

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION BALTIMORE, MD 21201



Sunday, May 21, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN & STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

TODAY

Responses:

Χριστός Ανέστη! ~ **Αληθώς Ανέστη!** Christ is Risen! ~ Truly He is Risen!

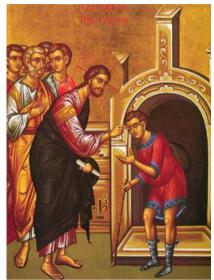
Χριστός άνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας καί τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Memorial Services

Constantine John Sakles - 1 year Sylvia 'Tini' Souris McLernon - 1 year Ioannis Alexiades - 3 years Theodore Pappas - 14 years Evanthia Pappas - 6 years

May their memory be eternal.



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- **The Artoclasia** is offered to the glory of God for the continued good health of the Constantine and Maria Letras family, for the feast day of Saints Constantine and Helen and in honor of all the AHEPA members as we celebrate AHEPA Sunday.
- Today we honor our graduates from the Greek School program, high school, college and graduate school. A separate program has been inserted for you to learn about our students and their accomplishments. Our community congratulates all graduates and wishes them well in their future endeavors.
- A number of scholarships from the Philoptochos and private donations will be presented today. We congratulate the recipients.
- Today's Coffee Hour is in honor of Constantine Letras on the occasion of his name day and is hosted by his wife Maria, and their children and grandchildren.
- We thank our 2023 Stewardship Day Sponsors, Evangelos and JoAnn Ioannou for choosing today, May 21, in honor of their daughter Georgia's birthday.
- The GOYA meets today for Officer Elections after the Divine Liturgy, followed by a **paintball tournament** <u>from 2-4pm</u> and **pool party from** <u>4:30-7:30pm</u>. Contact <u>goya@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> with any questions.
- If you are visiting the Cathedral today, please introduce yourself to Fr. Anastasios Bourantas.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
See all events at: annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar	
LITURGICAL	COMMUNITY
Wed, 5/24 (Leave-taking of Pascha)	• Sun, 5/21
• 9:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy (at Cemetery Chapel)	• 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting
 5:00pm - Vespers for Holy Ascension 	• Tues, 5/23
• 6:00pm - Paraklesis Service (in Chapel)	 6:30pm - Parish Council Meeting
• Thur, 5/25 (Holy Ascension)	• Thurs, 5/25
 9:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy 	 11:00am - Building Discussion Working
• Sun, 5/28 (Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council)	Session
• 8:00am - Orthros	• Fri, 5/26
 9:30am - Divine Liturgy 	• 11:15am - Chant Class
	• Sun, 5/28
	• 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

LITURGICAL

- Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery On Monday, May 29, Orthros will begin at 8:00am, followed by the Divine Liturgy and the Memorial Service at 8:45am. From 10:00am to 1:00pm, Fr. Anastasios will read trisagion prayers at gravesites. Please have the names written to give to Father for the service.
- Every Wednesday, beginning on <u>May 24 at</u> <u>6pm</u>, there will be a **Paraklesis Service** chanted in the Chapel to help guide the works of the Capital Campaign and the good work of the Cathedral.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

- Vacation Bible School Register now: <u>June 26 30, 9am 2pm</u>, for children K 6th grade. Theme is "Super Saints Heroes of Our Faith". The donation of \$35/child, includes lunch and a t-shirt. **Register by** <u>6/1</u> at https://forms.gle/sGh1T5rmFQaFs7b49. Contact youthministries@annunciationbaltimore.org, with any questions.
- Camp Good Shepherd~Chesapeake Bay Register Now: July 3rd to July 7th, 2023 THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER! @ Camp Wo-Me-To, Jarrettsville, MD. Open to Campers (8-18 yrs.) & Volunteers (18 yrs or older and one year out of high school). Follow the link to register: <u>http://app.campdoc.com/register/cgsn</u> ENROLL NOW to grow in your faith, build meaningful relationships, participate in swimming, crafts, athletics, dance, FIREWORKS and more! Overnight Staff receive a \$300 stipend! Email <u>campgoodshepcb@gmail.com</u> with any questions.
- Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.



- Sunday School is looking for Teachers, Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aids for the 2023/2024 school year. Contact Anastasia Georgiou at religioused@annunciationbaltimore.org.
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- The Greek School is looking for Teachers for the 2023/2024 school year. Contact Sia Kyriakakos at <u>siakyriakakos@gmail.com</u> or 443-824-2573. This is a paid position. Greek School begins Friday, September 8th. Student Registration is coming soon.

COMMUNITY

 Philoptochos Apron Sale fundraiser is underway to benefit the Philoxenia House. Each Apron is \$35. Use link: https://forms.gle/mE87BULB6uKQdSC17 or Scan QR code to place your order. Contact Rhoula Monios at nhoulaevie@yahoo.com for more information.



- AXION CHARITY EVENTS presents the Return of Thanos Petrelis ~ Live in Baltimore for a Greek Concert to benefit the Greek Orthodox Churches in the Baltimore area. Save the Date - Friday October 13th at Martin's Valley Mansion. For Sponsorship information, contact axioncharityevents@gmail.com. Ticket information is coming soon.
- WORTHINGTON CHAPTER #30 AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30 is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year with a Dinner/Dance at Martin's Valley Mansion on <u>November 4, 2023</u>. Please save the date on your calendar and come help us celebrate the Worthington Chapter's 100 years of service to the church and the community. Raffle tickets and dinner tickets will be available beginning in May 2023. For more information contact Bill Bond at <u>bondgrp@comcast.net</u> 410-913-2350.
- FLEA MARKET The Philoptochos is preparing for the 11th Annual Flea Market, planned for each Fri, Sat, and Sun from <u>June 30 Aug 6</u>. Donations are being accepted NOW through <u>JUNE 25</u>. For more information contact <u>philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com</u>, Judy Georges TEXT 443-301-5041 or Georgeann Morekas TEXT 443-845-1176. Donation drop-offs must be scheduled with Judy or Georgeann (please do not contact the Church office).

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 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 <u>njphiloptochos.org</u>. There are a few hard copies available on the "Welcome" table in the church lobby. Application deadline is June 15.
- AHEPA Worthington Chapter Scholarships A new version of the application is available for downloading at <u>www.AHEPA30.org</u>. Completed applications must be submitted via the <u>www.AHEPA30.org</u> website only. Deadline for all requirements is <u>June 30</u>. Further instructions can be found on the application or check out the flier on the Welcome table.
- FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE Applicants must be graduating high school seniors enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall and a member of a Greek Orthodox parish. Application and eligibility details are available at thefaithendowment.org/scholarships. Application deadline is <u>June 30</u>. For any questions, please call (212) 803-9363 or email <u>info@thefaithendowment.org</u>.
- The United Chian Societies of Baltimore "Andreas Syggros" and Ladies Panchian Society annual scholarship applications are now available online at <u>www.chios.us</u> or <u>http://chiossocietyofbaltimore.com/-2023scholarship-application</u>. Forms are also available on the "Welcome" table in the church lobby. **Application deadline is <u>July 7.</u>**

MUSIC

• The Cathedral Choir is recruiting new members! Contact Fotini Fifi Nichols, <u>fnichols1@verizon.net</u> or 443-745-9686.

CULTURE

 The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland is opened once again for visitors. Our exhibits recognize the heritage of the Greeks who established this community. We are open by appointment or you can visit most Sundays when coffee hour is at the AOC. We continue to collect items that identify our culture and the journey of the families that established this community. Contact: Fotini Batlatzis, <u>tinabatlatzis@gmail.com</u>, 410-823-0139; Harry C. Maistros, <u>harry.maistros@comcast.net</u>, 410-467-1836: or visit: <u>hellenicheritagemd.org</u>.

STEWARDSHIP

- <u>2023 Stewardship</u> Submit your 2023 commitment form: <u>https://forms.gle/YAosrEyMkRimi84i8</u>. Hard copies are available on the "Welcome" table in the church lobby. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship. Please carefully consider your 2023 pledge.
- The office requests that you **DO NOT Submit 2022 Stewardship Envelopes. Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available** upon request. Fill out a 2023 Pledge Form and check the box asking to receive envelopes. You can also call the office or email <u>office@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> to request them.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Four working sessions concerning the five vacant properties at the Cathedral will be held by the Parish Council on:
 - **<u>Thursday, May 25</u>** 11:00am to 1:00pm
 - **<u>Tuesday, May 30</u>** 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 - Tuesday, June 27 6:30pm to 8:30pm

• <u>Wednesday, June 28</u> - 10:30am to 12:30pm These meetings are open to all parishioners in good standing. A summary of the Options being considered will be presented, followed by discussion and questions and answers.

- The Parish Council is seeking members for the following committees:
 - Finance
 - Parish Life
 - Technology & Communications
 - Youth requires annual Youth Worker Training and background check
- If you have questions or are interested in serving on any of these committees, please email the Parish Council at
 - parishcouncil@annunciationbaltimore.org

PASTORAL

- 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 or deacon 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.
- **The Philoptochos has resources** available to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to <u>philoptochos@annuncationbaltimore.org</u> or to Father Anastasios <u>Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.

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To all ministry, organization and committee leaders and members Please contact the church office <u>before</u> you schedule ANY meetings, activities OR events.

If you would like to have information included in the Sunday Bulletin, please send your text and/or flyer to <u>assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> by Wednesday at Noon. For the July/August Newsletter, send to <u>newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> by June 19.

Entrance Hymns

Resurrectional Apolytikion

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion of the Feast

Your Apostle among the Rulers, St. Constantine, who once beheld in the sky the image of Your Cross, and who like Paul received his calling not from man, once entrusted the Ruling City into Your hand. We entreat You to restore it in peace forever, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord who loves humanity.

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.

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." Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλῆσιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεῦσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσαν πόλιν τῆ χειρί σου παρέθετο ἡν περίσῳζε διὰ παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for the Deceased

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

Apolytikion of the Parish

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

Kontakion of the Feast

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection. Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἑνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγώ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

EPISTLE (ACTS 26:1, 12-20)

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles - to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

THE GOSPEL READING (JOHN 9:1-38)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.







Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Bethesda, Maryland

"Imitating the Apostles: The Necessity of **Orthodox Phronema in Youth Ministry**"

> **Guest Speaker** Dr. Eugenia (Jeannie) Constantinou

To read more about Dr. Eugenia please click here





To register please use the link below: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/628095690117 No registration fee is required. Refreshments and dinner will be offered.

We will be collecting non perishable food to support Saint John the Merciful Orthodox Mission pantry in S.E. Washington D.C.



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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 or scan:





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