

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE ANNUNCIATION



BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Sunday, April 21, 2024

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



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Saint and Feasts

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence for forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in every deed



TODAY

- **The basket of flowers gracing the icon of the Panayia** are donated to the glory of God in memory of Helen K. and Nicholas S. Morekas and Nicholas J. Slifer.
- **We thank Kathe Apesos Lazarides and Georgeann Morekas** for offering the refreshments following the Akathyst service.
- **Today at 1:00pm, in the AOC, the Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series** presents 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 with a free will offering.
- **Please join us for the Coffee Hour**, hosted by the Philoptochos in the Fr. Constantine Monios Social Hall following the Divine Liturgy.
- **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 the Philoptochos Scholarship Application is TODAY with no exceptions.** 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 Worthington Chapter #30 Scholarships** will be available to download from the AHEPA30.org website after **May 1st**. The completed application must be submitted via the AHEPA30.org website **no later than June 30, 2024**. For questions, contact Ron Hogle by text (301) 520-4635.
- 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, dsak702@verizon.net or 410.591.6601.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar

LITURGICAL

- **Mon, 4/22**
 - 6:00pm - Compline
- **Wed, 4/24**
 - 6:00pm - Presanctified Liturgy (Chapel)
- **Fri, 4/26**
 - 8:30am - Presanctified Liturgy (Chapel)
- **Sat, 4/27**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Lazarus
- **Sun, 4/28 (Palm Sunday)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
 - 6:30pm - Bridegroom Service

COMMUNITY

- **Tue, 4/23**
 - 6:00pm - AED Training
 - 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
- **Thur, 4/25**
 - 10:00am - HHMM Work Session
 - 10:30am - Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting
 - 7:00pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting
- **Fri, 4/26**
 - 5:00pm - Philoptochos at Baltimore Station
 - 5:30pm - Greek School
 - 7:00pm - GOYA Lenten Lock-in Retreat
- **Sat, 4/27**
 - 11:00am - Palm Making & Potluck Lunch
 - 11:00am - Paschal Baked Goods - Pick Up
- **Sun, 4/28 (Palm Sunday)**
 - 11:30- Philoptochos Fish Luncheon
 - 11:30 - Paschal Baked Goods Pick Up
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting



4/27 - SATURDAY OF LAZARUS AND PALM PREPARATION
4/28 - PALM SUNDAY TRADITIONAL FISH LUNCHEON
5/5/ - AGAPE SERVICE AND EASTER EGG HUNT
5/11 - METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
5/23 - GREEK FESTIVAL BEGINS
6/2 - RECOGNITION SUNDAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GREEK SCHOOL
6/9 - GRADUATE AND PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY
6/28 - 12TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

PHILOPTOCHOS

- **Please join Philoptochos, Friday, April 26th**, to serve dinner at the Baltimore Station, Residential Veterans Treatment facility. Dinner is served at 6:00pm. We will meet at church at 4:30pm to carpool. Or, you can meet us at the Baltimore Station, at 5:00pm. Please respond to Jean Prevas, 443.803.3771, jprevas@aol.com or Susan Prevas, 410.218.4347, susan.prevas@gmail.com.
- **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@annunciaitonbaltimore.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

- **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>

MUSIC

- **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.

COMMUNITY

- **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 Ollga 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 ministry. We need 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.
- **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/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6>.



Oratorical Volunteers
SCAN TO SIGN-UP!

LITURGICAL

- **Salutations Service** - If you are interested in intoning the ending prayers of the Salutations service (“Ασπλε, 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

- 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. We wish you a blessed 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 at 11am, 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, 8:30am. 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 MYRRH-BEARERS



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 our annual Festival.
 - **May 8, 9 & 10** – Baklava
- Contact Eleni Roros at eroros99@gmail.com.

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

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 ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

For the Devout Woman

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels

Ἐν σοὶ Μῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναλλάσσεται Ὅσια Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

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 ἢ 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 Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

EPISTLE (HEBREWS 9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσηλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ Ἁγία, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἶμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἶμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ Πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ Θεῷ, καθαρῶς τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν Θεῷ ζῶντι;

GOSPEL (MARK 10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαβὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίζουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δός ἡμῖν ἵνα εἰς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἰς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἴδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. Δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαί ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἴδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκούντες ἀρχεῖν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὃς ἐὰν θέλη γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

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



Help our festival by covering the cost of the remaining items!

Silent Auction Donation Form:

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For more information contact:

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

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Please make checks payable to:
 Annunciation Cathedral Silent Auction

We will prepare the basket for you.
 You may drop off your donation 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

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
- Coloring Therapy – Coloring Books, Crayons & Markers
- Wine Rack, Bottles of Wine, Opener and Accessories

\$50 SPONSORS:

- 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 - Donated**
- **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 - Donated**
- 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



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.

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.

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>

- **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.

PASTORAL

GIVING

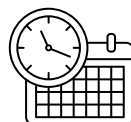
- **Online Donations** can be made through our website. Click the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship!
- **For candles and tray donations,** you can also donate by text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts.
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



*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

Georgeann Morekas gnmorakas@gmail.com

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

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: _____



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 8, 2023

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/9tLaZyxgfQLQvHaJ9>

Orthros & Divine Liturgy - 8:30am
Palm Making & Potluck Lunch - 11am



Scan for Saturday of Lazarus

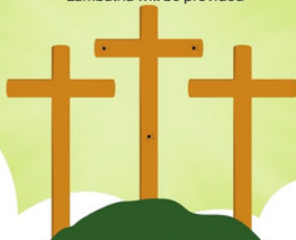
Holy Friday YOUTH RETREAT Friday May 3, 2024 11am to 4pm

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

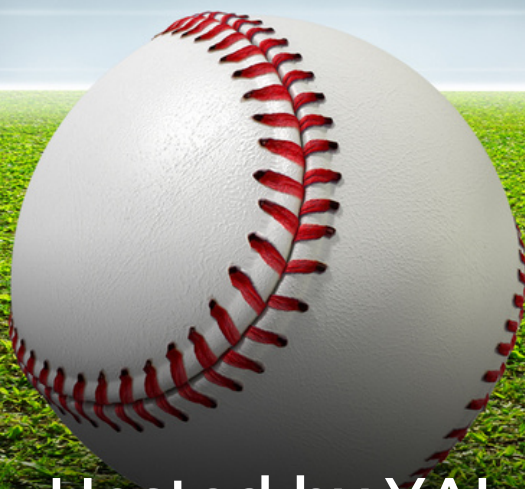
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Contact
George Roros
at groros@ycp.edu
or 443-869-1838
for more
information

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS NOON ON MAY 9

52ND ANNUAL

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

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FOOD - WINE - CULTURE

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
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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

**Proceeds benefit the many charities
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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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