



THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
OF THE ANNUNCIATION

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
**10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**



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**SAINT OF THE DAY**

**The Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euegraphus of Alexandria**



St. Menas was a military officer from Athens, an educated man and skilled in speech, wherefore he was surnamed Kallikelados ("most eloquent"); Euegraphus was his scribe. Both had Christian parents. The emperor Maximinus sent St. Menas to Alexandria to employ his eloquence to end a strife among the citizens. St. Menas, having accomplished this, also employed his eloquence to strengthen the Christians in their faith, which when Maximinus heard, he sent Hermogenes, who was an eparch born to unbelievers, to turn Menas away from Christ. But Hermogenes instead came to the Faith of Christ because of the miracles wrought by St. Menas. The emperor became enraged and stabbed St. Euegraphus, and had Sts. Menas and Hermogenes beheaded, thus granting them all the crown of martyrdom in the year 235.

**TODAY**

**Memorial Service - May their memory be eternal**

Katherine Ferguson - 1 year

Margarita 'Rita' Diacumakos - 40 days

Pantelis Primikiris - 5 years

George Diacumakos - 47 years

Maroula Kyriacou - 21 years

Gregory Diacumakos - 18 years

Kyriolos Kyriacou - 53 years

Marina Diacumakos - 29 years

- Today the **Annual Christmas Concert** will take place after Divine Liturgy, featuring the Choir, Sunday School and Greek School students, the Chanters, and our organist and a string ensemble.
- **Parish Council Elections** will take place in the **GOYA Room today** after Divine Liturgy and the Christmas Concert from **11:30am - 3:30pm**.
- **Join us for a Coffee Hour** in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall immediately **following the Christmas Concert** sponsored by the Bouloubassis family in memory of their mother, Katherine Ferguson.
- **If you are visiting the Cathedral**, please introduce yourself to Fr. Anastasios Bourantas at the end of the Liturgy.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

See all events at:

[annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar](http://annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar)

**LITURGICAL**

- **Tues, 12/12**
  - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Spyridon
- **Wed, 12/13**
  - 6:00pm - Paraklesis
- **Fri, 12/15**
  - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Eleftherios
- **Sat, 12/16**
  - 8:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Conception of Theotokos
- **Sun, 12/17 (11th Sunday of Matthew)**
  - 8:00am - Orthros
  - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

**COMMUNITY**

- **Mon, 12/11**
  - 7:00pm - Technology Committee Meeting
- **Wed, 12/13**
  - 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
  - 7:00pm - Choir Practice
- **Thur, 12/14**
  - 10:00am - HHMM Work
  - 7:00pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting
- **Fri, 12/15**
  - 5:30pm - Greek School Christmas Program
- **Sat, 12/16**
  - 10:30am - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
  - 11:30am - Breakfast with Santa
- **Sun, 12/17**
  - 11:30am - Christmas Pageant 'The Holy Night'
  - 11:30am - Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale
  - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting



**"THE HOLY NIGHT"**

On **December 17th**, the Sunday School will present the pageant "The Holy Night". We hope to see you, so you may experience the peace, love and joy of the Christmas Season.

**SAVE THE DATE**

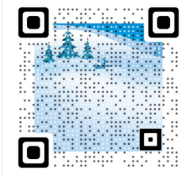
1/7 - PHILOPTOCHOS VASILOPITA  
1/13 & 14 - FDF DANCE COMPETITION



## YOUTH

Join us for **Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 16th at 11:30am.**

**RSVP by December 14** at <https://forms.gle/KPibimjcv7p69kLfA> or scan QR code. Open to All Youth 18 years of age and under. Parents are welcome.

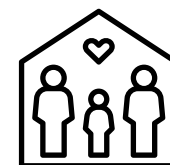


- **Sunday School's "Be an Angel" Winter Clothing Drive** - Join Sunday School students and "Be an Angel" for the children who visit the Franciscan Center by donating **new** items for children and babies:
  - **For Babies:** Winter Clothing, including Hats, Mittens and Socks. Also, Diapers, Wipes, Baby Formula and Baby Food.
  - **For Children:** Coats, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Shirts, Skirts, Pants, Thermals, Undergarments, Shoes and Boots in all sizes and hats, gloves, scarves and socks in size XS only.
- Please place **unwrapped** donations outside the church's office in the boxes marked **Sunday School's "Be an Angel" Winter Clothing Drive** by **Sunday, December 17**. Boxes of diapers may be sent directly to the Franciscan Center at 101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Questions: Contact **Diane Boia** at 410-227-6906 or [snorkelcayman97@yahoo.com](mailto:snorkelcayman97@yahoo.com).
- **GOYA Vasilopita Sale** - If you placed an order, remember that pickup is on **Sunday, December 17th**, following Divine Liturgy.
- **Greek School Registration remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School.** Register at: <https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6>. Classes are on Friday evenings.
- **Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries** by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.



## PHILOPTOCHOS

- **"Christmas Adopt a Family"** – The Philoptochos is collecting **\$25 Gift Cards** from Amazon, VISA and Walmart to benefit the families of My Sister's Place Women's Center. The cards can be left in the drop-box in the Cathedral Office or in the Philoptochos tray during church services.  
**Deadline is December 15.**



- **"Christmas Shopping with a Purpose"** offers items from two of the charities that our Philoptochos chapter assists – Baltimore's own "Hon's Honey" and Atlantic City's "MudGirls Studio". Both organizations assist women by providing them opportunities to lift themselves from poverty and life on the street with meaningful skills, a sense of self-respect and accomplishment, and employment. A variety of honey products/gifts and Christmas ornaments are available for purchase on **Sunday, December 10 and 17** in the lobby of the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall. All monies collected will be directed back to these charities. Contact [jprevas@aol.com](mailto:jprevas@aol.com) or [rhoulaevie@yahoo.com](mailto:rhoulaevie@yahoo.com) with any questions that you may have.
- **6th Annual Weekend Backpacks Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Socks Drive** - Philoptochos is collecting NEW hats, gloves, scarves and socks in sizes Children's Small through Adult until **December 15, 2023**. These items are greatly needed to help Baltimore City students in Kindergarten through High School stay warm this winter. A collection bin is in front of the Church office. Or, drop off a monetary donation or check payable to Philoptochos (indicate WBHK on memo line of check) in our tray at the back of the Narthex for us to do the shopping for you. Our goal is to provide each of 2,000 children a hat, a pair of gloves, a scarf and a pair of socks. Our parish has been a longtime supporter of Weekend Backpacks and your continued generosity would be most appreciated. Questions? Please contact [evewilliams@msn.com](mailto:evewilliams@msn.com)

- **Philoptochos Apron Sale fundraiser** continues and benefits the Philoxenia House Elevator Project. Each Apron is \$35. Use link: <https://forms.gle/mE87BULB6uKQdSC17> or Scan QR code to place your order. Contact Rhoula Monios at [rhoulaevie@yahoo.com](mailto:rhoulaevie@yahoo.com) for more information.
- **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 to Fr. Anastasios [Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org) or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.



## YOUNG ADULT

- **Annunciation Young Adult League (YAL) seeks to connect other 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 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@annunaiatonbaltimore.org](mailto:yal@annunaiatonbaltimore.org).
- **OCF – All students attending college in the Baltimore area** – Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a campus ministry to help you connect with other Orthodox Christians, navigate your time through school, and stay connected to the Church. Contact Fr. John for more info.



### BOOKSTORE

- **Attention Young Shoppers! (18 years old and younger)**  
The Bookstore has gifts for Mom, Dad, Yiayia, Papou, Godparents, brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends for 30% off for the last two Sundays before Christmas! For all other gift-givers: Greek cookbooks and all home decor items will be 15% off! We will be unpacking a new shipment from Greece early Sunday morning!! Take a look at what the Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop has for you and St. Nicholas.

### CULTURE

- The **Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland** thanks Everyone for their support as we continue to welcome visitors and suggests that a Museum Membership appear on your holiday gift list. Membership forms are available when you visit the museum most Sundays after church services, through the website [www.HELLENICHERITAGEMD.ORG](http://www.HELLENICHERITAGEMD.ORG), or by appointment. Please contact Fotini Baltatzis [tinabaltatzis@gmail.com](mailto:tinabaltatzis@gmail.com) / 410-823-0139 or Harry C. Maistros [harry.maistros@comcast.net](mailto:harry.maistros@comcast.net) / 410-467-1836.

### COMMUNITY

- **Women's Guild Christmas Shopping, Coffee and Cookies in the AOC.** The Women's Guild Christmas Boutique will be open Sunday, 12/10 following the Divine Liturgy and Christmas Concert. Stop by the Golden Age Room in the AOC for any last minute gifts or decorations. Choose from unique Greek novelty items, fresh wreaths, decorated trees and one of a kind creations. 100% of the proceeds support the Women's Guild's mission for beautification of the Cathedral and Church complex. Cash, check, CC and e-pay options are accepted.
- **Consider donating a poinsettia (deadline Dec. 15) in honor of or in memory of a loved one.** Forms available on the Welcome Table in the church lobby or donate online at <https://annunciationbaltimore.org/> and Select DONATE.



### STEWARDSHIP

- **Stewardship Update:** To effectively manage our budget, the Parish Council relies on the commitments made through your pledge. We encourage all to formalize this commitment by making a pledge and fulfilling it for 2023.
- **The Day Sponsor Steward Program** offers individuals a personal milestone that directly supports our parish and her ministries. You may choose a meaningful day throughout the year, whether it is a special occasion or a tribute to a loved one in memory or honor. Please consider the Day Sponsor Steward Program by becoming a **Day Sponsor Steward** (\$3500 annual pledge) or the new **Half-day Sponsor Steward** (\$1750 annual pledge).
- **2023 Stewardship commitment link:** <https://forms.gle/YAosrEyMkRimi84i8>. Hard copies are also available on the "Welcome" table in the church lobby. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship. Please carefully consider your 2023 pledge.

- **Please note** that only baptized, Christmated Orthodox Christians in good standing may receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion (and Holy Unction when offered). If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Anastasios.
- **In order to protect our icons and liturgical items**, please blot any lip products before venerating icons or coming up for Holy Communion.
- **If you know of a parishioner who lives in an assisted-living home or is physically unable to attend services**, please contact the Church Office to schedule a visit from Fr. Anastasios or Fr. John.
- **If you wish to have a home or business blessed** please contact the church office to request a time for Fr. Anastasios to visit.

### PASTORAL

### GIVING

- **Online Donations** can be made through our website. Click the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship!
- **For candles and tray donations**, you can also donate by text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts.
  - Note: TextToTray can only be used for candles and tray donations.
  - We are also grateful for donations made by check.

### DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

- **Cathedral Updates** – To receive Bulletins and other updates via email, visit <https://annunciationbaltimore.flocknote.com> and enter your contact information.
- **Text Alerts** - To receive ministries updates via text, text the ministry keyword below to phone number 84576:
  - **Hope/Joy** → HopeJoy
  - **GOYA** → GOYA
  - **YAL** → YOUNGANNUN
  - **Men's Fellowship** → MensFellowship



**Scheduling - To all ministry, organization and committee leaders and members: 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.**

## **TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS**

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, who Yourself are immortal Life, put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens cried out to You, "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

### **Apolytikion for the Saints**

When they had deadened burning impulses and movements \* of sinful passions by their self-control and virtue, \* then the Martyrs of Christ were given the divine grace \* of driving away the illnesses of the sick \* and working wonders, alive and after their death. \* Paradoxical miracle it is indeed, that naked bones \* should pour out cures abundantly. \* Glory be to our only God.

Δι' ἐγκρατείας τῶν παθῶν, τὰς πυριφλέκτους, ἀπονεκρώσαντες ὁρμάς, καὶ τὰς κινήσεις, τοῦ Χριστοῦ οἱ Μάρτυρες, ἔλαβον τὴν χάριν, τὰς νόσους ἀποδιώκειν, τῶν ἀσθενῶν, καὶ ζῶντες καὶ μετὰ τέλος, θαυματουργεῖν, ὄντως θαῦμα παράδοξον! ὅτι ὅστέα γυμνά, ἐκβλύζουσιν ἰάματα. Δόξα τῷ μόνῳ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

### **Apolytikion for the Deceased**

Remember Your servants, O Lord, since You are good, and forgive them for all their sins in life; for no one is without sin except for You who are able to give rest to those who have passed away.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ εἴ τι ἐν βίῳ, ἡμάρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι, δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

### **Apolytikion of the Parish**

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

### **Kontakion**

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουλευθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

## **EPISTLE (EPHESIANS 6:10-17)**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνδυναμοῦσθε ἐν Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐν τῷ κράτει τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ. Ἐνδύσασθε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ πρὸς τὸ δύνασθαι ὑμᾶς στήναι πρὸς τὰς μεθοδείας τοῦ διαβόλου· ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμῖν ἡ πάλη πρὸς αἷμα καὶ σάρκα, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰς ἀρχάς, πρὸς τὰς ἐξουσίας, πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότους αἰῶνος τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις. Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἵνα δυνηθῆτε ἀντιστῆναι ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ πονηρᾷ καὶ ἅπαντα κατεργασάμενοι στήναι. Στήτε οὖν περιζωσάμενοι τὴν ὀσφὺν ὑμῶν ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν θώρακα τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ ὑποδησάμενοι τοὺς πόδας ἐν ἐτοιμασίᾳ τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρήνης, ἐν πᾶσιν ἀναλαβόντες τὸν θυρεὸν τῆς πίστεως, ἐν ᾧ δυνησθε πάντα τὰ βέλη τοῦ πονηροῦ τὰ πεπυρωμένα σβέσαι· καὶ τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου δέξασθε, καὶ τὴν μάχαιραν τοῦ Πνεύματος, ὃ ἐστὶ ῥῆμα Θεοῦ.

## **GOSPEL (LUKE 13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἦν διδάσκων ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν μιᾷ τῶν συναγωγῶν ἐν τοῖς σάββασι. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ ἦν πνεῦμα ἔχουσα ἀσθενείας ἔτη δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ, καὶ ἦν συγκλιπτουσα καὶ μὴ δυναμένη ἀνακύψαι εἰς τὸ παντελές. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὴν ὁ Ἰησοῦς προσεφώνησε καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Γύναι, ἀπολέλυσαι τῆς ἀσθενείας σου· καὶ ἐπέθηκεν αὐτῇ τὰς χεῖρας· καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνωρθώθη καὶ ἐδόξαζε τὸν Θεόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἀρχισυνάγωγος, ἀγανακτῶν ὅτι τῷ σαββάτῳ ἐθεράπευσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγε τῷ ὄχλῳ· Ἐξ ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐν αἷς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι· ἐν ταύταις οὖν ἐρχόμενοι θεραπεύεσθε, καὶ μὴ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος καὶ εἶπεν· Ὑποκριταῖ· ἕκαστος ὑμῶν τῷ σαββάτῳ οὐ λύει τὸν βοῦν αὐτοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον ἀπὸ τῆς φάτνης καὶ ἀπαγαγὼν ποτίζει; ταύτην δὲ, θυγατέρα Ἀβραάμ οὖσαν, ἦν ἔδησεν ὁ σατανᾶς ἰδοὺ δέκα καὶ ὀκτὼ ἔτη, οὐκ ἔδει λυθῆναι ἀπὸ τοῦ δεσμοῦ τούτου τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου; καὶ ταῦτα λέγοντος αὐτοῦ κατησχύνοντο πάντες οἱ ἀντικείμενοι αὐτῷ, καὶ πᾶς ὁ ὄχλος ἔχαιρεν ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐνδόξοις τοῖς γινομένοις ὑπ' αὐτοῦ.

# CHRISTMAS *Adopt a Family*



## PHILOPTOCHOS

Help us make Christmas special for families in need!



## MY SISTER'S PLACE

Please donate \$25 gift cards from Walmart, Amazon or Visa

Drop gift cards off at the Cathedral office or during Liturgy in the Philoptochos tray.



## OUR CATHEDRAL

Pray for peace and those less fortunate!

# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL Breakfast With Santa

Hosted By:  
Annunciation Sunday School  
Youth Ministries Committee

OPEN TO ALL  
YOUTH 18 YEARS  
OF AGE AND  
UNDER

Merry Christmas!



\*\*\*Free photo with Santa!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**  
**FR. CONSTANTINE MONIOS SOCIAL HALL**

8:00AM - ORTHROS  
9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
10:30AM - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL  
11:30AM - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
**FREE ADMISSION - RSVP BY 12/14/23**



## Sunday School's "Be an Angel" Winter Clothing Drive

"Be an Angel" for the children who visit the Franciscan Center by donating new items for babies and children:

### Babies

Coats, Winter Clothing, including Hats, Mittens and Socks,  
Also, Diapers, Wipes, Baby Formula and Baby Food

### Children

Coats, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Sweaters, Shirts,  
Skirts, Pants, Thermals,  
Undergarments, Boots and Shoes in all sizes

Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Socks in size XS only

Please place unwrapped donations in the boxes marked  
Sunday School's "Be an Angel" Winter Clothing Drive  
outside the Church office by **Sunday, December 17.**

Questions: Contact Diane Boia at 410-227-6906 or snorkelcayman97@yahoo.com

Thank You and Have a Blessed Christmas!



## WEEKEND BACKPACKS

Hunger doesn't take  
the weekend off

Sunday School is helping Philoptochos collect  
**NEW Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Socks!!!**



### What to Donate:

BRAND NEW hats, gloves, scarves and socks  
Sizes - Children's Small through Adult

### Drop Off Instructions:

Place donations in the collection bins outside  
the Church office\*

### Donation Deadline:

December 15, 2023

### Questions:

Contact Evie Williams at [eviewilliams@msn.com](mailto:eviewilliams@msn.com)

\*Or drop off a monetary donation or check payable to Philoptochos (indicate WBHK on memo line of check) in our tray at the back of the Narthex for Philoptochos to do the shopping for you.

Philoptochos and Sunday School thank you for  
your continuing support of Weekend Backpacks for Homeless Kids.

# POINSETTIAS

Offering poinsettias in memory of in honor of our loved ones is a beautiful tradition.

Your donation of \$25 each and form must be received by **December 15, 2023**.

Via mail to: 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Make checks payable to: **Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation** or online payment at [www.annunciationbaltimore.org](http://www.annunciationbaltimore.org) – DONATE

Yes, I would like to donate \_\_\_\_ Poinsettias at \$25 each:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_



## Father Dean Moralis Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop

With the season of giving upon us, we of the Father Dean Moralis Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop, hope you'll add gifts of faith to your shopping and wish lists!

Our offerings are carefully selected to provide spiritual and educational resources for our friends and families.

Every Sunday through November and December, we will offer FLASH SALES so that you can do your gift shopping while supporting the multiple missions of the Annunciation Cathedral.

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# UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, 12/9

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for  
Conception of the Theotokos

Sunday, 12/10

8:00am - Orthros & Liturgy

Tuesday, 12/12

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for St.  
Spyridon

Wednesday, 12/13

6:00pm - Paraklesis

Friday, 12/15

8:30pm - Orthros & Liturgy for St.  
Eleftherios

Saturday, 12/16

8:00am - Orthros & Liturgy for  
Prophet Haggi

Sunday, 12/17

8:00am - Orthros & Liturgy

Monday, 12/18

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for St.  
Sebastian

Wednesday, 12/20

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for St.  
Ignatius  
6:00pm - Paraklesis

Friday, 12/22

8:30am - Great Hours

Sunday, 12/24

8:00am - Orthros & Liturgy  
5:00pm - Vespers for Nativity

Monday, 12/25

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for  
Nativity

Wednesday, 12/27

8:30pm - Orthros & Liturgy for St.  
Stephen  
6:00pm - Paraklesis

Sunday, 12/31

8:00am - Orthros & Liturgy

Monday, 1/1

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for  
Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil

Friday, 1/5

8:30am - Great Hours  
9:30am - Vespereal Liturgy

Saturday, 1/6

8:30am - Orthros & Liturgy for  
Theophany

Sunday, 1/7

8:00am - Orthros, Liturgy, and  
Cutting of the Vasilopita