



THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Sunday, February 18, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE



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Saint of the Day

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome



According to some, this Saint was born in Rome, but according to others in Tyrrenia (Tuscany), and was consecrated to the archiepiscopal throne of Rome in 440. In 448, when St. Flavian, Archbishop of Constantinople, summoned Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, to give account for his teaching that there was only one nature in Christ after the Incarnation, Eutyches appealed to St. Leo in Rome. After St. Leo had carefully examined Eutyches's teachings, he wrote an epistle to St. Flavian, setting forth the Orthodox teaching of the person of Christ, and His two natures, and also counseling Flavian that, should Eutyches sincerely repent of his error, he should be received back with all good will. At the Council held in Ephesus in 449, which was presided over by Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, Dioscorus, having military might behind him, did not allow St. Leo's epistle to Flavian to be read, although repeatedly asked to do so; even before the Robber Council was held, Dioscorus had uncanonically received the unrepentant Eutyches back into communion. Because St. Leo had many cares in Rome owing to the wars of Attila the Hun and other barbarians, in 451 he sent four delegates to the Fourth Ecumenical Council, where 630 Fathers gathered in Chalcedon during the reign of Marcian, to condemn the teachings of Eutyches and those who supported him. St. Leo's epistle to Flavian was read at the Fourth Council, and was confirmed by the Holy Fathers as the Orthodox teaching on the incarnate person of our Lord; it is also called the "Tome of Leo." The Saint wrote many works in Latin; he reposed in 461.

TODAY

Memorial Service - May Their Memory Be Eternal

Maria Nicolas Donnelly - 13 years

Andrea Lago Huff - 25 years

- **We thank our 2024 Stewardship Day Sponsor**, Tom and Wendy Boardman for sponsoring February 13 in honor of their wedding anniversary.
- **The Sacramental Wine** has been donated by Nick and Jean Mallis, Jeanne and Emanuel Caminis, Magda and Tally Osburn and Dina Mallis Klicos and their families in honor of Mary Grivakis Mallis' 100th birthday on February 17. May God continue to bless her with good health.
- **GOYA thanks all who donated** for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected 143 food items and 36 bars of soap, which will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's Beans and Bread.
- **Please join us for a Free Will Coffee Hour**, hosted by the Philoptochos in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall following the Divine Liturgy to benefit the American Heart Association. FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH. You have the power to take action to protect yourself against heart disease. Small heart-healthy actions like adding more movement to our day or choosing healthy foods, can have a big impact on protecting #OurHearts. For additional information: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/education/heart-month/about>. Please wear RED. Your donations will be forwarded to the American Heart Association to support their life-saving research and educational programs.
- **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).
- Our Cathedral Community will be blessed with a visit by **His Grace Bishop Constantine of Sassima** on:
 - **Friday, March 8th** to our "Hrisi Parea" meeting (formerly "Golden Age Club"),
 - **Saturday, March 9th** for Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls at the Cemetery Chapel and
 - **Sunday, March 10th** for Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (and Godparent Sunday), followed by a Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Constantine Monios Social Hall, hosted by AHEPA.
- **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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

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

LITURGICAL

- **Fri, 2/23**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Polycarp
- **Sun, 2/25 (Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- **Thurs, 2/22**
 - 10:00am - HHMM work
- **Fri, 2/23**
 - 11:00am - Philoptochos Baking
 - 5:30pm - Greek School
- **Sat, 2/24**
 - 10:00am - Women's Bible Study
 - 11:00am - Philoptochos Baking
 - 2:00pm - Hope/Joy Cookout
 - 5:00pm - Axion Charities Event
- **Sun, 2/25**
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

PHILOTOCHOS

- ALL HANDS on DECK! Please join us for baking on Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24. We will meet at 11:00am in the Mentis Room.
- **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

- **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. Fliers available on the Welcome table.
- **Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries** by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.

SAVE THE DATE

3/3 - CHOIR CONCERT SERIES
3/9 - SATURDAY OF SOULS (CEMETERY CHAPEL)
3/10 - GODPARENT SUNDAY
3/16 - LITURGY FOR THE HOLY ASCETICS W/ MEMORIAL SERVICE (CATHEDRAL)
3/16 - 28TH ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT
3/18 - GREAT LENT BEGINS
3/23 - LITURGY FOR THE MIRACLE OF KOLYVA W/ MEMORIAL SERVICE (CEMETERY CHAPEL)
3/24 - GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
3/24 - VESPERS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION
3/25 - FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

COMMUNITY

- The **Growing in Faith Women's Bible Study Group** will study the Book of Ruth. Meetings will take place in the AOC on **Saturday, February 24 and March 2 from 10:00am - 11:30am**. Contact Jeanne Tsakalos at 410-252-6021 or Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com for more information. Axion Charity Events presents their **3rd Annual Bingo Fundraiser Saturday, February 24th** at St. Demetrios. Tickets are on Sale now \$35 In Advance/\$40 at the Door. To RSVP and order tickets, fill out the Ticket RSVP form: <https://forms.gle/VnkgH2eG2x5VYzFq5>. Proceeds to benefit the Baltimore area Greek Orthodox Churches.
- **What's all the buzz about?** Come see and join the fellowship and fun at our next **HRISI PAREA gathering on Friday, March 8, 2024, 11:30 a.m.** at the AOC. Lunch will be provided. Our special guest will be our own Bishop Constantine of Sassima. Please **RSVP by March 6th** to **Ollga Zavakos at ojzavakos@verizon.net or call/text 443-791-0064**. Don't miss out on the fun!
- **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>
- **Greek School Registration** remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Register at: <https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6>.
- **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.



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@annunciatonbaltimore.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.

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 we celebrate the holiday of Presidents Day in America we are reminded of the first president of the earliest Greek Orthodox parish in Maryland (the 5th oldest parish in the United States), George Sempeles who served from 1906 - 1907. The Parish Council works in harmony with the clergy and the volunteers in the community setting a positive example for growth and productivity while respecting the faith that bonds us all. The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland honors our leaders and respects their sacrifice and dedication. REFERENCE: "House of God... Gateway to Heaven" by Nicholas M. Prevas, Parish Historian. The museum continues to Preserve Greek Culture to Inspire Future Generations.

GODPARENT SUNDAYS

- Godparent Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly:
 - 2/25 - Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
 - **3/10 - Cathedral of the Annunciation**
 - 3/17 - Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church

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**. Flyers available on the Welcome table.
- **The choir is recruiting new and old members to join us for the Lenten and Pasha season.** We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings beginning **February 28 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.

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 Scholarship Applications is **Tuesday, April 16**. Information about the presentation date will be sent at a later time. For additional information contact Deanna Sakellaris at dsak702@verizon.net or 410-591-6601.

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, Chrismated 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 **April 15th** to newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org.





CATHEDRAL STAFF

The Cathedral of the Annunciation office welcomes two new employees:

Rachel Baston 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 at office@annunciationbaltimore.org. We welcome them and wish them blessings!

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 Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος 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· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians unshameable, * mediation unto the Creator unshakable, * do not turn from the pleading voices of those who have sinned; * but attend to us, for you are good, * and come quickly to our aid, * who with faith cry out to you: * Hasten to intercession, * and speed to make supplication, * as the protector for all time, * O Theotokos, of 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 ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

EPISTLE (II CORINTHIANS 6:16-18, 7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς ὅτι ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω, καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν Θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει Κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε, κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

GOSPEL (MATTHEW 15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐξῆλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς τὰ μέρη Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ Χαναanaία ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων ἐκείνων ἐξεληθοῦσα ἐκραύγασεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Ἐλέησόν με, Κύριε, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς δαιμονίζεται. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἠρώτουν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· Ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει ὀπισθεν ἡμῶν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· Οὐκ ἀπεστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλὸτα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. ἡ δὲ ἐλθοῦσα προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Κύριε, βοήθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· Οὐκ ἔστι καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλεῖν τοῖς κυναρίοις. ἡ δὲ εἶπε· Ναί, Κύριε, καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Ὡ γύναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενηθήτω σοι ὡς θέλεις. καὶ ἰάθη ἡ θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης.



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.

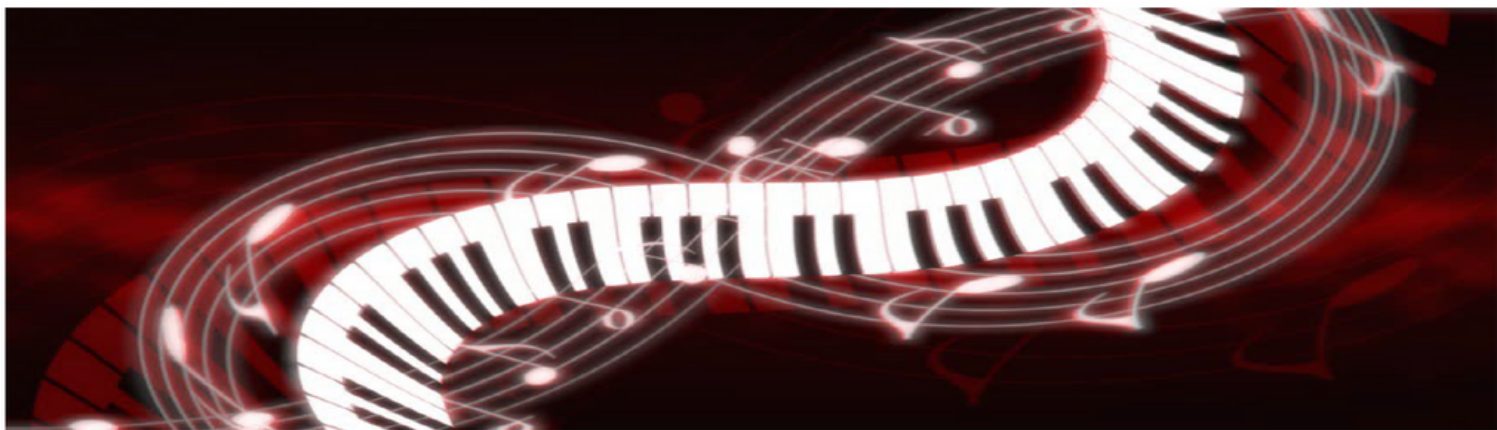
DINING OUT FUNDRAISER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
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DANCE MINISTRY!



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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



PLEASE JOIN US!

FRIDAY MARCH 8, 2024

11:30AM AT THE AOC

MARDI GRAS

Hrisi Pareia

SPECIAL
GUEST

BISHOP CONSTANTINE
OF SASSIMA

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

RSVP TO OLLGA ZAVAKOS AT
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ORDER OF AHEPA

Worthington Chapter No. 30

Annual Pancake Breakfast

**GODPARENTS SUNDAY
MARCH 10, 2024**

**GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION
FOLLOWING LITURGY**



Please join us in Father Constantine Monios Hall
for a Pancake Breakfast following the
Godparents Sunday Service. Our AHEPA chapter
is asking for a free will donation to be made
(suggested amount \$10 per person). All
proceeds will be donated to the Cathedral.

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

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