



THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE ANNUNCIATION

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Sunday, February 25, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



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Saint of the Day

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

TODAY

- **The servant of God, Zachary 'Zachariah' Cather**, will be chrismated in the Orthodox Church this morning. His sponsors are Jacob and Shannon Knaupp. May God grant him many blessed years!
- **We thank our 2024 Stewardship Day Sponsor**, Theodora Roulis for sponsoring February 28 in honor of her birthday.
- **Today we honor Father Anastasios and Presvytera Nicoletta and family** with a coffee hour reception. We will always be grateful for their pastoral guidance, love, and sacrifices they have made for our Cathedral community, and we pray that God will continue to guide them in the next steps of their ministry.
- 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

- **Mon, 2/26**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Photini
- **Thur, 2/29**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. John Cassian
- **Sun, 3/3 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

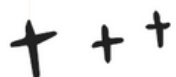
- **Thurs, 2/29**
 - 10:00am - HHMM work
 - 6:00pm - GOYA Basketball
 - 7:00pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting
- **Fri, 3/1**
 - 5:30pm - Greek School
- **Sat, 3/2**
 - 10:00am - Women's Bible Study
 - 11:30am - Philoptochos Winter Luncheon Meeting
- **Sun, 3/3**
 - 1:00pm - Annunciation Concert Series
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

28th Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Memorial Retreat

On **Saturday March 16th**, we are excited to welcome our retreat leader, Rev. Fr. Panteleimon Papadopoulos from the Church of the Holy Resurrection in Brookville, NY. Fr. Panteleimon served as Archbishop Demetrios' Archdeacon for 18 years, who will be our special guest. 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. Constantine Monios Social Hall from 6-9pm. Registration is now open!

Info: <https://annunciationbaltimore.org/lentenretreat>

An Information Packet and Registration form can be found on the Welcome table.



Sign up here!



PHILOPTOCHOS

- **Philoptochos Winter Luncheon Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, 11:30am**, Annunciation AHEPA Room. Speaker, Rev. Angela Hall, Asst. Executive Director, Franciscan Center. Menu provided by Franciscan Center/Dignity Catering. Free Will Offering. Respond to: Jean Prevas, 443.803.3771, jprevas@aol.com, Connie Rogers, 410.804.9109, connierogers2@hotmail.com.
- **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.



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 judy-wood@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.



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
- 4/14 - WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING TEA & GENERAL MEETING

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, March 2 from 10:00am -11:30am**. Contact Jeanne Tsakalos at 410-252-6021 or Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com for more information.
- **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 Olga Zvakos at ojzvakos@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.
- **Independence Day Parade** - On March 25, the Greeks and Philhellenes around the world will celebrate the 203rd anniversary of Greece declaring its independence from Ottoman rule. The annual parade will be held, **Sunday, March 24 at 2pm** in Baltimore's Greektown. Join us for the Parade, showcasing ethnic, cultural, religious and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states. Visit, www.greekparade.com for information. All organizations and families are encouraged to walk and represent our community. Contact Paul Dezes at paul.dezes3@gmail.com.
- **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.

BOOKSTORE

- **The Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop** is featuring a collection of books and icons to follow the themes and Gospel readings for the Triodion and Great Lent periods. In focus are the Publican and the Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, Adam and Eve cast from Heaven, St. Gregory, St John of the Ladder, St. Mary of Egypt. We have easy to read and easy to share pamphlets on forgiveness and reconciliation and confession and prayer. New items include sets of icons depicting the Great Feasts: Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the Mystical Supper, Christ carrying His Cross, the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Surprise! Monastery incense candles scented with the fragrances of Damascus Rose, Sweet Myrrh, and Virgin Mary's Bouquet. Colorful wooden eggs from Ukraine with ornate religious designs. New tapestry bookmarks have arrived featuring the Theotokos with Christ and others Books for study and meditation such as: Tending the Garden of Our Hearts, Fasting as a Family, A Journey through Pasha, 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. For perfect gifts, consider a Bookstore Gift Card! <https://squareup.com/gift/MLF7HAY1H9CTY/order>

CULTURE

- **The HELLENIC HERITAGE MUSEUM of MARYLAND** extends its Best Wishes to Fr. Anastasios as he embarks on his next mission. The community of St. George Cathedral will benefit from his dedication and devotion to the Orthodox Faith. We are so glad to have known him and remain grateful for how he embraced and supported the mission of our museum. Our doors remain open to him and his family.

GODPARENT SUNDAYS

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

PASTORAL

- **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.

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**

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 ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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

Let us flee the Pharisee's exalted parlance; let us learn the Publican's humble demeanor, and with sighs unto the Savior cry out and say, To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν ὑψηγορίαν, καὶ Τελώνου μάθωμεν, τὸ ταπεινὸν ἐν στεναγμοῖς, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κραυγάζοντες· Ἰλαθι μόνε ἡμῖν εὐδιάλλακτε.

EPISTLE (II TIMOTHY 3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένοντο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις· οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ Κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται· πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

GOSPEL (LUKE 18:10-14)

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμὶ ὥσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἐστὼς οὐκ ᾔθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπᾶραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.



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.**

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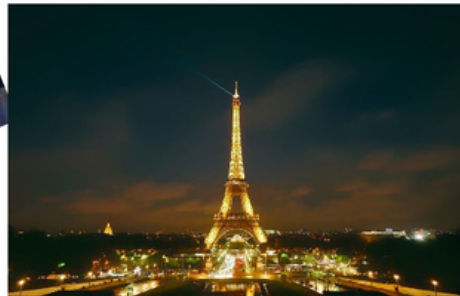
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March 3, 2024 at 1 p.m.

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

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Hrisi Pareia

SPECIAL
GUEST

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LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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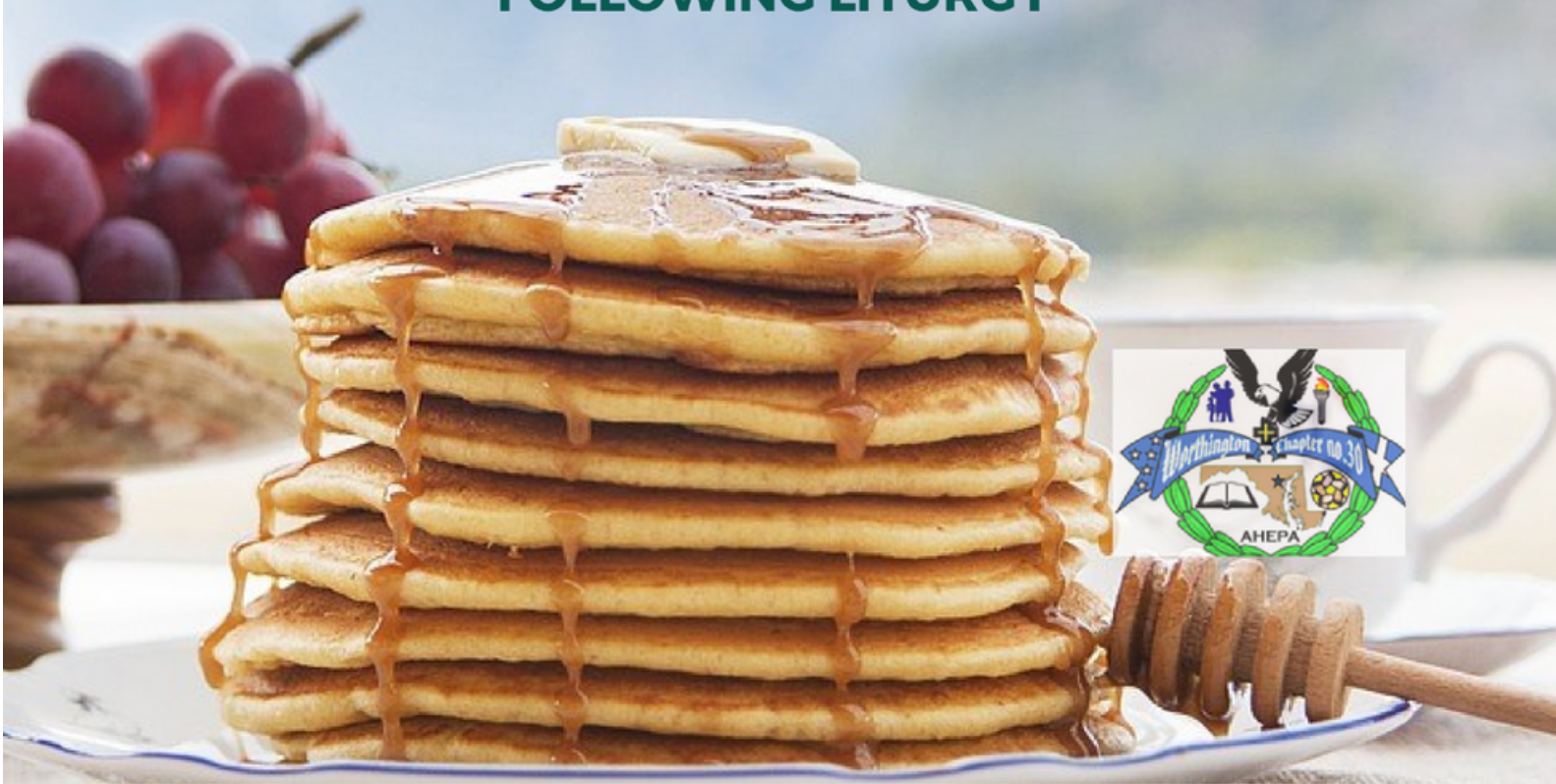
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Worthington Chapter No. 30

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.

28TH ANNUAL NICHOLAS TSAKALOS MEMORIAL RETREAT

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**FR. PANTELEIMON
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MARCH 16TH, 2024

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2:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024
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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/KmMH2LtfL1aA8zCx6>

Hard copies are available on the Cathedral Lobby Welcome Table.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

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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!



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