THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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LEAVE-TAKING OF THE THEOPHANY

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The Leave-taking of Theophany Today our Church celebrates the "apodosis" (or leave-taking) of the Feast of the Theophany. The leave-taking represents the final day that a feast is celebrated. About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Savior also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvelous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man. From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that

the present feast is called "Theophany," that is,the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

SAINT OF THE DAY

TODAY

The Trisagion Service is being chanted for:

Carol Kerasoula Chickris - 7 years (Presvytera Nicoletta's mother) Ioannis Kotsifis - 1 year Marika Bouranta - 40 days Triantafilio Bouranta - 40 days Kostantinos Belegratis - 3 days

- We thank our 2024 Stewardship Day Sponsors, Justin and Tina Windle for sponsoring January 18th, in honor of Love.
- This weekend, Fr. Anastasios and the youth of our Cathedral will be in Annapolis, Maryland participating in the Metropolis of New Jersey Greek **Folk Dance Festival.**
- Thank you to all who donated the lovely poinsettias in memory of/in honor of loved ones. Please stop by the lower lobby to take one home.
- **Please join** the Philoptochos in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall for **coffee hour**.
- 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.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - Fr. Anastasios and Fr. John will be visiting and blessing homes of the Cathedral families and bringing the Church into your home during the Theophany season. Instructions for how tosign up and what to have ready can be found at this link or scan the QR Code: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAC29A2FDC52-46983874-2024</u>.



WEEKLY CALENDAR See all events at: annunciationbaltimore.org/ calendar LITURGICAL • Wed, 1/17 • 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Anthony • Thur, 1/18 • 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sts. Athanasios and Cvril • Sat, 1/20 • 5:00pm - Vespers Sun, 1/21 (12th Sunday of Luke) • 8:00am - Orthros • 9:30am - Divine Liturgy COMMUNITY Tues, 1/16 • 6:30pm - Parish Council **Executive Board** • Thur, 1/18 • 10:00am - HHMM Working Session • 6:00pm - Metropolis of New Jersev Vasilopita Celebration • Fri. 1/19 • 5:30pm - Greek School • Sat, 1/20 • 10:00am - Festival Food Prep - Keftedes • 10:00am - Women's Bible Study

- Sun, 1/21
 - 11:30am Hope/Joy Pizza and Museum
 - 12:00pm Special General Assembly Meeting
 - 12:00pm Philoptochos Board Meeting
 - 5:00pm AA and Al-Anon Meeting



GOYANS DAY OF SERVICE FOR MLK DAY/16 OZ SHAMPOO COLLECTION -In honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our GOYAns will volunteer at the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) on Monday, January 15 - MLK Jr. Day. ACTC helps neighbors in need in northern and central Baltimore County and northern Baltimore City (www.actconline.info). We need donations of 16 oz shampoo bottles (ACTC prefers 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner bottles, if possible). <u>Please place donations on the bench outside the</u> <u>Cathedral office by noon Sunday, January 14.</u> GOYAns will deliver the bottles to ACTC and pack toiletry kits for distribution. 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 support! A special General Assembly meeting will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday, January 21st following the Divine

Liturgy. This meeting is to discuss the sale of the Turkey Point property. Parishioners must be in good standing, both financially and sacramentally, to vote at a General Assembly meeting

RECRUITING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION - USE THE LINK TO APPLY

• The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201, is seeking a personable, professional and attentive individual to fill the newly created position of Office Assistant. Responsibilities include reception, answering phones, monitoring email correspondence, and greeting guests. The applicant must have strong written and verbal communication skills, working knowledge of Microsoft Office and experience with electronic and manual filing systems. Familiarity with Orthodox Christian liturgical practices, parish life and Greek language is preferred but not required. The position is part time M-F, 8:30-2:30, 30 hours/week. Benefits include paid holidays and vacation. The ideal candidate must be friendly, respectful and welcoming. To apply, open the link, fill out the application and attach a resume ASAP. Please help us find the right person by asking around and providing the link to apply.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mBhpHnrdw_qXuRKReBZeK6 4ZxWYa16WeYdc5brsRqGY/edit. For questions or additional information call or text Judy Georges at 443-301-5041.



The Festival Committee and Parish Council are happy to announce that beginning in 2024, our annual festival will be moving to Memorial Day Weekend. Please be on the lookout for more details. The dates for 2024: T<u>hursday, May 23 to Sunday, May 26.</u>

Silent Auction Support Needed - The 2024 Greek Food *Wine* Culture Festival is scheduled for May 23-26, 2024. With less than 6 months to prepare this year, the Silent Auction Committee is asking for your help. Do you have new items to donate that you've never used (or barely)? We can use anything from kitchen, home, decorative, entertaining, jewelry, accessories or games. Items can be big and expensive, to stand alone, or small and inexpensive to be used in a basket (last year we assembled 130 baskets). If you have wine/alcohol, tickets, vacations or gift cards you can't use, they would also be put to good use. The Silent Auction produces \$18-\$20,000 in revenue for church operating expenses and is a great place for heirlooms, keepsakes, treasures and everyday items to be passed on to a top bidder who will cherish them. 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://forma.clo/Td7asaUh.Wp5DAvWA_scentbe.OB.code_entert

<u>https://forms.gle/Td7sseHhJYp5PAxYA</u>, 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, <u>yal@annunciaitonbaltimore.org</u>.



• **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.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• In an effort to support the office during the search to fill the office assistant position, we are looking for a few volunteers to assist beginning Jan 2, 2024. The ideal candidate would be available two or more days per week for 4-5 hours at a time during the transition. Experience working in an office, receiving phone calls, greeting guests, accepting deliveries as well as using a copier and other office equipment, is a plus. The opportunity to volunteer in the office will likely continue after the transition period. If interested, please fill out the attached form providing availability and preferences. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexwd -SNX6AtioZyT80DtWIO7wOJzBtddlIh8zYUo-1tlErhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

PHILOPTOCHOS

- **The Philoptochos has resources available** to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to <u>philoptochos@annuncationbaltimore.org</u> or to Fr. Anastasios <u>Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.
- WOMEN'S GUILD • PRE-ORDER FOR THE 19TH YEAR YOUR VALENTINE CHOCOLATES FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD! Once again, the Ladies of the Annunciation Women's Guild are hand-dipping and gift-wrapping their special Chocolate Pretzels "Just for You" to share! Place your orders **before January 20** by mail with the form attached on the Flyer in the Newsletter or Weekly Bulletin or **before January 25** contact Pam Stevens at pamelastevens1225@gmail.com with Your Name/Order Details. The **Pick-up dates in the**

Name/Order Details. The **Pick-up dates in the Social Hall Lobby are** <u>February 4 and February</u> <u>11</u>. There are only a limited number of boxes being made, so order early!

<u>YOUTH</u>

- Please join HOPE/JOY for a visit to The Walters Art Museum on <u>Sunday, January</u> <u>21st</u>. We will eat pizza in the AHEPA room right after church and then head to the museum. Parking can be reserved ahead of time through the Walters website. We plan to attend the drop-in art making and visit some of the exhibits. Please respond to the Evite or e-mail <u>hopejoy@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> if you plan to attend.
- Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.

<u>All Event flyers</u> are available on the Welcome Table in the Cathedral Lobby. Stop by and pick one up!

COMMUNITY

- **Paraklesis Service Update** Since the community has approved a direction for the vacant buildings, rather than offering Paraklesis every Wednesday, we will instead start offering Vespers on Saturday evenings, beginning Jan 20. We will still have Paraklesis service on the *first Wed of each month* for those that would like to attend with specific prayer requests.
- The first Church Supper of 2024 will be held on <u>Sat, Feb 17th</u> 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 be studying the Book of Ruth. Meetings will take place in the AOC from <u>10:00am - 11:30am starting on Sat, Jan 20, Feb 3</u>, <u>Feb 24, and March 2</u>. Contact Jeanne Tsakalos at 410-252-6021 or <u>Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com</u> for more information.
- **Greek School Registration** remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Register at: <u>https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6.</u>
- Axion Charity Events presents their 3rd Annual Bingo Fundraiser <u>Sat, Feb 24th</u> at St. Demetrios. Tickets are on Sale now \$35 In Advance/\$40 at the Door. To RSVP, fill out the Ticket RSVP form: <u>https://forms.gle/Vnkgh2eG2x5VYzFq5</u>. Proceeds to benefit the Baltimore area Greek Orthodox Churches.

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BOOKSTORE

• The **Father Dean Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop** is here to help you celebrate the Great Feasts of 2024. Would you like to enrich your personal collection of icons? Throughout January, we will feature icons and books highlighting St. Basil the Great, the Synaxis of John the Baptist, and the Holy Theophany. Through recalling the meaning of icons and books, you can share with others the stories of St. Basil, the Holy Glorious Prophet, John the Forerunner, who is the Baptiser of Jesus Christ, and the Great Feast of Theophany. Other featured icons and textbooks: John the cave dweller, St. Anthony, St. Gregory the Theologian, Ephraim the Syrian, John Chrysostom, and more.

CULTURE

- The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland thanks everyone for their support as we continue to welcome visitors and suggests that a Museum Membership appear on your holiday gift list. Membership forms are available when you visit the museum most Sundays after church services, through the website <u>www.HELLENICHERITAGEMD.ORG</u>, or by appointment. Please contact Fotini Baltatzis <u>tinabaltatzis@gmail.com</u> / 410-823-0139 or Harry C. Maistros <u>harry.maistros@comcast.net</u> / 410-467-1836.
- **Stewardship Update:** To effectively manage our budget, the Parish Council relies on the commitments made through your pledge. We encourage all to satisfy their 2023 pledge by year end. Also, 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**: <u>https://forms.gle/v3TXkYJkFWD63TW48</u>. 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.
- If you have **recurring Stewardship** payments set up online, please remember to switch your payment to "2024 Stewardship" as of January 1, 2024. "2023 Stewardship" will not be an online option after January 1st. Please send checks or cash to the Church Office for outstanding 2023 Stewardship amounts.
 - Please call or email the Church Office at **410-727-1831** or <u>office@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> 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.
- **PASTORAL** 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	DIGITAL COMMUNICATION
• Online Donations can be made through our website. Click	• Cathedral Updates – To receive Bulletins and other updates
the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are	via email, visit <u>https://annunciationbaltimore.flocknote.com</u>
grateful for your continued stewardship!	and enter your contact information.
• For candles and tray donations, you can also donate by	• Text Alerts - To receive ministries updates via text, text the
text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637	ministry keyword below to phone number 84576:
and follow the prompts.	• Hope/Joy \rightarrow HopeJoy
• Note: TextToTray can only be used for candles and tray	$\circ \mathbf{GOYA} \rightarrow \mathbf{GOYA}$
donations.	• YAL \rightarrow YOUNGANNUN
• We are also grateful for donations made by check.	 Men's Fellowship → MensFellowship

TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

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."

You appeared today to us on earth, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable. Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἀνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῃ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of the Feast

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Parish

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

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἡλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

EPISTLE (EPHESIANS 4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Άδελφοί, ἑνὶ ἑκάστῷ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἀχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἀνέβη, τί ἐστιν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβὰς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταντήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἑνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἀνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL (MATTHEW 4:12-17)

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρὲτ ἐλθὼν κατῷκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλὼν καὶ Νεφθαλείμ, ἵνα πληρωθῆ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· Γῆ Ζαβουλὼν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλείμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότει εἶδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾶ θανάτουφῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρύσσειν καὶ λέγειν· Μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

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.

If you would like to have information included in the Sunday Bulletin, please send your text and/or flyer to <u>assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> by Wednesday at Noon.

For the March/April Newsletter, send to <u>newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org</u> by February 15th.



2024 HOUSE BLESSINGS

Happy New Year and a blessed Theophany.

Fr. Anastasios and Fr. John will be visiting and blessing your homes during the feast of the Holy Theophany.

House blessings will occur in zip code order. Please select a time for your blessing and have ready on a table or by your home icons: a bowl of water, a candle and an icon.

Fr. Anastasios or Fr. John will come to your home, chant a small service of the Agiasmos, and you will guide him throughout your home to bless with the Holy Water. All members of the home that are able should be present.

When filling out Signup Genius - please provide full address, telephone and any other particulars as he arrives at your home. Please sign up only in your designated zip code. If the dates provided are not suitable for your schedule or if your zip code is not listed, we will make every attempt to select a date that fits your home schedule. Please email the church office at <u>office@annunciationbaltimore.org</u>.

Happy New Year!

Please click on the House Blessing Signup link or Scan QR Code to access the signup: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAC29A2FDC52-46983874-2024#/</u>

- Jan 6, 9, 22, 31 (Lutherville, Timonium, Cockeysville Area): 21030, 21093
- Jan 7, 10 & 29 (Baltimore City Area): 21201, 21202, 21217, 21218, 21231
- Jan 8 & Feb 5, 20 (Parkville, Roland Park, and Vicinity): 21206, 21209, 21210, 21211, 21212, 21213, 21214, 21234, 21239
- Jan 15 & Feb 29 (Sparks, Parkton and Vicinity): 21030, 21053, 21111, 21120, 21131, 21152, 21161
- Jan 12 & Feb 27 (Bel Air, Joppa, Aberdeen): 21005, 21009, 21014, 21015, 21050, 21078, 21085, 21154, 21160, 21904
- Jan 7, 17, 19 & Feb 14 (Towson Area): 21022, 21204, 21286
- Jan 6, 15 & Feb 12 (Perry Hall, Kingsville, Fallston, and Vicinity): 21013, 21047, 21057, 21082, 21084, 21087, 21128, 21162, 21236
- Jan 11, 23 & Feb 28 (Columbia, Ellicott City, and Vicinity): 20723, 21029, 21042, 21043, 21044, 21045, 21046, 21075, 21228, 21738
- Jan 18 & 24 (Owings Mills, Reisterstown, and Vicinity): 21104, 21117, 21133, 21136, 21153, 21163, 21207, 21208, 21215, 21225, 21229, 21230, 21244
- Jan 26 & Feb 6 (Rosedale, Middle River, Highlandtown and Vicinity): 21220, 21221, 21222, 21224, 21237
- Jan 16 & Feb 13 (Frederick and Vicinity): 21701, 21704, 21771, 21784, 21797
- Feb 22 (Westminster and Vicinity): 21048, 21074, 21102, 21157, 21158
- Feb 1, 16 (Annapolis, Glen Burnie and Vicinity): 21012, 21032, 21037, 21054, 21060, 21061, 21076, 21090, 21108, 21113, 21114, 21122, 21401, 21403, 21409, 21035



GOYA's MLK Jr. Day of Service

January 15, 2024



In honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., GOYA is volunteering at the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC), which helps neighbors in need in northern and central Baltimore County and northern Baltimore City (<u>www.actconline.info</u>).

Please help GOYA help others by donating 16 oz. bottles of shampoo (2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner preferred). GOYA will deliver the shampoo and pack toiletry kits for distribution. Place donations on the bench outside the

Cathedral office by noon on Sunday, January 14.

Questions? Contact Anna Marie Boia at 443-823-1814 or Theo Brown at 443-934-4343.

GOYA thanks you for your support!

2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Our

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: <u>https://forms.gle/KmMH2LtfL1aA8zCx6</u>

Hard copies are available on the Cathedral Lobby Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S GUILD OF THE ANNUNCIATION		
19th Annual Sale of		
Hand Dipped Chocolate Covered Pretzels		
Beautifully Boxed Perfect for Valentine's Day or "Just For You" \$10.00 per Box		
Choice of Milk, Dark or Assorted Chocolates		
For Orders Contact Pam Stevens @ pamelastevens1225@gmail.com Before Thursday, January 25, 2024 Or Mail the Attached Form Before January 20, 2024:		
Name:		
Phone No:		
Select Pick Up Date: February 4 February 11		
Number of Boxes: Dark # Milk # Assorted #		
Please mail order and check to: Annunciation Women's Guild c/o Pam Stevens 3 Faraday Drive Baltimore, MD 21093		



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

FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

TICKETS \$35 In Advance At Door

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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: <u>https://forms.gle/Vnkgh2eG2x5VYzFq5</u> 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.



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Tables can be reserved in groups of IO 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 50Ic3 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.