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14TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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**SAINT OF THE DAY**  
**Zephaniah the Prophet**

The Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Prophetess Oldama. He was from the tribe of Simeon, and was the ninth of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. The prophet lived at the royal court, where he preached repentance and helped King Josiah eliminate idol-worship. He prophesied about the calamities that were to come for the people of Judea and the surrounding regions: Gaza, Ascalon, Crete, and against the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Ninevites.

**TODAY**

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

Savas Tsakiris - 5 years	Despina Bahadouris Coroneos - 40 days
Moskos Tsakiris - 18 years	Nicholas Kiladis - 10 years
Anastasia Tsakiris - 6 years	Mary Bahadouris Kiladis - 4 years
James Chilis - 24 years	Nicholas J. Malamatis - 10 years
Dorothy Chilis - 43 years	Tess Malamatis - 8 years
Peter Routzounis (Rose) - 57 years	Demetri Carman - 5 years
Pauline Routzounis (Rose) - 31 years	Mary Minadakis - 6 years
Mary Lambros - 17 years	Dimitri Andrew - 16 years
Andrew Lambros - 16 years	Xenia Karas - 18 years
Joseph Cameron - 16 years	Konstantinos Karas - 29 years
Dena Cameron - 13 years	Vasilia Andrew - 23 years

- **The sacramental wine** is donated by Voula Georgitsos and family for the month of December in loving memory of John Georgitsos' 7th year memorial on December 23rd and the Family of Peter John Prevas, in memory of his birthday this December 4th.
- **We thank our 2023 Stewardship Day Sponsors** Connie Tsakiris for choosing December 5th to honor the memory of Savas Tsakiris for his nameday.
- **Join us for a Coffee Hour** in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy, sponsored by Connie Tsakiris and Family in memory of her husband, Savas Tsakiris.
- The Cathedral Family would like to acknowledge **Chrysanthé Alevizatos Pappas on her 100th birthday this December 14th**. May God continue to bless her with good health.
- After receiving antidoron, the **Sunday School students** will be having a short Christmas Pageant rehearsal in the Cathedral.
- After the Christmas pageant rehearsal, please **join HOPE/JOY in the AHEPA Room**. We will have crafts and cookie decorating and also be making cards to deliver to Meals on Wheels recipients. Children ages 4-11 and their siblings are welcome to join us!
- The **Women's Guild Annual Christmas Luncheon and Boutique** is today at noon in the AOC Lobby and Preston Hall, 25 W. Preston Street, across from the Cathedral.
- **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**

- **Mon, 12/4**
  - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy **for Saint Barbara**
- **Tues, 12/5**
  - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy **for Saint Savas**
  - 6:30pm - **Vespers for Saint Nicholas (at St. Nicholas)**
- **Wed, 12/6**
  - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy **for Saint Nicholas**
  - 6:00pm - Paraklesis
- **Sat, 12/9**
  - 9:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy **for the Conception of the Theotokos**
- **Sun, 12/10 (10th Sunday of Matthew)**
  - 8:00am - Orthros
  - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

**COMMUNITY**

- **Mon, 12/4**
  - 7:00pm - Youth Ministries Committee Meeting
- **Tues, 12/5**
  - 11:30am - Golden Age Club Gathering
- **Wed, 12/6**
  - 7:00pm - Choir Practice
- **Thur, 12/7**
  - 10:00am - HHMM Work
  - 7:00pm - YAL Core Team Meeting
- **Fri, 12/8**
  - 11:00am - Philoptochos Christmas Baking
  - 5:30pm - Greek School/PTO Holiday Baking
  - 6:15pm - YAL Caroling and Social
- **Sat, 12/9**
  - 11:00am - Philoptochos Christmas Baking
  - 11:00am - Christmas Decorating in Cathedral
  - 6:00pm - GOYA Christmas Party
- **Sun, 12/10**
  - Annunciation Choir Christmas Concert
  - **Parish Council Elections**
  - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE**

12/16 - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
12/17 - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
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** - GOYA has partnered with the Holy Protection Monastery to sell Vasilopita for \$20/each as a fundraiser. Look for GOYANs in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall Lobby after Liturgy to place your order. Payment is due at the time of order. **Deadline is December 3. Pickup on December 17** following the 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.
- The Greek School is recruiting Teachers for the 2023/2024 school year.** Specifically for Kindergarten class and a teacher certified in Ellinomathima. Contact Sia Kyriakakos at [siakyriakakos@gmail.com](mailto:siakyriakakos@gmail.com) or 443-824-2573. This is a paid position.
- Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries** by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.



## PHILOPTOCHOS

- "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 3** at the Women's Guild Christmas Boutique in the AOC and on **Sundays, 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)
- "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.**
- 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

- Christmas Caroling - Friday, 12/8, 6:15PM** – Help us bring Christmas cheer to those in need at Keswick Multi-Care Center and join us afterward for some Christmas fellowship (TBA).
- Sign-up @ <https://forms.gle/KrHJ4vD222AYfznz8> or scan QR Code.
- 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@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:yal@annunciationbaltimore.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**

- Searching for St. Nicholas? You can emulate his kindness and generosity with faith based gifts from the Bookstore! This week the FLASH SALE is 20% off the entire inventory! And for young shoppers, 18 years and younger, starting this Sunday, December 3rd through 17th, you can find gifts for Mom, Dad, Yiayia, Papou, aunts, uncles, Godparents, cousins, brothers, sisters and friends for 30% off. Come see 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.

### **MUSIC**

- **The Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10**, will feature the Choir, Sunday School and Greek School students, the chanters and our organist and a string ensemble.
- **On December 17th**, the Sunday School will present the **pageant "O Holy Night"**. We hope to see you, so you may experience the peace, love and joy of the Christmas Season.

### **COMMUNITY**

- **Christmas Decorating and Tree Trimming in the Cathedral on December 9**, starting at 11:00am. All volunteers are welcome.
- **Parish Council Elections will take place after Divine Liturgy, Sunday, December 10 from 11:30am - 3:30pm.**
- **Pre-Lit Artificial Christmas Tree Needed** - If you have a working pre-lit 6-7ft Christmas Tree that needs a new home, the church is in need. Please contact Eleni Roros at [eroros99@gmail.com](mailto:eroros99@gmail.com).
- Please join the **Golden Age Club** (and please bring your thoughts on a new name!) for a Holiday gathering following Divine Liturgy on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 11:30am** in the Golden Age Room of the AOC. We will have with us as a guest Fr Anastasios Yaounde from Cameroon, sing Christmas Carols and enjoy lunch together. We look forward to seeing you! Please **RSVP by Dec 2**, to Pat Bartsocas at [bartsocaspat@hotmail.com](mailto:bartsocaspat@hotmail.com) or Rhoula Monios at [rhoulaeve@yahoo.com](mailto:rhoulaeve@yahoo.com).
- **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.

- **The Sacraments of Holy Communion (and Holy Unction when offered)** are reserved for those who are baptized and/or chrismated in a canonical Orthodox Church. Additionally, even though the priest may know your name, please speak audibly your full baptismal name when approaching to receive the sacraments.
- **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.**

If you would like to have information included in the Sunday Bulletin, please send your text and/or flyer to [assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org) by Wednesday at Noon.

For the January/February Newsletter, send to [newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org) by December 15th.



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

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

### **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, ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὶ 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, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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### **EPISTLE (EPHESIANS 5:8-19)**

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Ἀδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε [ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθῳσύνῃ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ] δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ Κυρίῳ· καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάργοις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε, τὰ γὰρ κρυφῇ γινόμενα ὑπ' αὐτῶν αἰσχρόν ἐστὶν καὶ λέγειν· τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανερούμενον φῶς ἐστί. Διὸ λέγει· Ὑγείρε, ὁ καθεύδων, καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφαύσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν ἀκριβῶς πῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραὶ εἰσι. Διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ Κυρίου. Καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν Πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

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### **GOSPEL (LUKE 18:35-43)**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ἐγγίζειν τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς Ἱεριχὼ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν. ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· Υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτόν λέγων· Τί σοι θέλεις ποιῆσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.



# Annunciation Parish Council Election



Parish Council Elections will be held on December 10th from 11:30am to 3:30pm. Five candidates will be elected. Below are the candidates running for the Parish Council.



## **Peter Constantinou**

Peter moved from New York to Baltimore in November 1992 and became a member and chanter of our community in August 1994. He is the President and CEO of Association Matters, Inc., an outsourced management company for professional, trade, and charitable organizations. Peter is married to Christina [nee Proakis] and they have a daughter, Marina.



## **Alexander Klopfenstein**

Alexander is seeking reelection to serve another 3 years on the Parish Council. Alex is a lifelong parishioner of Annunciation, and loves to be active in his Cathedral. Alex has been a part of the Altar Servers, Loaves and Fishes, and is currently President of the Order of AHEPA Worthington Chapter. He has treasured his time on the Parish Council, and is excited at the opportunity to continue serving a second term. Alex is a graduate of the George Washington University and has made a career in the financial sector.



## **Stella Hajimihalis Jenkins**

Stella has been a lifetime member of the Annunciation Cathedral. She has served on the Parish Council for 2 terms, as Secretary for one term and was the Co-Chair for the Capital Campaign in 2015-2018. She was a Sunday School teacher for over 2 decades. Stella is currently an Officer of the Women's Guild. She has been active in multiple Greek Festivals, organized church picnics at Camp Puh'Tok, and organized family/community Friday Pasta dinners. She has also been involved in the participation with YAL activities as well as GOYA when her 2 kids were members. She looks forward to continuing to serve her church and community.



## **Nikki Monios**

Nikki is seeking reelection to serve another 3 years on the Parish Council. Nikki is a devoted member of our Cathedral family for over 45 years and as a mother of four, her children's upbringing within our Parish, from Sunday school to GOYA activities, is a testament to her deep-rooted connection. She embodies the spirit of continuity and growth, ensuring that the Cathedral remains a beacon of faith, love, and fellowship for generations to come. Nikki is a realtor and takes great pride in bringing the same passion and dedication to helping clients buy and sell homes. For Nikki, this community isn't just a place of worship; it's home, echoing with the legacy of her father, who served as the Dean of this Cathedral for over 25 years.



## **Melody Simmons**

Melody has been blessed to be an active member of the Cathedral for 40+ years. She previously served on the Parish Council for two terms in the late 1980s, and has served on the Philoptochos Board for many years spearheading the Loaves & Fishes ministry and charitable outreach into our local community. She is also a past-president and officer of the Cathedral's Women's Guild. Melody is a veteran Baltimore journalist and has won several reporting awards over the years. She is married to Michael Brown, mother of Susannah and Ben, stepmother to Carm Falcone and proud Yiayia to Theo, Scarlett and Vivian (and, because it takes a village, bonus Yiayia to Nicholas, Ryan, Casey and Felicia)





## 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.

And as a thank you, when you make a purchase, your name will be entered in a drawing for a gift card that you can spend in 2024!

Mark your calendars with these Flash Sales!



December 3: 20% of the whole store!

December 10: Cookbooks and home decor 15% off

December 17: Mystery Flash Sale!!

Merry Christmas and Happy Joyous New Year 🎄



## 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](mailto:snorkelcayman97@yahoo.com)

Thank You and Have a Blessed Christmas!

# Goya Vasilopita Sale

- VASILOPITES PREPARED BY THE MONASTERY OF HOLY PROTECTION
- \$20 PER VASILOPITA
- PICK-UP AFTER CHURCH ON DECEMBER 17
- PRE-ORDERS TAKEN AFTER CHURCH OUTSIDE FATHER CONSTANTINE MONIOS HALL ON OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26 AND DECEMBER 3
- PAYMENT REQUESTED WITH ORDER. CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## CHRISTMAS *Adopt a Family*



### PHILOPTOCHOS

Help us make Christmas special for families in need!



### OUR CATHEDRAL

Pray for peace and those less fortunate!

### 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.



## "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 @Rhoul-Monios or send check made out to Annunciation Philoptochos to: Annunciation Philoptochos, c/o Rhoul Monios, 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Contact Rhoul Monios @ rhoulavie@yahoo.com for more information





# 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**

