



THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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16TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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SAINT OF THE DAY

St. Blaise the Hieromartyr of Sebastia

Saint Blaise was Bishop of Sebastia. Divine grace, through which he healed the diseases of men and beasts, and especially of infants, made his name famous. He contested for the Faith under Licinius in the year 316. Saint Blaise is invoked for the healing of throat ailments.

TODAY

Memorial Service - May Their Memory Be Eternal

Dimitrios Cossis - 1 year
Ryan James Hamilos - 1 year
Pantelis Bourantas - 31 years

Jean Frank - 10 years
Nicholas (Nick) Frank - 23 years
Constantine Frank - 15 years

- **We thank our 2024 Stewardship Day Sponsor**, Arthur and Evelyn Lisowsky for sponsoring today in loving memory of Steven & Mary and Deno Yenias.
- The Cathedral Family would like to acknowledge **Bess Stamas on her 100th birthday** this February 16th. May God continue to bless her with good health.
- **The Sacramental Wine** has been donated by the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Bess Stamas in honor of her 100th birthday.
- **Please join us for Coffee Hour**, hosted by the Cossis Family in loving memory of Dimitrios Cossis in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall following Divine Liturgy.
- Today is the last day to **pick up your Valentine's Day Chocolate order** from the Women's Guild. Pick up will be in the Social Hall Lobby.
- **In grateful appreciation and with love for Father Anastasios and his family's service to the Cathedral community**, the Philoptochos is coordinating the **Sunday, February 25th** Coffee Reception in their honor. If you would like to contribute to this event, please contact Connie Rogers (connierogers2@hotmail.com) or Georgeann Morekas (gmorekas@gmail.com).
- **If you have filled out a 2024 Stewardship Pledge** and requested offering envelopes, the offering envelopes are available in the office with your name and unique ID#. Please discard all unused 2022 & 2023 envelopes.
- **If you are visiting the Cathedral**, please introduce yourself to Fr. Anastasios Bourantas at the end of the Liturgy.

CATHEDRAL STAFF

The Cathedral of the Annunciation office welcomes two new employees, **Rachel Batson and Angelo Sfondiles**. Both Rachel and Angelo will be Administrative Assistants to the Priest and provide support to the Cathedral Office. They can be reached by phone or at assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org. We also congratulate Erene Kariotis in her new position as Office Coordinator. She can be reached by phone or office@annunciation.org. We welcome them and wish them blessings!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

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

LITURGICAL

- **Sat, 2/17**
 - 8:30 - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Theodore the Recruit
- **Sun, 2/18 (Sunday of the Canaanite)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- **Mon, 2/12**
 - 7:00pm - Technology Committee Meeting
- **Tues, 2/13**
 - 6:30pm - Parish Council Meeting
- **Thurs, 2/15**
 - 10:00am - HHMM work
 - 6:00pm - Adult Basketball
- **Fri, 2/16**
 - 5:30pm - Greek School
- **Sat, 2/17**
 - 11:00am - Women's Bible Study
 - 4:00pm - Church Supper
- **Sun, 2/18**
 - 12:00pm - Dance Practice Evangelakia (AOC)
 - 12:00pm - Dance Practice Filakia (AHEPA)
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

2/17 - CHURCH SUPPER
3/3 - CONCERT SERIES
3/10 - GODPARENT SUNDAY
3/16 - 28TH ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT
3/18 - GREAT LENT BEGINS
3/25 - FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION
3/31 - WOMEN'S GUILD WINTER MEETING

PHILOPTOCHOS

- **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 renew your Philoptochos membership and invite your friends to become members so we can continue to expand our group. Renewal \$40. Membership forms are located on the church lobby table.
- **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. Anastasios Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.

YOUTH

- **GOYA invites all parishioners to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring**—a nationwide campaign by non-profits to feed the hungry. GOYA is collecting nonperishable food for St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's "Beans and Bread", a day resource program, which serves meals and operates a food pantry. Please consider donating pasta, macaroni and cheese, pasta/tomato sauce, beans (can or bag), granola bars and canned goods: tuna, meat, fruit, and vegetables (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables and kale). Bars of soap are also needed. Place donations in the boxes marked "Souper Bowl of Caring" by **February 11**. Contact goya@annunciationbaltimore.org or call 410-227-6906 with questions. Thank you for your ongoing support of GOYA's community service projects!
- **Support the Annunciation Dance Ministry** on **Tuesday, February 27** at CuVino Trattoria Pizza Enoteca, 31a E. Padonia Rd, Timonium, MD 21093 for a Dining Out Fundraiser. Tell them "Annunciation Cathedral Dance Groups" when you place your order. 10% of every order for Dine-In or Carryout will benefit the dance troupe.
- **Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries** by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.



The Festival Committee and Parish Council are happy to announce that our 2024 annual festival will be moving to Memorial Day Weekend. Please be on the lookout for more details.

The dates for 2024:

Thursday, May 23 to Sunday, May 26.

- **Silent Auction Donations Needed** - Thank you to those who have responded with items to donate. Significant progress has been made. Here is a list of items we're still in need of (in new condition).
 - **Kitchen Items** – Wok, Ice Cream Maker, Popcorn Bowl, S'mores Maker, Wooden Salad Bowl, Cookbooks (recent publish date)
 - **Camping Items** – Sleeping Bag, Tent, Camping Stove
 - **Craft Items** – Scrapbooking Accessories, Crafting Sets for Kids
 - **New Baby Items** for It's A Boy or It's A Girl Baskets
 - **Games** – Puzzles, Board games, Card Games
 - **Sports Theme Items** – Ravens, Orioles, Capitals, Football, Baseball
 - **Themed items** - Maryland flag, Beach theme items, Greek Key Items
 - **Baskets** are also needed.
- Please contact Judy Georges by phone, text 443-301-5041 or email judywood@comcast.net or place donations in the youth room on top of the display cases. Thanks so much for your generosity and support.

YOUNG ADULT

- **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. Contact Fr. John for more info.



COMMUNITY

- **The first Church Supper** of 2024 sponsored by the Parish Council will be held on **Sat, Feb 17th from 4 - 7 pm** in the Fr. Constantine Monios Social Hall. Join us for fellowship. Please see the flyer for details.
- **The Growing in Faith Women's Bible Study Group** will study the Book of Ruth. Meetings will take place in the AOC on **Feb. 17 from 11:00am-12:30pm, Feb. 24 and March 2 from 10:00am-11:30am**. Contact Jeanne Tsakalos at 410-252-6021 or Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com for more information.
- **Greek School Registration** remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Register at: <https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4dJL6>.
- **Axion Charity Events** presents their 3rd Annual Bingo Fundraiser **Sat, Feb 24th** at St. Demetrios. Tickets are on Sale now \$35 In Advance/\$40 at the Door. To RSVP, fill out the Ticket RSVP form: <https://forms.gle/Vnkgh2eG2x5VYzFq5>. Proceeds to benefit the Baltimore area Greek Orthodox Churches.
- **Sunday, March 10th is the Annual Pancake Breakfast**, sponsored by the Worthington Chapter of AHEPA, in the Father Constantine Monios Hall after Godparent Sunday services. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and fellowship with your family and godchildren. A free will offering of \$10 per person is suggested and all proceeds will be donated to help Cathedral ministries.
- **28th Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Memorial Retreat** - On **Saturday March 16th**, we are excited to welcome our retreat leader, Rev. Fr. Panteleimon Papasopoulos from the Church of the Holy Resurrection in Brookville, NY. Fr. Panteleimon served as Archbishop Demetrios' Archdeacon for 18 years. The theme of this year's retreat will be **"The Battle is the Lord's in this Modern Global World."** We will celebrate Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls at the Cathedral preceding the retreat. Orthros will begin at 8am. There will also be a discussion for the youth on **Friday March 15th** in the Fr. Monios Social Hall from 6-9pm. Registration is now open! Info: <https://annunciationbaltimore.org/lentenretreat>
- **Inclement Weather Policy** - In the event of inclement weather, and there is a need to cancel or adjust the liturgical schedule, office hours and ministries of the cathedral, notification will be sent via email, text and a message placed on the Cathedral website.

MUSIC

- **Save the Date:** The Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series presents the Ann Street Trio featuring Erik Franklin on Clarinet, Katlyn De Graw on Cello and Hui-Chuan Chen on piano on **Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 1pm** at the Annunciation Orthodox Center. Join us for a delightful musical stroll through Vienna, Paris and Italy. Children and students free admission, Adults \$20 donation. For information contact **Fifi Nichols**, fnichols1@verizon.net.

BOOKSTORE

- The Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop is preparing for the Journey to Pascha! We have wonderful books for study and meditation such as: Tending the Garden of Our Hearts, Fasting as a Family, A Journey through Pascha, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Pilgrimage and Pascha and the beautiful, Lord of Spirits. New for children are two breathtakingly beautiful and spiritual books: Celebrate the Earth and You are an Orthodox Christian. New tapestry bookmarks have arrived featuring the Theotokos with Christ and others. They won't last long. For perfect gifts, consider a Bookstore Gift Card!

<https://squareup.com/gift/MLF7HAY1H9CTY/order>

CULTURE

- **HELLENIC HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND** - As Valentine's Day approaches our thoughts may go to love and the classic romances in history. One of those romances is taken from Greek mythology and is attributed to the Trojan prince, Paris. The museum has a recent addition to its collection in the way of a hand painted version of the Judgement of Paris on silk which is dated 1936 portraying Paris holding the golden apple inscribed with "To the fairest one" which was sent from the angry goddess, Eris. Three goddesses, Hera, Athena and Aphrodite, agreed to have Paris of Troy choose the fairest one. He chooses Aphrodite who bribed him by giving him the most beautiful woman, Helen (wife of Menelaus, the Spartan king. Paris abducts Helen and carries her off to Troy, and the Greeks invade Troy for Helen's return causing the start of the Trojan War. This rendition, beautifully rendered, is unusual in that it is a secular theme painted from the monastery of Nea Moni, in Chios Greece. The painting is now framed and on temporary display in the Golden Age Room of the AOC. Its journey to Baltimore is unknown, but we welcome any information that can further define its provenance.

GODPARENT SUNDAYS

Godparent Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly:

2/11 - Saints Mary, Magdalene & Markella Church

2/18 - Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

2/25 - Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

3/10 - Cathedral of the Annunciation

3/17 - Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church



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 discard any 2022 or 2023 envelopes you have remaining.**

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

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.

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



TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾧδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of the Deceased

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

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

Apolytikion of the Parish

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

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαίρε 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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

EPISTLE (II CORINTHIANS 6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες παρακαλοῦμεν, μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς. Λέγει γάρ· Καιρῷ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδοὺ νῦν καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος· ἰδοὺ νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας. Μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστώντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς Θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ὑπομονῇ πολλῇ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχωρίαις, ἐν πληγαῖς, ἐν φυλακαῖς, ἐν ἀκαταστασίαις, ἐν κόποις, ἐν ἀγρυπνίαις, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνότητι, ἐν γνώσει, ἐν μακροθυμίᾳ, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν Πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἀνυποκρίτῳ, ἐν λόγῳ ἀληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει Θεοῦ· διὰ τῶν ὅπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ ἀριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, διὰ δυσφημίας καὶ εὐφημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς, ὡς ἀγνοοῦμενοι καὶ ἐπιγινωσκόμενοι, ὡς ἀποθνήσκοντες καὶ ἰδοὺ ζῶμεν, ὡς παιδευόμενοι καὶ μὴ θανατούμενοι, ὡς λυπούμενοι ἀεὶ δὲ χαίροντες, ὡς πτωχοὶ πολλοὺς δὲ πλουτίζοντες, ὡς μὴδὲν ἔχοντες καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες.

GOSPEL (MATTHEW 25:14-30)

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἀποδημῶν ἐκάλεσε τοὺς ἰδίους δούλους καὶ παρέδωκεν αὐτοῖς τὰ ὑπάρχοντα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ᾧ μὲν ἔδωκε πέντε τάλαντα, ᾧ δὲ δύο, ᾧ δὲ ἓν, ἐκάστῳ κατὰ τὴν ἰδίαν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀπεδήμησεν εὐθέως. πορευθεὶς δὲ ὁ τὰ πέντε τάλαντα λαβὼν ἐργάσατο ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐποίησεν ἄλλα πέντε τάλαντα· ὡσαύτως καὶ ὁ τὰ δύο ἐκέρδησε καὶ αὐτὸς ἄλλα δύο. ὁ δὲ τὸ ἐν λαβὼν ἀπελθὼν ὥρυξεν ἐν τῇ γῇ καὶ ἀπέκρυψε τὸ ἀργύριον τοῦ κυρίου αὐτοῦ. μετὰ δὲ χρόνον πολὺν ἔρχεται ὁ κύριος τῶν δούλων ἐκείνων καὶ συναίρει μετ' αὐτῶν λόγον. καὶ προσελθὼν ὁ τὰ πέντε τάλαντα λαβὼν προσήνεγκεν ἄλλα πέντε τάλαντα λέγων· κύριε, πέντε τάλαντά μοι παρέδωκας· ἴδε ἄλλα πέντε τάλαντα ἐκέρδησα ἐπ' αὐτοῖς. ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ· εὖ, δοῦλε ἀγαθὲ καὶ πιστέ! ἐπὶ ὀλίγα ἦς πιστός, ἐπὶ πολλῶν σε καταστήσω· εἰσελθε εἰς τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ κυρίου σου. προσελθὼν δὲ καὶ ὁ τὰ δύο τάλαντα λαβὼν εἶπε· κύριε, δύο τάλαντά μοι παρέδωκας· ἴδε ἄλλα δύο τάλαντα ἐκέρδησα ἐπ' αὐτοῖς. ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ· εὖ, δοῦλε ἀγαθὲ καὶ πιστέ! ἐπὶ ὀλίγα ἦς πιστός, ἐπὶ πολλῶν σε καταστήσω· εἰσελθε εἰς τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ κυρίου σου. προσελθὼν δὲ καὶ ὁ τὸ ἐν τάλαντον εἰληφώς εἶπε· κύριε, ἔγνων σε ὅτι σκληρὸς εἶ ἄνθρωπος, θερίζων ὅπου οὐκ ἔσπειρας καὶ συνάγων ὅθεν οὐ διεσκόρπισας· καὶ φοβηθεὶς ἀπελθὼν ἔκρυψα τὸ τάλαντόν σου ἐν τῇ γῇ· ἴδε ἔχεις τὸ σόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πονηρὲ δοῦλε καὶ ὀκνηρέ! ἦδεις ὅτι θερίζω ὅπου οὐκ ἔσπειρα καὶ συνάγω ὅθεν οὐ διεσκόρπισα! ἔδει οὖν σε βαλεῖν τὸ ἀργύριόν μου τοῖς τραπεζίταις, καὶ ἐλθὼν ἐγὼ ἐκομισάμην ἂν τὸ ἐμὸν σὺν τόκῳ. ἄρατε οὖν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τὸ τάλαντον καὶ δότε τῷ ἔχοντι τὰ δέκα τάλαντα· τῷ γὰρ ἔχοντι παντὶ δοθήσεται καὶ περισσευθήσεται· ἀπὸ δὲ τοῦ μὴ ἔχοντος καὶ ὃ ἔχει ἀρθήσεται ἀπ' αὐτοῦ. καὶ τὸν ἄχρεϊον δοῦλον ἐκβάλετε εἰς τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον· ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.



GOYA is collecting the following non-perishable foods for Beans and Bread:

Pasta

Macaroni and Cheese Boxes

Pasta/Tomato Sauce

Beans (can or bag)

Granola Bars

Canned Goods: Tuna, Meat, Fruit, and Vegetables
(Green Beans, Corn, Mixed Vegetables and Kale).

Bars of Soap are also greatly needed.

Please place donations in the boxes marked Souper Bowl of Caring by February 11.

Complete details are in the Sunday Bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact
Anna Marie Boia at 443-823-1814 or Theo Brown at 443-934-4343.

Thank you for your ongoing support of GOYA's community service projects!



CHURCH SUPPER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

4:00 – 7:00pm

**Sauteed Greek Chicken OR Shrimp Athenian over Rice
Salad and French Bread
Coffee/Tea**

Adults: \$15.00

Children: \$10.00

Desserts and Beverages will be available for Purchase

All Proceeds Benefit the Cathedral of the Annunciation



AXION CHARITY EVENTS

3rd
Annual



FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

TICKETS

\$35

In Advance

\$40

At Door

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM

GAMES BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM

**Saint Demetrios ~ Hermes Rafailides Center
2504 Cub Hill Road, Parkville, MD 21234**

- Admission includes 20 Bingo games as well as Lucky Loser Bingo
- Extra Cards, Early Bird Game, Special Games & Raffles available for Purchase
- Generous Game Prizes and Tons of Door Prizes
- Food, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine will be sold ~ No Outside Food or Drink Permitted

**Kate Spade ~ Michael Kors ~ Tory Burch ~ Anna Beck ~ Coach ~ Ravens ~ Orioles ~
Julie Voss Jewelry ~ Stuff for Women ~ Stuff for Men ~ Stuff for the Home ~ Gift Cards ~ Much More!**

To RSVP, fill out the Ticket RSVP form located:

<https://forms.gle/Vnkgh2eG2x5VYzFq5>

or SCAN the Ticket QR code and follow the instructions.

Payment options will appear once your RSVP is submitted.

Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.



Tables can be reserved in groups of 10 only.

Children (under 18) must have their own ticket, play their own card, and be accompanied by a paying adult. As a reminder, Bingo is a game of chance and children's attendance is at your discretion.

For Information and Tickets: axioncharityevents@gmail.com

Olga Paterakis - 410.491.4066 or Dimi Mexis - 410.598.6849

Axion Charity Events, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation that engages with the Greek community in fundraising projects to enhance and support the Greek Orthodox churches of the Baltimore Metropolitan area. We serve the community by providing fellowship and organizing cultural events that benefit the various ministries of the churches.

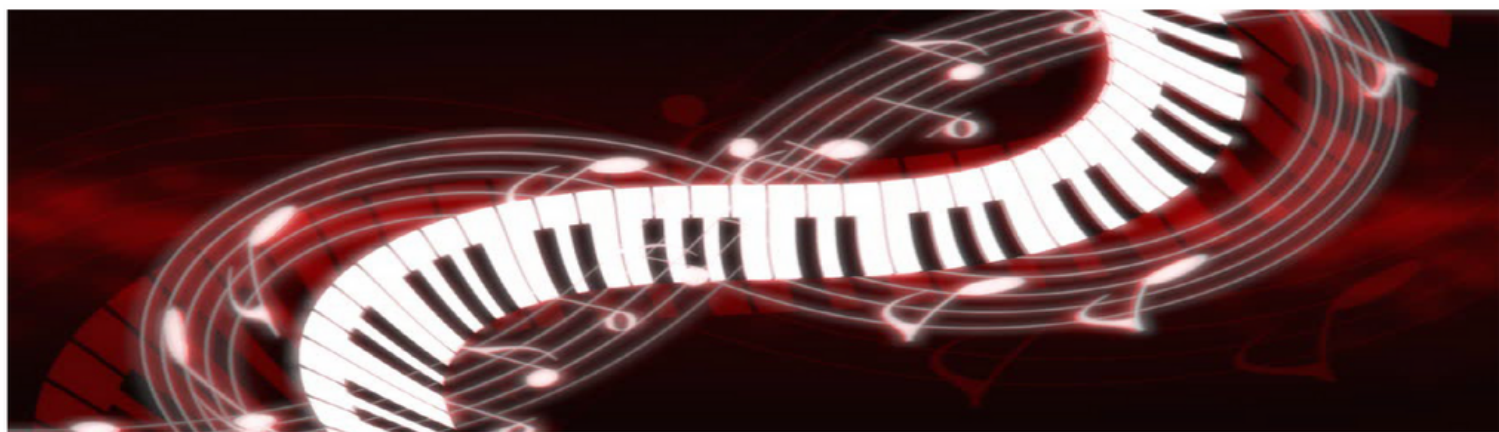
DINING OUT FUNDRAISER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL BALTIMORE
DANCE MINISTRY!



PADONIA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER
31a E PADONIA RD
TIMONIUM, MD 21093

YOU MUST SAY
“ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL DANCE GROUPS”
WHEN YOU ORDER!
10% OF EVERY ORDER ALL DAY FOR BOTH DINE-IN
AND CARRYOUT WILL BENEFIT OUR DANCERS!

IF DINING IN AFTER 4PM
RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED
410-853-7484



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES

Annunciation Orthodox Center

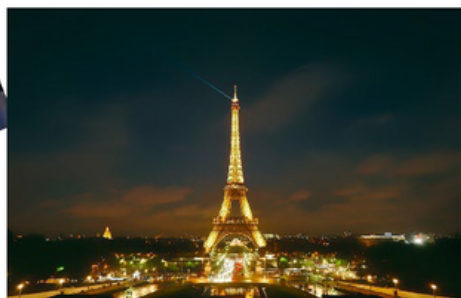
24 west Preston, Street,

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

March 3, 2024 at 1 p.m.

Presents

Symphony of the Streets: An Urban Serenade



Featuring the Ann Street Trio

Hui-Chuan Chen on piano, Katlyn McGraw on cello, Erik Franklin on clarinet

Free admission for children and students, Adults \$20 donation

For additional information contact: Fifi Nichols, fnichols1@verizon.net

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/KmMH2LtfL1aA8zCx6>

Hard copies are available on the Cathedral Lobby Welcome Table.

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!



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

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



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