

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE ANNUNCIATION



BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Sunday, April 14, 2024

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



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Saint and Feasts

Sunday of St. John Climacus

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and ward against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.



TODAY

- **The basket of flowers gracing the icon of the Panayia for the Salutations service** is offered to the glory of God and in memory of departed members of the Apesos and Lazarides families and is donated by Kathe Apesos Lazarides.
- **We thank Kathe Apesos Lazarides and Georgeann Morekas** for hosting the April 12th refreshments following the 4th service of the Salutations to the Theotokos.
- **Today we honor Father John Bullock and Presvytera Irene and family** with a coffee hour reception hosted by GOYA. We will always be grateful for their pastoral guidance, love, and sacrifices they have made for our Cathedral community, and we pray that God will continue to guide them in the next steps of their ministry.
- **If you are visiting the Cathedral**, please introduce yourself to Fr. George at the end of the Liturgy.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The **2024 Philoptochos Scholarship Applications** are available on line on the church website. Printed copies are also on the Welcome Table at church. The due date for submitting Philoptochos Scholarship Applications is **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. The Scholarships will be presented in church on Philoptochos Scholarship Sunday, on **June 9**. For additional information contact Deanna Sakellaris at dsak702@verizon.net or 410-591-6601.
- The **AHEPA Lord Baltimore Chapter 364 Scholarship deadline is April 15, 2024!** Go to www.ahepa364.org for info, instructions, and application. Any questions contact chairperson, Col. John E Gavrilis, by text 443-474-4001.
- Information regarding the **Anastasia K. Michals Memorial Scholarship** presented by the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Society is available on the Welcome Table. Mrs. Michals was a past NJ Metropolis Philoptochos president. She served with dignity and grace. Applications are due **June 15, 2024**. For more information, contact Deanna Sakellaris, dsak@verizon.net or 410.591.6601.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar

LITURGICAL

- **Mon, 4/15**
 - 6:00pm - Compline
- **Wed, 4/17**
 - 6:00pm - Presanctified Liturgy (Chapel)
- **Fri, 4/19**
 - 8:30am - Presanctified Liturgy (Chapel)
 - 6:30pm - Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos
- **Sun, 4/21 (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- **Tues, 4/16**
 - 6:30pm - Parish Council Meeting
 - 7:00pm - Women's Guild Board Meeting
- **Thur, 4/18**
 - 10:00am - HHMM Work Session
 - 6:00pm - GOYA Board Meeting
- **Fri, 4/19**
 - 11:00am - Paschal Baking and Festival Prep (Kourambiedes)
 - 5:30pm - Greek School
- **Sat, 4/20**
 - 10:00am - Evangelakia Dance Practice (AOC)
 - 11:00am - Paschal Baking and Festival Prep (Kourambiedes)
- **Sun, 4/21 (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt)**
 - 11:45am - Festival Meeting
 - 12:00pm - Hope/Joy Wildlife Adventures
 - 1:00pm - Choir Concert Series
 - 2:30pm - GOYA Meeting
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting



4/19 - 5TH SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS (AKATHIST HYMN)

4/27 - SATURDAY OF LAZARUS AND PALM PREPARATION

4/28 - PALM SUNDAY TRADITIONAL FISH LUNCHEON

5/11 - METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

5/23 - GREEK FESTIVAL BEGINS

PHILOPTOCHOS

- **Philoptochos Membership registration is now accessible online!!!!** Scan QR Code or use link below. Philoptochos members strive to make a difference in the lives of others by fulfilling our sacred calling as Christians to help anyone in need. Please join us in our mission to promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions. All are welcome! Hardcopy membership forms are still available on the welcome table in the church lobby.
<https://forms.gle/he6Fk6FMkjmidHfu8>
- **The Philoptochos has resources available** to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to philoptochos@annunciationbaltimore.org or to Fr. George fr.george@annunciationbaltimore.org or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.



YOUNG ADULT


- **Annunciation Young Adult League (YAL)** will meet at Saint Demetrios, **Friday, 4/19** following Salutations service. Stay tuned for more information.
- **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@annunaiatonbaltimore.org.
- **OCF – Orthodox Christian Fellowship** is a campus ministry to help students connect with other Orthodox Christians, navigate their time through school, and stay connected to the Church. Students typically meet every other Friday on the Hopkins campus. Contact Fr. George for more info.



YOUTH

- **Hope/Joy** invites everyone to the “Wild About Jesus” presentation in the AHEPA Room on **Sunday April 21** after Liturgy. Wildlife Adventures will also be hosting a petting zoo. The event is free. Contact Dorthea Tsakiris for additional info at hopejoy@annunciationbaltimore.org.
- **Camp Good Shepherd Summer Camp** – Our summer camp ministry is looking for staff volunteers for **June 16-22!** Must be 18 yrs or older and one year out of high school. Questions? campgoodshepcb@gmail.com. Apply at: <https://forms.gle/YGpEwTuMeZPwNNuz9>

COMMUNITY

- **The Philoptochos is sponsoring the traditional Palm Sunday Fish luncheon** in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall, following Palm Sunday Services on **April 28**. A free will offering of \$10 per person is suggested and all proceeds will be used to support the Philoptochos ministry.
- **Sunday School is collecting soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant for the Franciscan Center.** Place donations outside the Church office in the boxes marked Sunday School’s Collection for the Franciscan Center **by April 28**. Any questions, please contact Diane Boia at 410-227-6906.
- After celebrating a blessed and beautiful PASCHA with family and friends, come **celebrate PASCHA and Bright Week with HRISI PAREA** on **Tuesday, May 7th, 11:30am** at the AOC, main banquet room. Lunch will be provided, May birthdays will be celebrated, and a special treat of music and song by our own Manual Matsos from ZEPHYROS will be offered. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out on this festive celebration. In order that we may plan and set up accordingly, **please RSVP** to Olga Zavakos at ojzavakos@verizon.net or call/text 443-791-0064, **NO LATER than Thursday, May 2nd, 2024**.
- **Metropolis of New Jersey Oratorical Festival -- Saturday, May 11 -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Cathedral will host visitors from across the New Jersey Metropolis, including **His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos**, on this wonderful day of youth ministr^{Oratorical Volunteer!} your helping hands to make this event a success for our young people and visitors. **Scan the QR CODE** to sign-up! Please email Corinna Vlahoyiannis with any questions, corinna.vlahoyiannis@gmail.com.

SCAN TO SIGN-UP!
- **Join us for "Night Out at the Ballpark" Fundraiser - Baltimore Orioles vs Seattle Mariners Baseball Game - Friday, May 17 at 7:05pm.** \$30/ticket - Seats are Lower Reserved. First 20,000 fans 15 & over receive a FREE Orioles 70th Anniversary Replica Jersey. Order tickets @: <https://forms.gle/9ba97c5X4wu4PJ77A> **Deadline to order is May 9 at Noon.** First Come First Serve. Hosted by YAL. Contact George Roros at groros@ycp.edu or 443-869-1838 with any questions.
- **NEW DATE: The Annunciation Women’s Guild invites the Women of the Cathedral** to their **June General Meeting and Luncheon** on **Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 12:30pm** (after the Graduate & Scholarship program) 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 Kalliope Del Pizzo at kmdelpizzo@gmail.com.
- **SAVE THE DATE: The Philoptochos’ 12th Annual FLEA MARKET** will be open from **June 28 to August 11**. We will have a soft opening for “Ladies Nite at the Flea Market” on **Thursday, June 27 from 5:30 to 7:30**. Information on making your donations to the Flea Market is forthcoming.
- **Greek School Registration** remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Register at: <https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4dIL6>.

LITURGICAL

- **Salutations Service** - If you are interested in intoning the ending prayers of the Salutations service (“Ασπλιε, αμόλυντε) in either Greek or English, please contact Fr. George.
- **We are also looking for readers for Agape Vespers.** If you are interested and can read proficiently in a foreign language, please contact Fr. George.

LENT & PASCHA

- **EASTER LILIES** - Offering lilies in memory or in honor of our loved ones is a beautiful tradition. Donations may be made for \$25.00 each. Forms are available on the Welcome Table. **Deadline to donate is April 26.**
- **Red Eggs for Pascha** - Get ready for Pascha with a dozen red dyed eggs - \$10/dozen. **Reserve your Eggs at: <https://forms.gle/qWMJibBsMYx5nvoh8>.** Deadline to reserve is **Friday, April 26.** Pickup will be on **Holy Thursday (May 2) between 3pm to 5pm or Holy Friday (May 3) between 12 noon to 3pm.** Contact Eleni Roros at 443-621-0587 or eroros99@gmail.com for any questions.
- **Myrrh-Bearers (Myrofores):** Calling all girls 6 to 12 years of age interested in being a Myrrh-Bearer (Myrofora) for Holy Friday Service. Contact Dorothea Tsakiris at hopejoy@annunciationbaltimore.org.
- **Saturday of Lazarus and Palm Making** - Our Youth Ministries invite all to assist with making palm crosses on **Saturday, April 27, the Saturday of Lazarus**, following the Liturgy. Children and adults will learn about and prepare “Lazarakia”, prepare bay leaves, and decorate the Cathedral for Palm Sunday. All are encouraged to bring a Lenten dish (covered) to share. Orthos & Divine Liturgy, 8am - 10 am. To ensure we have enough supplies, signup at: <https://forms.gle/9tLaZyxgfQLQvHaJ9>.
- **Holy Friday Youth Retreat** - All Youth - Pre-k to High School, join us **Friday, May 3 - 11am to 4pm** for activities, lunch and the “Unnailing from the Cross” (Apokathelosis). Excused absence letters will be available. **Register by Sunday, April 28** at <https://forms.gle/i8qnFU9Wnz18cTc36>. More info: youthministries@annunciationbaltimore.org. If anyone is available to volunteer for all or part of the day, please let us know.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the **Agape Service on Sunday, May 5.**

·THE MYRRHBEARERS·



**THURSDAY, MAY 23 TO
SUNDAY, MAY 26**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! AT

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QHVBFMQUEHEXZDB27](https://forms.gle/QHVBFMQUEHEXZDB27)

OR SCAN QR CODE



FESTIVAL FOOD PREPARATION

- Come one, Come ALL. Please join us in the Mentis Room at 11am to prepare for Pascha and our annual Festival.
 - **April 19 & April 20** – Kourambiedes.
 - **May 8, 9 & 10** – Baklava
- Contact Mike Baglanis, 410-627-1899 or Georgeann Morekas, 443-845-1176.

FESTIVAL ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

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

SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT NEEDED

- **Please consider sponsoring a Silent Auction basket** for the 2024 Annual Greek festival scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. Each year we assemble approximately 130 baskets, and each basket contains 10-12 items. **Suggested donations and instructions are on the insert page. Several items have been covered. Let's get them all covered!!!!**
- Please contact Judy Georges by phone / text 443-301-5041, email 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.



TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

For the Devout Man

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκάτον τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. In as much as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE (HEBREWS 6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραὰμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ Θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχε μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὡμοσε καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων· ἢ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε· καὶ οὕτω μακροθυμίας ἐπέτυχε τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσι, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρασ εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος· ἐν ᾧ περισσότερο βουλόμενος ὁ Θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι Θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος, ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσηλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

GOSPEL (MARK 9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπρωῶτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτόν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράζας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπέτιμήσε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράζαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράζαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπρωῶτων αὐτόν κατ' ἴδιαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. καὶ ἐκείθεν ἐξεληθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ᾔθελεν ἵνα τις γινῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

**Annunciation Cathedral
52nd Greek Food * Wine * Culture Festival
May 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2024**



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Judy Georges
judy-wood@comcast.net, 443-301-5041

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We will prepare the basket for you.
 You may drop off your donation at the church office or mail your donation **before May 5th** to:

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

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SPONSORSHIP SUGGESTIONS

\$25 SPONSORS:

- New Year's Eve Party Basket – champagne, glasses, accessories
- Candy lovers basket - assorted sweets, candy & gum
- Coffee Wagon - gift card, coffee, coffee mugs, etc.
- **Tasty Tacos – Holder, Recipes, Ingredients - Donated**
- **Puzzled by Puzzles – a basket of puzzles to conquer - Donated**
- Beauty Secrets – Samples of Makeup and Skin care products
- Americana Party Basket – All things Red, White & Blue
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- Game Night - games for the whole family
- Crab Basket – Many unimaginable crab items
- **Movie Night – Popcorn popper, boxed candy - Donated**
- Italian Basket – Pasta Bowl, Sauce, Cheese, Olive oil, Bread sticks, Olives, Capers and more
- Moscow Mule So Cool – Mule Mugs, Ginger Beer, Vodka and Accessories
- **Martini Basket – Martini glasses, Martini mixes, Olives, Shaker, Napkins, Vodka - Donated**
- BBQ Lover's Basket – Tools, Sauces, Mats & Recipes
- Wine & Cheese – Wine, Cheese, Crackers, Olives, Napkins, Wine glasses
- Bakers Basket – pans, mixes, frosting, decorations, cookbook

\$75 SPONSORS:

- Greek Basket –cookbook, apron, spices, foods, etc.
- Auto – gift certificate, car wash products, etc.
- Mexican Fiesta – chips, salsa, margarita mix, tequila, tortilla holder, margarita glasses, rim salt and more
- Beauty Abounds – Luxury Hair and Face products
- Beer Sampler – beer, glasses, bottle opener, snacks
- **Golf Basket – tees, golf glove, balls, shirt, towel - Donated**
- **Movie Night – Dinner and Movie Gift Certificate - Donated**
- Gardener's Paradise – Lg Garden Pot, Tiller, Trowel, Weeder, Bulb Planter and Gift Card

\$100 SPONSORS:

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

\$150 SPONSORS:

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

\$200 SPONSORS:

- Espresso Lovers – Espresso Machine, Ceramic Cups & Holder and Coffee
- Spa Pampering – spa certificate, body products, slippers
- Wine Rack, Bottles of Wine, Opener and Accessories



THE BOOKSTORE AND LOGOS GIFT SHOP

- **Flash sale on Icon sets this Sunday only!**
 - These icons are wooden plaques with Lumina gold and come in three sizes. They depict the Great Feasts of Christ’s entry into Jerusalem, the Mystical Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. There is also a print set with Lumina gold for children and young adults.
- For perfect gifts, consider a Bookstore Gift Card!
<https://squareup.com/gift/MLF7HAY1H9CTY/order>

MUSIC

- **A Spring Concert** is offered by the rising international stars from the Leon Fleisher Academy who will perform piano music by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. Don't miss this spectacular event and show your support for the young artists on their musical journey. This event is sponsored by the **Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series** on **Sunday, April 21 at 1:00pm** at the AOC. Free will offering. For further information contact Fotini Nichols, fnichols1@verizon.net.
- **The choir is recruiting** new and former members to join us for the Lenten and Pascha season. We will rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** in the choir room and on Sundays before Liturgy begins. Come and be a part of this wonderful, uplifting and rewarding ministry and join your voice with ours. For further information, please contact our choir director, Fotini Fifi Nichols, fnichols1@verizon.net.

CULTURE

- The **Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland** is in the process of putting together an exhibition of Greek dolls and is in search of a set of small Greek evzones (about 3” tall) that were popular in the 1950’s. If you were a boy of that generation that treasured these small painted lead toys and have a set we could borrow for the display, please contact Harry Maistros at harry.maistros@comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP

- **Stewardship Update:** To effectively manage our budget, the Parish Council relies on the commitments made through your pledge. Please be mindful to formalize a commitment by making a pledge and fulfilling it for 2024.
- **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)**.
- **2024 Stewardship commitment link:** <https://forms.gle/v3TXkYJkFWD63TW48>. Hard copies are also available on the “Welcome” table in the church lobby. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship. Please carefully consider your 2024 pledge.
- **Please call or email the Church Office at 410-727-1831 or office@annunciationbaltimore.org** if you require Offering Envelopes for 2024. We will make them available upon request and have your name and unique ID numbered envelopes ready for you to pick them up. Fill out a 2024 Pledge Form and check the box asking to receive envelopes.

- **Please note** that only baptized, Christmated Orthodox Christians in good standing may receive the Sacraments (Holy Communion, Holy Unction when offered, etc.). If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. George.
- **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. George or Fr. John.

PASTORAL

GIVING

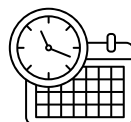
- **Online Donations** can be made through our website. Click the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship!
- **For candles and tray donations**, you can also donate by text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts.
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




Day Change Effective March 31st:

- Submit for the **Sunday Bulletin by Tuesday at Noon** to assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org
- Submit for the upcoming **Newsletter by April 15th** to newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHAI</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

"WILD ABOUT JESUS"

AND

PETTING ZOO

Sunday, April 21

11:30am

(after Divine Liturgy)

AHEPA Room

Open to All. Free of Charge

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT HOPEJOY@ANNUNCIATIONBALTIMORE.ORG



Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series

presents an afternoon of solo piano music performed by the

Rising Stars of the L. Fleisher Academy



Jacqueline Liu



Dudley Du



Emily Tang



Lily Wang



Mingze Li



Yihan Wang

April 21, 1:00 PM
Preston Hall
25 W Preston St, Baltimore, MD 21201
Suggested donation: \$10

Free parking available
Contact us:
410-929-5862
tadzharova@gmail.com

EASTER LILIES

Offering lilies in memory or in honor of our loved ones is a beautiful tradition.
Donations may be made for \$25.00 each.

Please make checks payable to the Annunciation Cathedral & return:

Annunciation Cathedral, 24 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Or Pay Online at www.annunciationbaltimore.org - select the Donate button and then select the Lilies option to complete your donation via a credit card.

Complete and Return Form by April 26th

Yes, I would like to donate _____ Easter plants at \$25.00 each.

Payment will be made: Sending Check _____ Paid Online _____

Please accept this gift, donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____





*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>



PASCHAL BAKED GOODS



SATURDAY, APRIL 27th following Saturday of Lazarus Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th following Palm Sunday Services

PICK-UP from the AHEPA ROOM

Packaged and decorated:

TSOUREKI (Sweet Bread) - \$11.00

KOULOURLAKIA (1 pound) - \$16.00

KOURAMBIETHES (dozen) - \$20.00

Pre-Order your selection by Friday, April 12, 2024:

Contact and Email orders to:

philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com

[Kathe Lazarides kdap19@gmail.com](mailto:Kathe.Lazarides@kdap19@gmail.com)

[Georgeann Morekas gnmorekas@gmail.com](mailto:Georgeann.Morekas@gnmorekas@gmail.com)

**The proceeds from the sale benefit the good works of the
Cathedral of the Annunciation Philoptochos Society**

Sunday School's Lenten Giving Project #2:

Collection for the Franciscan Center



What to Donate:

Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Deodorant

Drop Off Instructions:

Place donations outside the church office in the boxes marked
Sunday School's Collection for the Franciscan Center

Donation Deadline: Sunday, April 28

Questions: Contact Diane Boia at 410-227-6906

**Sunday School thanks you for supporting its
Lenten Giving Projects.**



Christos Anesti

From

Hrisi Parra

Pleas join us
Tuesday, May 7th
at 11:30 am

Celebrate with us upstairs at the AOC

Music by Manuel Matsos

Please RSVP to Olga Zvakos at
ojzavakos@verizon.net or text
443-791-0064 by May 2, 2024



Red Eggs for Pascha

Get ready for Pascha with a dozen red dyed eggs - \$10/dozen.

Reserve your Eggs at:

<https://forms.gle/qWMJibBsMYx5nvoh8>

Deadline to reserve is April 26.

Pickup is on Holy Thursday (5/2) between 3pm to 5pm or Holy Friday (5/3) between 12 noon to 3pm.

Contact Eleni Roros at 443-621-0587 or eroros99@gmail.com with any questions.



Scan to Reserve Easter Eggs

Saturday of Lazarus

April 27, 2024

Our Youth Ministries invite all to assist after the Divine Liturgy with:

- Palm Making
- Bay Leaf Preparation
- Decorating the Cathedral
- "Lazarakia" Baking by the children
- Potluck Lenten Lunch

Everyone is welcome to participate and are invited to bring a Lenten Dish to share.

Please reserve your space at: <https://forms.gle/9tLaZyxgQLQvHaJ9>



Scan for Saturday of Lazarus

Orthros & Divine Liturgy - 8am to 10am
Palm Making & Potluck Lunch - 10am

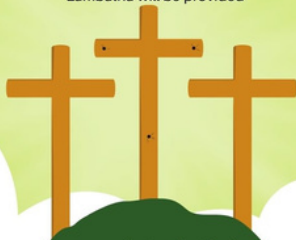
Holy Friday **YOUTH RETREAT** **Friday May 3, 2024** **11am to 4pm**

All Youth Pre-K to High School

Includes the Apokathelosis/ "Unnailing from the Cross" service at 3pm.

Special Activity - Decorate your Lambatha

Lambatha will be provided



Lunch included

Register by 4/28/24 at <https://forms.gle/i8qnFU9Wnz18cTc36>



Scan to Register

For more info: youthministries@annunciationbaltimore.org
If anyone is available to volunteer for all or part of the day, let us know.

Excused Absence letters will be available.

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

JOIN US FOR AN



Easter

EGG HUNT

MAY 5TH Annunciation Cathedral Courtyard
Hunt Begins After the 12 noon Agape Service

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



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MAY 17
GAMETIME
7:05PM

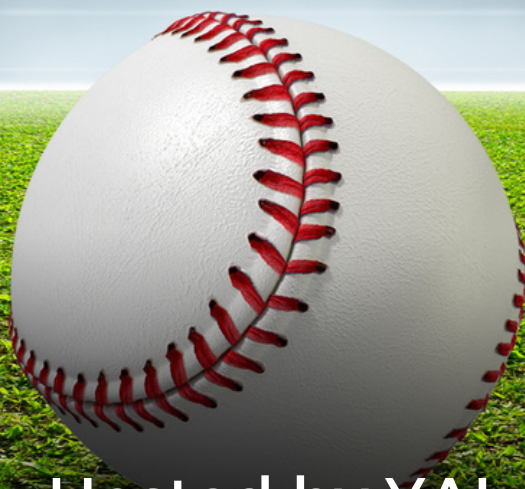
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Contact
George Roros
at groros@ycp.edu
or [443-869-1838](tel:443-869-1838)
for more
information

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS NOON ON MAY 9

52ND ANNUAL

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FESTIVAL

MAY 23

5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

MAY 24 AND 25

11 A.M. - 9 P.M.

MAY 26

11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

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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.)



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,
Electronics, Costume Jewelry, Fashion Accessories, Collectibles,
Luggage, Holiday Items, Books, Clothing, Shoes and More!**

*Refreshments Available for purchase –
Spanakopita, Greek Pastries and Cookies, Water and Sodas*

**Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation
24 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland, 21201**

FREE PARKING – Maryland Avenue Lot
GPS location for the parking lot entrance is 1321 Maryland Avenue

Payment methods: Cash, Credit Cards Apple Pay, and Google Pay

Questions: philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com

Judy Georges – TEXT 443-301-5041

Georgeann Morekas – TEXT 443-845-1176

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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

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