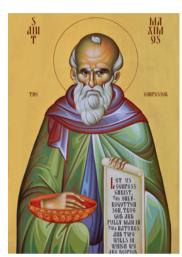
THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION



BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Sunday, January 21, 2024 **12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

SAINT OF THE DAY St. Maximus the Confessor



St. Maximus was born in Constantinople and raised in a pious Christian family. He received an excellent education, studying philosophy, grammar, and rhetoric, and mastered philosophy and theology. He entered into government service as the chief secretary of Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the saint realized the that the emperor and roval court became corrupted by the Monothelite heresy, the Saint departed for the Chrysopolis Monastery (at Scutari), where he was tonsured a monk and later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East. St. Maximus left a great theological legacy and many exegetical works, including explanations of the Orthodox teaching on the

Divine Essence and the Persons of the Holy Trinity, on the Incarnation of the Word of God, and on "theosis" ("deification") of human nature.

TODAY

Memorial Service - May His Memory Be Eternal

George Deros - 20 years

- A special General Assembly meeting will be held in the Cathedral today 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.
- 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:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAC29A2FDC52-46983874-2024.

WEEKLY CALENDAR See all events at: annunciationbaltimore.org/ calendar

LITURGICAL

- Thur, 1/25
 - 8:30am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory the Theologian
- Sat, 1/27 • 5:00pm - Vespers
- Sun, 1/28 (15th Sunday of Luke)
 - 8:00am Orthros
 - 9:30am Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- Mon, 1/22
 - 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting
 - Tues, 1/23 • 6:30am - Parish Council
- General Meeting • Thur, 1/25
 - 10:00am HHMM Working Session
 - 10:30am Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm YAL Social
 - 7:00pm Stewardship **Committee Meeting**
- Fri, 1/26
 - 5:30pm Greek School
 - 7:30pm GOYA Meeting
- Sat, 1/27
 - Women's Guild Pretzel Prep
- Sun, 1/28
 - Greek School Three **Hierarchs Presentation**
 - 5:00pm AA and Al-Anon Meeting

SAVE THE DATE 2/4 - GODPARENT SUNDAY 2/17 - CHURCH SUPPER **3/3 - CONCERT SERIES** 3/10 - WOMEN'S GUILD WINTER MEETING 3/18 - GREAT LENT BEGINS 3/25 - FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION Godparents' Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly: 2/4 - Cathedral of the Annunciation

2/11 - Saints Mary, Magdalene & Markella Church 2/18 - Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 2/25 - Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

3/17 - Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church

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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.

<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mBhpHnrdw_qXuRKReBZeK6</u> <u>4ZxWYa16WeYdc5brsRqGY/edit</u>. 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.

<u>YOUTH</u>

• **Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries** by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.



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

- January 2024 is membership month. 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 Welcome Table.
- 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! Contact Pam Stevens directly **before** January 25 at pamelastevens1225@gmail.com with Your Name/Order Details. The Pick-up dates in the Social Hall Lobby are <u>February 4 and February</u> 11. There are only a limited number of boxes being made, so order early!

YOUNG ADULT

- YAL BAR SOCIAL Thur, January 25, 7 PM Come out for an evening of fellowship with other Orthodox young adults, 21-35, at the Waterfront Hotel Bar. Scan the QR Code to RSVP!
- 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 @ <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>.

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• **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

- **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.
- Oli Mazi Gathering (formerly the "Golden Age Club") <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 6th at 11:30am</u> in the AOC. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by February 2nd to Ollga Zavakos at <u>ojzavakos@verizon.net</u> or call/text 443-791-0064. This meeting will also kick off our \$30.00 annual membership drive. Come join the fun and fellowship!
- The first Church Supper of 2024 will be held on <u>Sat, Feb 17th</u> <u>from 4 - 7 pm</u> 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 <u>11:00am-12:30pm, Feb. 24 and March 2 from 10:00am</u> <u>-11:30am</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: https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4diL6.
- 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: <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** has received a full supply of incense and charcoal, as well as decorative censors to help you celebrate the Great Feasts of 2024. The Orthodox Study Bibles have been restocked as well as new pocket-size editions of the New Testament and Psalms, great for young Christians of all ages. We offer icons and books highlighting the inspiring stories of St Basil the Great, the Holy Glorious Prophet, John the Forerunner, and the Great Feast of Theophany. This month we feature icons and textbooks based on St. John the Cave-dweller, St. Anthony, St. Gregory the Theologian, Ephraim the Syrian, St. John Chrysostom, and more. The Bookstore is a great place for browsing and contemplating. You are invited to visit.

<u>CULTURE</u>

- 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.
 <u>Please discard any 2022 or 2023 envelopes you have remaining.</u>
 - **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.		
٠	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:		
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	donations.		• $YAL \rightarrow YOUNGANNUN$		
	• We are also grateful for donations made by check.		 Men's Fellowship → MensFellowship 		
R	Scheduling - To all ministry, organization and committee leaders and members: Please contact the Church				
Ľ	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.

TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

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.

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the ageold 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 sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. 'Εξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for the Saint

Όρθοδοξίας όδηγέ, εὐσεβείας διδάσκαλε καὶ σεμνότητος, τῆς οἰκουμένης ὁ φωστήρ, τῶν μοναστῶν τὸ θεόπνευστον ἐγκαλλώπισμα, Μάξιμε σοφέ, ταῖς διδαχαῖς σου πάντας ἐφώτισας, λύρα τοῦ Πνεύματος· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Deceased

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

Apolytikion of the Parish

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' ἀἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Yiὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Yiὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Kontakion

Ό μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἁγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

EPISTLE COLOSSIANS (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all. Άδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακήν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν ἥτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρία, δι' ἁ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας: ἐν οἶς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε ὅτε ἐζῆτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργήν, θυμόν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἀνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν, ὅπου οὐκ ἔνι ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης,δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος, ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσι Χριστός.

GOSPEL (LUKE 17: 12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου τοῦ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἀνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόῥῥωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἶς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρείτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὑρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὖτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

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



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

YOU'RE INVITED



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH @11:30AM

LUNCH PROVIDED!

PLEASE RSVP BY 2/2/24 TO OLLGA ZAVAKOS AT OJZAVAKOS@VERIZON.NET OR 443-791-0064

YES THE GOLDEN AGE GROUP HAS A NEW NAME AND EXCITED TO START PLANNING EVENTS! BRING YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS!

> MEMBERSHIP \$30. ANNUALLY ALL 50+ ARE WELCOME.

> > KEFI IS CONTAGIOUS!

SAVE THE DATE:

The Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series presents the Ann Street Trio featuring

Erik Franklin, Clarinet ~ Katlyn De Graw, Cello ~ Hui-Chuan Chen, Piano Please join us on March 3, 2024 ~1:00PM at the AOC.

For more information about the artist check: www.annstreettrio.com.



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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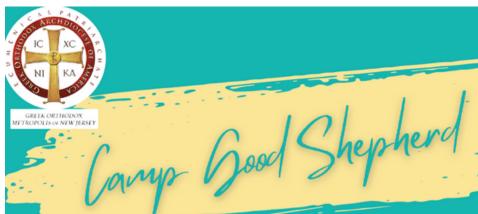
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Tables can be reserved in groups of IO only.

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.





Experience the Best Week of Jour Summer!



MARYLAND CGS:

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



HTTP://APP.CAMPDOC.COM/REGISTER/CGSN





MORE INFORMATION HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOARCH.ORG/CAMP-GOOD-SHEPHERD