. We thank Corinna for her efforts and for representing our Cathedral. His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos will be in attendance.

On June 23, 2024, the Feast of Pentecost will celebrate the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, the establishment of the Church, and the baptism of those who believed in Jesus Christ. Our current committees are working hard to serve Christ, our Church, and our community. The Capital Campaign Committee officially hired Lou Baird and Associates to act as consultants and guide us as we plan for the renovation projects that will transform our Cathedral campus. The Capital Campaign Committee has also been working hard on their request for funding to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. The Building and Maintenance Committee meets every month and is constantly working on issues in the Cathedral's Sanctuary, the Education Building, the Annunciation Orthodox Center, and the Cemetery. Some of the repair items the Building and Maintenance Committee is handling include but are not limited to slate repair at the AOC, leaking water at the AOC, evaluating roof estimates for the Education building, and finalizing and seeking approval for a new Hot Water system in the Education Building. Again, we have many committees and ministries working hard, there is just not enough space to mention all that is being done.

When the Holy Spirit ascended upon the Apostles during Pentecost, they were given the ability to speak in foreign tongues and were charged to go forth, spread the Gospel, and establish the Church. Every committee and ministry should focus on this mission. Now is the time to not only embrace the change in our Cathedral life but also in your spiritual life and get involved with a committee or ministry to spread the glorious message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If there is a committee or ministry that the Cathedral does not offer and you are interested in getting involved and starting, please talk to Father George and the Parish Council. With more than 40 ministries and committees that are part of our Cathedral Family. Thank you to all the committee members for their tireless and dedicated efforts.

On behalf of the Parish Council and our Parish, I want to thank Axion Charities for their generous donation of \$16,000.00. Those funds will be used to buy a new freezer for the AOC, integrate the access systems of the Cathedral and Annunciation Orthodox Center, and a couple of other smaller projects. I also want to thank the Parish for their contribution to Father John's gift. The Cathedral family contributed just over \$2,000.00 to Father John as he started his ministry at Saints Peter and Paul in Frederick, MD.

In Christ,

~Ernie

### Sunday Worship

8:00am Orthros

9:30am Divine Liturgy

All other services can be found  
on the online calendar at

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## Χριστός Ανέστη – Christ is Risen!

As we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ, we pray that His light illuminates your path with hope, peace and love. May this special time bring you closer to your loved ones and may the blessings of the season shine upon you and your family.

The Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, the feast of feasts. The most significant day in the life of the Orthodox Church. The Cathedral Philoptochos beginning with the first day of Great Lent, continued with our activities of philanthropy and hospitality.

**Loaves and Fishes:** We prepared, served and had dinner with the Veterans at The Baltimore Station. Sharing dinner with our Vets allowed us to hear about their stories and experiences. We also prepared and served lunch at My Sister's Place, a day shelter and resource center for women and children experiencing homelessness and poverty in Baltimore City. Thank you to Jean Prevas for coordinating and organizing the three Loaves and Fishes meals.

**Weekend Backpacks:** We sponsored and attended the "Chef's Challenge: Recipes for Success 2024" event to support their mission and also to support the H&S Family of Bakeries & the Paterakis family honored by Sandie Nagel, Founder and the Board of Directors for the continued generosity and support of Weekend Backpacks. Thank you, Effie Theodore for coordinating our support and attendance.

**Paschal Bags:** 50 Paschal bags were delivered to our seniors and at-risk community members. Thank you to Father George, Roann Tsakalas Voultepsis and Pat Bartsocas and our bakers who prepared the bags and organized delivery.

Every Paschal season, the Philoptochos remembers our students and members of the military who are away from home by sending Paschal packages filled with homemade goodies. **It is a blessing for Philoptochos to remember our seniors, at-risk community members, students and military during Pascha.**

Thank you to Effie Theodore, on behalf of our Philoptochos, for coordinating Paschal projects with our Youth Ministries.

**Traditional Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon:** Our gratitude is extended to the entire community for your overwhelming response and generous donations to celebrate one of the most joyous feast days before the beginning of Holy Week. Appreciation is extended to Georgeann Morekas and volunteers who planned, prepared and served the traditional meal.

**Traditional Great and Holy Friday Refreshments:** With appreciation to Alice Ioannou who every year, with her beautiful smile, takes the lead on our menu and prepares the Lentil soup. Many thanks to our Board Members and volunteers who came early to prep, set up and clean up. Thank you to Mary Kariotis who donated the white bags for the Paschal eggs in memory of her brother, George Moralis and to Jim Georges and Harry Amarantidis who put the 300 eggs in the white bags and gently placed them in the large baskets for distribution following the Anastasi Liturgy.

**Philoptochos' Paschal Bake Sale:** An important chapter annual fund raiser offers Paschal baked goods to our community. Our gratitude to Georgeann Morekas and Kathe Apesos Lazarides who coordinated the baking and sales. Your support enables Philoptochos to continue our generosity to our charities.

**Scholarships:** Each year, our Philoptochos is proud to present scholarships to worthy students who are graduating from high school, attending college, or graduate school. Deanna Sakellaris, has led the review and selection process for more than 10 years. Her committee supports the awarding of Philoptochos Scholarships with integrity and so much love. Philoptochos Scholarship Sunday is scheduled for June 9, 2024.

**SPRING**, the season of new beginnings and fresh starts. It symbolizes the resurgence of life after the winter, and brings new sprouts, new growth. Spring is also known as "the season of hope." It shows that life on this earth renews.

**Join Annunciation Philoptochos...**

### Spring Into Summer Luncheon Meeting

7 West Bistro Grille

Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, 12-3pm.

The lunch cost is \$50.00.

RSVP by **June 18, 2024** at <https://forms.gle/GPR7mCdwicBwG87D7>.

Contact Rhoula Monios, 443.625.9898, [rhoulaevie@yahoo.com](mailto:rhoulaevie@yahoo.com) for more information.

**12th Annual Flea Market (June 28-August 11):** Join us for "Ladies Nite at the Flea Market" our soft opening on **Thursday, June 27th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Donations to the Flea Market will be accepted beginning on Sunday, June 2nd. Items should be left in the MD Avenue foyer. Please contact: Georgeann Morekas, [gmorekas@gmail.com](mailto:gmorekas@gmail.com)/443.845.1176, or Jean Prevas, [jprevas@aol.com](mailto:jprevas@aol.com)/443.803.3771 to schedule drop-off day/time during the week.

Our Flea Market is an enormous project, but the rewards are great. The proceeds allow us to help so many people in our community as well as our local Baltimore neighbors. We cannot do this without your help. **Please volunteer. Contact Diane Homberg at [dianehomberg@yahoo.com](mailto:dianehomberg@yahoo.com)** and sign up to assist during the summer.

I extend my gratitude to the Philoptochos Board members and all the volunteers who contributed to the success of these projects and events. Your kindness enables Philoptochos to continue supporting our charities.

**In Christ,  
Connie Rogers, President**

# PHILOPTOCHOS

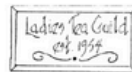
Our Philoptochos volunteered at The Baltimore Station on April 26 and provided dinner and fellowship to the veterans. A wonderful evening with those that served our country but now need some help.



Our Philoptochos was so proud to honor Chuck Paterakis and H&S Bakery for generously donating fresh bread for our mission with Weekend Backpacks for Kids. May God bless them always!



## THE ANNUNCIATION WOMEN'S GUILD INVITES THE WOMEN OF THE CATHEDRAL



**General Meeting and Luncheon  
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 12:30pm  
in the AHEPA room**

Please join us for a light lunch and fellowship with our Guest Speaker, Parish Historian, Nicholas M. Prevas. Nicholas will discuss the fascinating story of Baltimore's Greek Community of the 1920s.

**Please RSVP by Friday, May 31, 2024 to  
Kaliopé Del Pizzo at [kmdelpizzo@gmail.com](mailto:kmdelpizzo@gmail.com).**



**VISIT FROM HIS GRACE BISHOP CONSTANTINE OF SASSIMA**



**THANK YOU TO THE AHEPA WORTHINGTON CHAPTER #30 FOR HOSTING THE GODPARENT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**





# OUR NEW XRISI PAREA MINISTRY (FORMERLY THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB) MARCH 8, 2024 WITH BISHOP CONSTANTINE OF SASIMA

Did you miss out on the fun and festivities of our last two HRISI PAREA gatherings? Our group is growing with more than 70 current members and new faces participating every month.

Our March 8th meeting was a very special one with His Grace Bishop Constantine of Sasima joining us. The AOC was filled with love, joy, happiness and many blessings. Also attending was our newly assigned priest, Father George Mastakas, who met many of our parishioners for the first time, and Father John Bullock and Presvytera Irene, Father Louis Noplos and Presvytera Alice, Father Manuel Burdusi and Presvytera Molly, and Deacon John. Everyone was able to spend one-on-one time with His Grace and all our priests.

We also celebrated ten (10) March birthdays, including Stefanos Niktas and Harry Maistros who each celebrated special 80th milestone birthdays. Father Manuel Burdusi and Father John Bullock were among the others also celebrating.

The pictures tell the story of our beautiful afternoon.





# OUR NEW XRISI PAREA MINISTRY (FORMERLY THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB) APRIL 2, 2024 WITH NICK PREVAS

Our 1st Pot Luck luncheon held on April 2nd could not have been any more successful!

The many contributions of Lenten appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts were absolutely delicious and amazing. Our Father George Mastakas was also able to attend and spend the afternoon with us. The special treat for this gathering was the presentation by Nicholas Prevas, our Parish Historian. Nick gave a very informative, and at times a humorous timeline of events dating back to the early 1920's, explaining the transition of various priests and how our church evolved through some difficult periods. Needless to say, we all learned a lot!

We celebrated three (3) April birthdays and shared a delicious chocolate Lenten Wacky Cake made by Pat Bartsocas. It was a wonderful afternoon of being together during lent and sarakosti and learning about our beautiful church and its history.

Don't miss out! Come and join the fun. Our annual membership dues are \$30.00. Look for our monthly flyer and Sunday bulletin announcements for each upcoming meeting. If you would like additional information, please contact Ollga Zavakos at [ojzavakos@verizon.net](mailto:ojzavakos@verizon.net) or call/text 443-791-0064.





# NICHOLAS TSAKALOS MEMORIAL LENTEN RETREAT - MARCH 16, 2024





# EASTER PLANTS DONATED

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Rev. Constantine Monios, donated by Lia Monios
- Rev. Constantine Monios, Michael & Amalia Monios, donated by Presvytera Mary Monios
- Nicholas & Athena Christodoulou, Steven & Lula Nestor, donated by Presvytera Mary Monios
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- Argiris & Artemis Halkias, John Alexiades, donated by John Halkias Family
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- Apostolos & Domna Daidakis, donated by Arthur & Susan Daidakis
- George & Zoe Piendak, donated by Arthur & Susan Daidakis
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- Nicholas T. Matthews, donated by Ann S. Matthews, George & Tracy Matthews and Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas G. Kambouris & Christiana
- Deceased family members, donated by Terry & Helen Barberis
- Alexandria C. & Constantine G. Maistros & George C. Maistros, donated by Harry C. Maistros, Christopher C. & Lucy Maistros
- Louis N. Dezes, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Gina Dezes
- Our loved ones, donated by Basil & Linda Pappas
- Athanasios Kostoulis, donated by Bruce & Athanasia
- Athanasios Kostoulis, donated by Tula, Dina, & Toni
- Lori Prevas Papaeracleous, donated by Loretta Prevas Siotka
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- Peter J. Stratos, John & Diana Stratos, donated by Ollga J. Zavakos
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# SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY





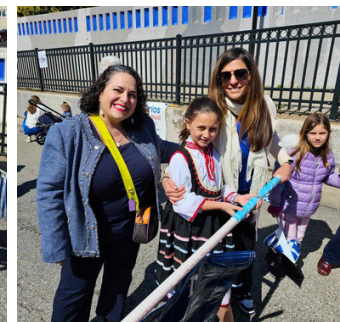
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- Dimitrios Cossis, Gust & Vickie Bellios, donated by Maria & Constantine Bellios
- Litsa Pakas, Pete Pakas, & Theodore Dourakos, donated by Evia Pakas Williams & Family
- Savvas N. Sarris, donated by wife, kids, & grandkids
- Parents, Kosmas & Betty Diveris, & brother John Diveris, donated by Jennifer Capandonis
- John Mandilaras, donated by Nicholas & Maria Mandilaras
- Mike & Sophia Tsamouras, donated by Nicholas & Maria Mandilaras
- Rita Mandilaras, donated by Nicholas & Maria Mandilaras
- Our Parents, donated by Ron & Melissa Hogle
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- Helen Orfanos, donated by The Oosterwijk Family
- Savas Moskos, donated by Irene & Carl Derito
- Anastasia Tsakiris, donated by Irene & Carl Derito
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# GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - MARCH 24, 2024





## IN HONOR OF:

- Ann S. Matthews, donated by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas G. Kambouris and Christiana and George & Tracy Matthews
- Joseph Link, donated by Lawrence & Stephanie Link
- My 2020 Pilgrimage Brothers & Sisters, donated by Basil Pappas
- Demetri Conдах and Peter & Charles Conдах, donated by the Conдах Family
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- Dr. Cristian Cazac, donated by Constantine & Maria Letras
- Evangelia Maheridis, donated by Nicholas & Kalioppe Del Pizzo
- Loula Margaritis & Aiello & Tegges Families, donated by Don & Lois Geyer
- Metaxia Cossis, donated by Maria & Constantine Bellios
- All of the children of Greek School, donated by Sia Kyriakakos
- The Cavathas Family, donated by Mary Cavathas
- The Pitsoulakis Family, donated by Mary Cavathas
- Nick, Loli, Maria, & Eva Pitsoulakis, donated by Loli Pitsoulakis
- Lillian Poulos, donated by Albert & Kathy Laun
- Ms. Sandra Hondroulis, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel D. Hondroulis
- Mr. & Mrs. James E. Hondroulis, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel D. Hondroulis
- Shane Cole & Christina Johnson wedding, donated by Edd & Stacy Cole
- Mary G Mallis, donated by Emanuel & Jeanne Caminis
- The Popomaronis Family, donated by Emanuel & Jeanne Caminis



## FR. JOHN'S FAREWELL - APRIL 14, 2024 AND COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY GOYA IN HIS HONOR





# Cathedral of Annunciation Philoptochos



## Spring Into Summer Luncheon Meeting

**7 WEST BISTRO GRILLE**

7 W CHESAPEAKE AVE, TOWSON, MD

**SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2024**

**12-3PM**

**\$50 PER PERSON**

**OPTION A:** ATLANTIC SALMON FILET SERVED  
WITH GREEK-STYLE OVEN ROASTED  
POTATOES AND GRILLED BROCCOLI

**OPTION B:** PETITE JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE  
SERVED WITH GREEK-STYLE OVEN-ROASTED  
POTATOES AND GRILLED BROCCOLI

**OPTION C:** CHICKEN SOUVLAKIA SERVED WITH  
GREEK-STYLE OVEN ROASTED POTATOES  
AND GRILLED BROCCOLI

**SOFT DRINKS/ICE TEA/COFFEE/CASH BAR  
ASSORTED GREEK DESSERTS**

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**100 W SUSQUEHANNA AVE TOWSON 21204**

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**115 E TOWSONTOWN BLVD BALTIMORE 21286**

**RSVP USING LINK OR QR CODE BY 6/18/2024**

**<https://forms.gle/GPR7mCdwicBwG87D7>**

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*Thank you!*

- We are still collecting items and donation money.
- Send your donation items and/or money in & the silent auction committee will do the shopping and wrapping!!!
- Please contact Judy Georges by phone / text 443-301-5041, email [judy-wood@comcast.net](mailto:judy-wood@comcast.net) or place donations on top of the display cases in the room next to the Maryland Ave Entrance. Thanks so much for your generosity and support.

**Silent Auction Donation Form:**

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For more information contact:  
 Judy Georges  
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Thank you. We rely on generous donations from our Annunciation Cathedral families and friends.

**Silent Auction Basket Sponsor:**

Monetary Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gift Basket #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make checks payable to:  
 Annunciation Cathedral Silent Auction

We will prepare the basket for you.  
 You may drop off your donation amount at the church office or mail **before May 18th** to:

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation  
 ATTN: Silent Auction Committee  
 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

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**OUR FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! AT**  
**[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QHVBFMQUEHEXZDB27](https://forms.gle/QHVBFMQUEHEXZDB27)**  
**OR SCAN QR CODE**



### IT'S BAKING TIME!





OPEN TO ALL

# Join Us For A "NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK" FUNDRAISER



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information

# YAL

THE YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE  
OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MD

WORSHIP † FELLOWSHIP † SERVICE † WITNESS

Annunciation Young Adult League (YAL) seeks to connect Orthodox Christians in Baltimore ages 18-35 through social, spiritual, and service themed events. Fill out form @<https://forms.gle/Td7sseHhJYp5PAxYA>, scan the QR code or text YOUNGANNUN to 84576 to receive text/email updates on future events. For more news & updates, follow us on Instagram (@annunbmoreyal), join our Facebook group (Annunciation YAL of Baltimore), or email Alexi Vlahoyiannis, YAL President, [yal@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:yal@annunciationbaltimore.org).





# GREEK ORTHODOX CEMETERY PROJECT

On a beautiful weekend in March, Towson High School junior Theo Brown completed his Eagle Scout Service project for Troop 35 at the Greek Orthodox Cemetery in Woodlawn, MD. Around forty scouts and parents came out to plant a screen of trees and ornamental bushes. They also built four large benches for use by community members visiting their loved ones at the cemetery. The benches were put to good use already on day one, when a family needed a place to sit and pray together by their beloved's graveside. The work that the Scouts completed totaled 300 service hours.

Theo is grateful to the Cathedral of the Annunciation parish for the opportunity to do his Eagle project in a setting that honors the Greek community in Baltimore. He thanks the Parish Council, Mr. Ernie Rafailides, Mr. John Hall, Father Anastasios, and Father George for being so helpful throughout the entire planning process. He also especially thanks Mr. Harry Monios for sharing his great wisdom and experience!

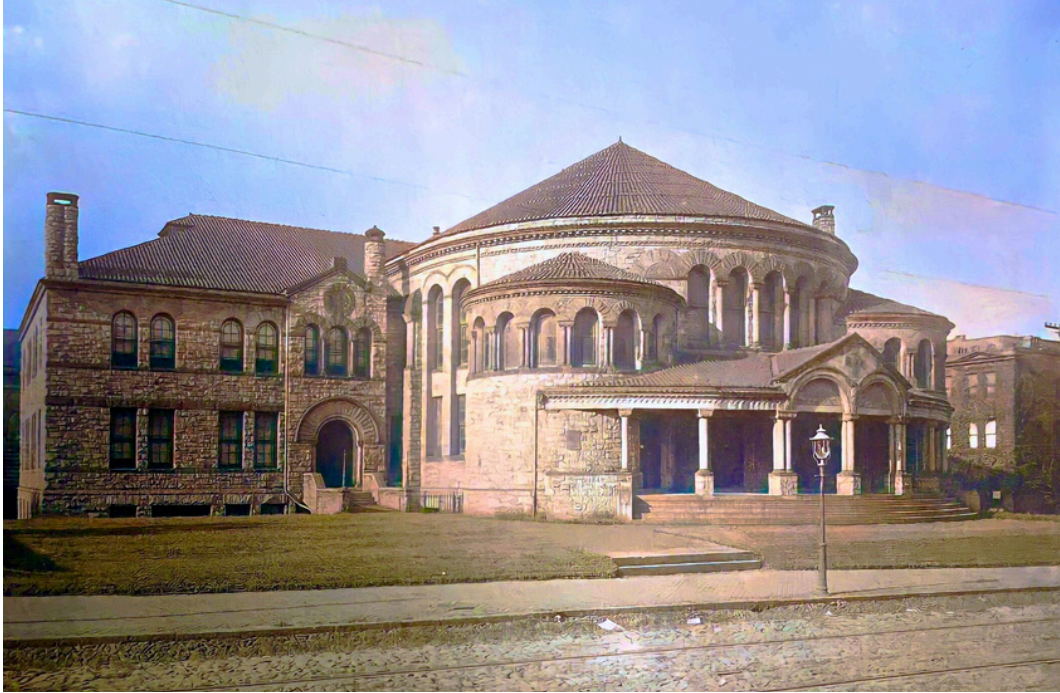
Theo is a member and community service liaison for the Cathedral GOYA and serves as an altar boy. He would like to encourage other Scouts to consider doing their Life and Eagle projects to benefit our community.





## Historical Remembrances...

135th Anniversary of the design and construction of a Romanesque architectural masterpiece!  
The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation



Associate Congregational Church, 1910 – Courtesy of the Maryland Historical Society.  
Colorization by James G. Mexis.

This year marks the 135th Anniversary of the construction of our Cathedral building, designed by famed architect Charles E. Cassell in the Romanesque style. It was built in 1889 for the Associate Reformed Church, a Protestant congregation, that worshipped in this sacred space for over 40 years. As a Protestant denomination, the first church services were held in 1890 at this location.

**Cases 1 & 2** in the new Main Lobby display, presented by Parish Historian Nicholas M. Prevas, tells the fascinating history of the Protestants on Preston Street with specific details about the installation of the four magnificent Tiffany windows which were dedicated between 1894-1903. You will also learn how two Protestant parishes merged in 1900, which led to the church name being changed to the Associate Congregational Church of Baltimore.

**Case 3** will give you a glimpse into the acquisition of this historic church building by the Greek Orthodox community in 1937. Did you know it was slated to be demolished to become a gasoline station after the Protestants relocated to Bolton Hill? The corner of Maryland Avenue and Preston Street soon became the new center of religious and social life for the Greeks of Baltimore. Then, in the spring of 1938, the “Evangelismos” (Annunciation) Church was consecrated by Archbishop Athenagoras in an impressive dedicatory service followed by a grand celebration.

**Case 4** highlights our church’s elevation to Cathedral status in the spring of 1975 by proclamation of Archbishop Iakovos that was read by Bishop Silas on the Sunday of Orthodoxy that year. In addition, the most historic event in our Cathedral history – the visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Baltimore in the fall of 1997 – is shown with photographs and interesting documents highlighting that auspicious occasion.

This Main Lobby display will be up throughout 2024. All parishioners, both young and old, are encouraged to not only enjoy but to learn the interesting history of our Cathedral which made it what it is today. The display is enhanced with detailed captions which provide a structured guide to the information being presented. Thank you again, Nick, for creating this superb educational experience for our community!



# SATURDAY OF LAZARUS PALM MAKING







## ***12TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET***

**OPEN from JUNE 28 – AUGUST 11**  
**EVERY FRIDAY and SATURDAY 10:30am-2:30pm**  
**EVERY SUNDAY 11:00am - 2:30pm**

**Furniture, Lamps, Artwork, Kitchen Items, Household Items, Linens,  
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***Refreshments Available for purchase –  
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**Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation  
24 West Preston Street  
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**FREE PARKING – Maryland Avenue Lot  
GPS location for the parking lot entrance is 1321 Maryland Avenue**

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**Questions: [philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com](mailto:philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com)**

**Judy Georges – TEXT 443-301-5041**

**Georgeann Morekas – TEXT 443-845-1176**

**Proceeds benefit the many charities  
supported by the Philoptochos Society.**



# VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS & BABY BLESSING



# PALM SUNDAY PHILOPTOCHOS RECEPTION



# HOLY WEEK - PASCHAL EGGS





# ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



**We are  
so proud  
of you!**



The Cathedral was represented by -  
In the Senior Division: Maria Bellios and Elia Showalter  
In the Junior Division: Evangelia Diehl, Marianna Rafailides and Constantine Bellios

## PRESTON HALL

Directly across from the Cathedral, our newly renovated and decorated, Preston Hall is the right place for all occasions. With Discounted Parishioner Rental Fees & Complimentary Parking, our hall allows you to celebrate all your joy in a single place.

Contact Us to Host Your Next Event  
Doreen Gerovasilis at (410) 802-4372  
[prestonhallaoc@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:prestonhallaoc@annunciationbaltimore.org)

[www.prestonhallvenue.com](http://www.prestonhallvenue.com)



[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.





# 2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

**Our  
Church  
Our  
Spiritual  
Home**

**How do I become a 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 whether online or through this form. 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.

**What is our Stewardship Goal?**

Our Stewardship Goal is to fund Parish ministries 100% through stewardship contributions. Though we may meet our Stewardship Goal, we may still host the festival and other events for reasons other than fundraising such as fellowship, proclaiming our faith, etc.

**Do I need to fill out a pledge form?**

YES! The only way to quantify both how many families we have in our church and how much revenue we can expect to raise through stewardship is by having each member fill out a stewardship commitment form or submit the ONLINE stewardship commitment form.

**What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?**

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

**"As each has received a gift, use it to service one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**



You may submit your 2024 Stewardship pledge by scanning the QR code or going online to:

**<https://forms.gle/v3TXkYJkFWD63TW48>**

**(Hard Copies are available on the Welcome Table in the Church Lobby.)**



# STEWARDSHIP 2024

**Dear Faithful of the Cathedral of the Annunciation,**

**2023 Stewardship:** Stewardship revenue in December 2023 was strong and it helped our parish achieve about 95% of the stewardship revenue goal in 2023. Total stewardship revenue was about \$772,000 from about 500 faithful stewards. About 57 stewards met the \$3500 milestone to qualify as Day Sponsor and about 52 stewards met the \$1750 milestone to qualify as a Half-day Sponsor. We are grateful for the contributions from all our stewards. As you may deduce from the statistics of years past, individual contributions are more meaningful today.

**2024 Stewardship:** The Stewardship Committee encourages all parishioners to consider reaching a Day Sponsor or Half-day Sponsor milestone in 2024. Each contribution from a parishioner/family has a great impact on the ministries of our parish. Covering the expenses of the parish either for a day with a \$3500 annual pledge or half-day with a \$1750 annual pledge may be personally gratifying in addition to a significant contribution to help maintain our common expectations of our parish. 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, please be "one of the ones" who allow us to meet our 2024 Stewardship goal and help make progress on our long-term goal of funding all parish costs from stewardship.

Fr. George Mastakas

Ernie Rafailides (Parish Council President)

Tom Boardman (Stewardship Chairman)

## Become a 2024 steward:

1. Just visit our church website at: [www.annunciationbaltimore.org](http://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.



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



**2024  
STEWARDSHIP  
GOAL  
\$700,000**



# HOLY WEEK - YOUTH RETREAT







*Come  
join  
us!*

Use the link below or scan QR Code to register and become a member.

Membership dues are \$40.00 per year.

<https://forms.gle/he6Fk6FMkjmidHfu8>



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTAL REGISTRY

### BAPTISMS

- On March 3, 2024, **Cassius Quinn Skinner**, son of Louis and Katarina Skinner was baptized in the Orthodox Church. His sponsors were Alexander and Artemis Planzos James and Alexa Kishis and given the Baptismal Name – **EFTYCHIA**.
- On March 9, 2024, **Jack Sinclair Smith**, son of Eric and Sara Smith was baptized in the Orthodox Church. His sponsor was Alexander F. Smith and given the Baptismal Name – **EFTHIMIOS**.

### WEDDING

- On March 9, 2024, **John Hall and Athena Soulikas Hall** were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Annunciation Cathedral. Their Sponsors were Charles and Olga Paterakis. Congratulations!



### FUNERALS

- On March 26, 2024, the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **Anastasios Papaminas**, age 59.
- On April 3, 2024, the funeral service was held for the servant of God, **John Eliadis**, age 74.

May their memory be eternal.

## 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.

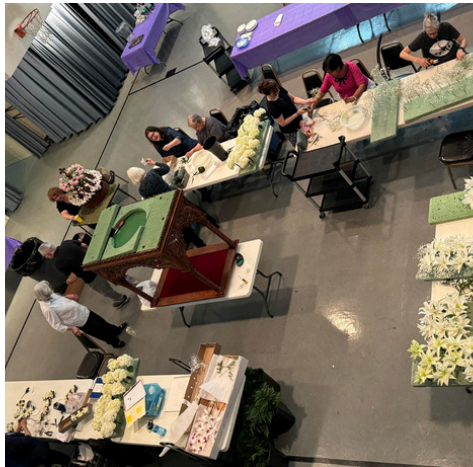
Contact [assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org)

or 410-727-1831





# HOLY WEEK





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## SALUTE TO THE 2024 GRADUATES

If you or your child are graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the 2024 Graduate Recognition Form to be recognized in this year's SALUTE to the GRADUATES.

All graduate recognition forms need to be submitted by May 31st. In addition to completing the form, please send a formal photo of each graduate to [parishcouncil@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:parishcouncil@annunciationbaltimore.org)

We will showcase all our Parish's graduates at the Cathedral on June 9th.

<https://forms.gle/fESTGHKT9Ku73rLV9>

**GRADUATE  
SUNDAY  
JUNE 9**



## Anastasia K. Michals Memorial Philoptochos Scholarship

The Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos is offering an opportunity to qualifying High School seniors entering an accredited University, College or Trade School, to apply for a merit-based scholarship. The scholarship application can be found under Resources on the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos website at [www.njphiloptochos.org](http://www.njphiloptochos.org).

Hard copies are available on the Welcome Table in the Cathedral lobby.

**The deadline for submitting the application is June 15, 2023.**

## AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30 Scholarship

A new version of the application is available for downloading at [www.AHEPA30.org](http://www.AHEPA30.org). The completed applications must be submitted via the website only .

**The deadline for all requirements is June 30, 2023.** Further instructions can be found on the application or check out the flyer on the Welcome Table in the Cathedral lobby.



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



**APPLY NOW**

**FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2023**

This merit-based scholarship program is available to the best and brightest graduating high school seniors of Hellenic descent and/or Greek Orthodox faith who are enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis with applicants given the option to be considered for additional financial need-based allocations.

For full application details and to apply now, visit [thefaithendowment.org/scholarships](http://thefaithendowment.org/scholarships) or scan:



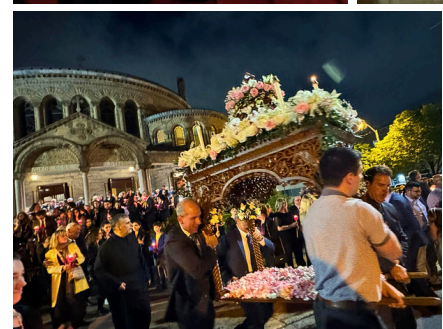
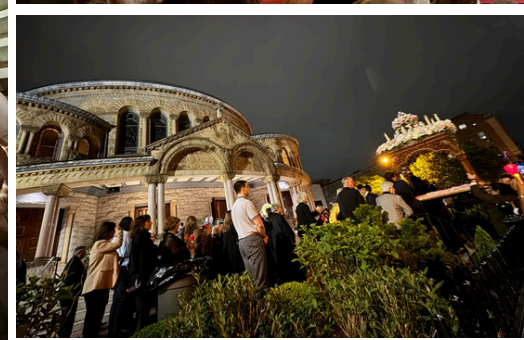
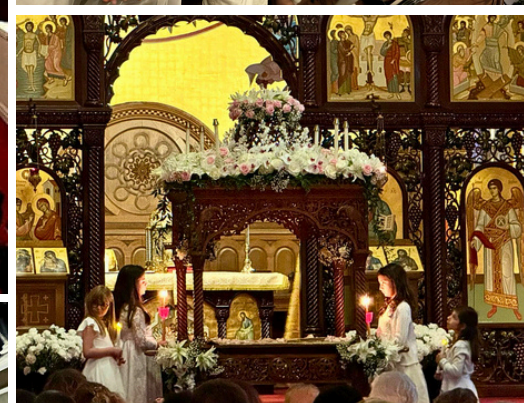
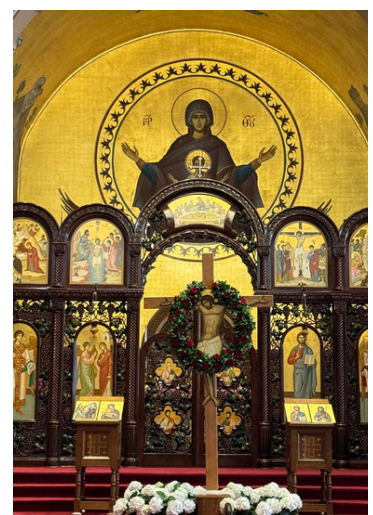
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# HOLY WEEK





# YOUTH Ministries

Our Youth Ministries have many 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
- **Dance Groups** -  
Filakia & Evangelakia - 1st grade to 12th grade
- **Greek School** - youth to adult
- **Junior Choir** - 8 to 12 years of age - Usually practices after liturgy in the Junior Choir Room for 20-30 min.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **Friday, May 10**
  - 5:30pm - Greek School
- **Saturday, May 11**
  - 12:00am - Metropolis Oratorical Festival
- **Sunday, May 12**
  - Sunday School
- **Monday, May 13**
  - 6:00pm - Youth Ministries Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 15**
  - 6:00pm - GOYA Board Meeting
- **Friday, May 17**
  - 5:30pm - Greek School: Last Day (Songs & Presentation)
- **Saturday, May 18**
  - 1:00pm - Hope/Joy Event (pending)
- **Sunday, May 19**
  - Sunday School
- **Sunday, May 26**
  - No Sunday School
- **Sunday, June 2**
  - Sunday and Greek School Recognition
  - Sunday School Reception
- **Monday, June 3**
  - 7:00pm - Youth Ministries Meeting
- **Saturday, June 8**
  - GOYA: End of Year Trip (NYC)
- **Sunday, June 9**
  - Graduate Sunday (High School and College)
  - Philoptochos Scholarship Sunday
- **Sunday, June 16 - June 22**
  - **CGS: Maryland Summer Camp**

**Camp Good Shepherd**

Experience the Best Week of Your Summer!

**CGS: MARYLAND**

June 16-22, 2024  
Ages 8-18  
Camp Wo-Me-To  
1200 Knopp Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 21084  
Registration Fee: \$600 (Early Bird Discount until May 1, then \$675)

**CGS: NEW JERSEY**

June 23-29, 2024  
Ages 8-18  
Camp Linwood MacDonald  
1 Flatbrook Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826  
Registration Fee: \$625

**CGS: VIRGINIA (2 SESSIONS)**

Week 1: July 7-13 (Completed 5th Grade - 8th Grade)  
Week 2: July 14-20 (Completed 9th Grade - 12th Grade)  
Camp Piankatank  
1586 Stampers Bay Rd Box 435, Hartfield, VA 23071  
Registration Fee: \$500

**REGISTER TODAY!**

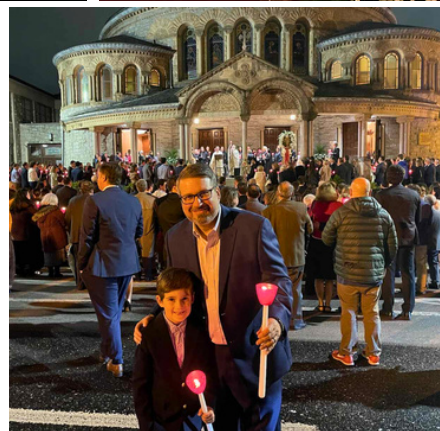
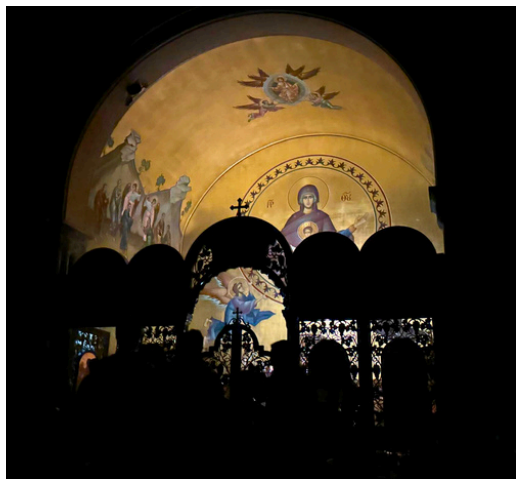
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MORE INFORMATION [HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOARCH.ORG/CAMP-GOOD-SHEPHERD](https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd)





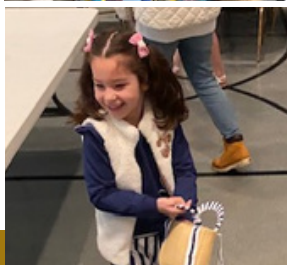
# HOLY WEEK



**Χριστός  
Ανέστη!**  
  
**Christ is  
Risen!**



# EASTER EGG HUNT





## Pastoral Reminders



REMINDER

- **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. 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.
- **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 George 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 George. Arrangements for the funeral will be made in conjunction with the funeral home and Father George.
- **Hospital and Nursing Home Visits** - It is up to the family to notify Father George 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 George. 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](mailto:philoptochos@annunciationbaltimore.org); or [Fr.George@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:Fr.George@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. George 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.



# HOPE/JOY - "WILD ABOUT JESUS" AND PETTING ZOO



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# BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE FOLLOWING SCAM/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](http://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

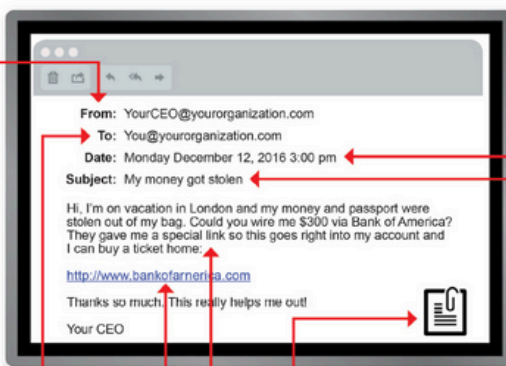
- I don't recognize the sender's email address as someone I **ordinarily communicate with**.
- This email is from **someone outside my organization and it's not related to my job responsibilities**.
- This email was sent from **someone inside the organization** or from a customer, vendor, or partner and is **very unusual or out of character**.
- Is the sender's email address from a **suspicious domain** (like micorsoft-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.bankofarnerica.com](http://www.bankofarnerica.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?