

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE ANNUNCIATION



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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



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Saint and Feasts
Sunday of Orthodoxy



For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora, together with the Patriarch Methodius, established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

TODAY

- **We thank our 2024 Stewardship Half Day Sponsors:** Harry Maistros to commemorate his 80th birthday today; Chris and Lucy Maistros, in honor of their brother Harry's 80th birthday.
- **The flowers gracing the icon of the Evangelismos** on the altar screen and the basket of flowers gracing the icon of the Panayia for the Salutations service are offered for the glory of God and for the continued good health of the members of the Philoptochos Society, their families and those whom they assist.
- **On the Sunday of Orthodoxy**, it is an annual tradition to pass a special tray for the the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Social Services Fund.
- **As we celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy**, all youth and parents are asked to bring an icon to church. Sunday School will dismiss after they receive Holy Communion for a Special Lesson in the AHEPA Room. All youth are welcome to join! Students will return to church towards the end of Liturgy for a procession with their icon.
- **Please join us today for the Greek Independence Day Parade!** The parade will showcase ethnic, cultural, religious, and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states. Our Cathedral will march, and all organizations and families are encouraged to walk as a community. Meet at 1:30pm in Highlandtown, MD. Visit www.greekparade.com for more info.
- **We thank the Women's Guild** for hosting the March 22nd refreshments following the 1st service of Salutations to the Theotokos.
- **Join us at 7pm for Vespers for the Annunciation.** Philoptochos will be offering refreshments following the service.
- **If you are visiting the Cathedral**, please introduce yourself to Fr. George at the end of the Liturgy.

SPRING PARISH ASSEMBLY

Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, March 31 following the Divine Liturgy. Agenda will include a Financial Update, Committee Reports, and Attendee Nominations for the Metropolis & National Clergy Laity Conferences. Parishioners must be in good standing both financially and sacramentally to vote at a Parish Assembly meeting.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

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

LITURGICAL

- **Mon, 3/25**
 - 9:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation
 - 6:00pm - Vespers for the Leave-taking of the Annunciation (Chapel)
- **Wed, 3/27**
 - 6:00pm - Presanctified Liturgy (Chapel)
- **Fri, 3/29**
 - 8:30am - Presanctified Liturgy (Chapel)
 - 6:30pm - 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos
- **Sun, 3/31 (Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- **Thurs, 3/28**
 - 10:00am - HHMM work
 - 6:00pm - GOYA Basketball Practice
 - 7:00pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting
- **Fri, 3/29**
 - 11:00am - Festival Food Prep (Dolmades)
 - 5:00pm - Philoptochos - Loaves and Fishes (at Baltimore Station)
- **Sat, 3/30**
 - 10:00am - Festival Food Prep (Dolmades)
- **Sun, 3/31 (Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas)**
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

LITURGICAL

- **Salutations Service** - If you are interested in intoning the ending prayers of the Salutations service ("Ασπλτε, αμλυντε) in either Greek or English, please contact Fr. George.
- **We are also looking for readers for Agape Vespers**. If you are interested and can read proficiently in a foreign language, please contact Fr. George.

PHILOPTOCHOS

- **Philoptochos** members strive to make a difference in the lives of others by fulfilling our sacred calling as Christians to help anyone in need. Please renew your Philoptochos membership and invite your friends to become members so we can continue to expand our group. Renewal \$40. Membership forms are located on the church lobby table.
- **The Philoptochos has resources available** to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to philoptochos@annunciationbaltimore.org or to Fr. George fr.george@annunciationbaltimore.org or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.

YOUTH

- The **Regional St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** will take place on **April 6** at Saint Demetrios, and our Cathedral will be hosting the Metropolis Oratorical Festival on **May 11**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Anastasia Georgiou at religioused@annunciationbaltimore.org.
- **Camp Good Shepherd Summer Camp** – Our summer camp ministry is looking for staff volunteers for **June 16-22**! Must be 18 yrs or older and one year out of high school. Questions? campgoodshepcb@gmail.com. Apply at: <https://forms.gle/YGpEwTuMeZPwNNuz9>

CULTURE

- The **Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland** takes pride in marching in today's Greek Independence Day Parade honoring the sacrifices of our forefathers and the cultural legacy they preserved for future generations. The traditions of Greek food, music, language, ethnic costumes and our Orthodox Faith are symbolic of the values preserved for 400 years by the generations of our ancestors.

YOUNG ADULT

- **Annunciation Young Adult League (YAL)** seeks to connect Orthodox Christians in Baltimore ages 18-35 through social, spiritual, and service themed events. Fill out form @ <https://forms.gle/Td7sseHhJYp5PAxYA>, scan the QR code or text YOUNGANNUN to 84576 to receive text/email updates on future events. For more news & updates, follow us on Instagram (@annunbmoreyal), join our Facebook group (Annunciation YAL of Baltimore), or email Alexi Vlahoyiannis, YAL President, yal@annunciaitonbaltimore.org.
- **OCF** – Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a campus ministry to help students connect with other Orthodox Christians, navigate their time through school, and stay connected to the Church. Students typically meet every other Friday on the Hopkins campus. Contact Fr. John for more info.



3/25 - LITURGY FOR THE ANNUNCIATION
3/29 - 2ND SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
4/2 - HRISI PAREA GATHERING
4/5 - 3RD SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
4/12 - 4TH SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
4/14 - WOMEN'S GUILD TEA & GENERAL MEETING
4/19 - 5TH SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
(AKATHIST HYMN)

SAVE THE DATE

MUSIC

- Rising international stars from the Leon Fleisher Academy will present works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. Don't miss this spectacular event and show your support for the young artists on their musical journey. This event is sponsored by the **Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series**. Recital on **Sunday, April 21 at 1:00pm** at the AOC. Free will offering.
- **The choir is recruiting** new and former members to join us for the Lenten and Pascha season. We will rehearse on **Wednesday evenings 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.

COMMUNITY

- Please join us for the next **HRISI PAREA** gathering on **Tuesday, April 2 at 11:30 am**, at the AOC. A Lenten potluck lunch will be served along with a presentation by our Parish Historian, **Nicholas M. Prevas**. Please **RSVP by March 31** to Olga Zvakos at ojzvakos@verizon.net, or call/text 443-791-0064. We still need Lenten dishes, Lenten salads, and Lenten desserts. Don't miss out on this luncheon... let's all spend some time together!
- **Join us for "Night Out at the Ballpark" Fundraiser** - Baltimore Orioles vs Seattle Mariners Baseball Game - **Friday, May 17 at 7:05pm**. \$30/ticket - Seats are Lower Reserved. First 20,000 fans 15 & over receive a FREE Orioles 70th Anniversary Replica Jersey. Order tickets @: <https://forms.gle/9ba97c5X4wu4PJ77A> **Deadline to order is May 9 at Noon**. First Come First Serve. Hosted by YAL. Contact George Roros at groros@ycp.edu or 443-869-1838 with any questions.
- **Greek School Registration** remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Register at: <https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6>.

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 Philoptochos Scholarship Applications is **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. The Scholarships will be presented in church on Philoptochos Scholarship Sunday, on **June 9**. For additional information contact Deanna Sakellaris at dsak702@verizon.net or 410-591-6601.
- The **AHEPA Lord Baltimore Chapter 364 Scholarship deadline is April 15, 2024**! Go to www.ahepa364.org for info, instructions, and application. Any questions contact chairperson, Col. John E Gavrilis, by text 443-474-4001.

FR. DEAN MORALIS BOOKSTORE AND LOGOS GIFT SHOP

- **Consider items for your Easter gifts and Easter Baskets!**
 - **Icon sets in three sizes depicting four of the Great Feasts:** Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the Mystical Supper, Christ carrying His Cross, and the Crucifixion and Resurrection. There are only three sets left in each size. Come take a look before they are gone!
 - **Monastery incense candles** scented with the fragrances of Damascus Rose (sorry sold out, but on order), Sweet Myrrh, and Virgin Mary's Bouquet.
 - **Hand-painted wooden eggs** from Ukraine with ornate religious designs. (will not last long)
 - **Special gift bundles** for children, teens, and young adults to inspire and guide them through the season of Lent and Pasha. **Brave, Faithful and True: Children of the Bible** retells the stories of 12 children, 6 from the Old Testament and 6 from the New Testament, from the children's point of view and brings their encounters with God to vivid life. Children of today will be inspired to think about what the stories mean in their own lives and no matter what age they are, children can work with God to help bring about His plan. **Celebrate the Earth** and **You are an Orthodox Christian**.
 - **Ceramic censers with monastery incense and charcoal** to prepare your home with the scents of the season.
- **For perfect gifts, consider a Bookstore Gift Card!** <https://squareup.com/gift/MLF7HAY1H9CTY/order>

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.

PASTORAL

- **Please note** that only baptized, Christmated Orthodox Christians in good standing may receive the Sacraments (Holy Communion, Holy Unction when offered, etc.). If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. George.
- **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. George 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**



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.

TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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 ἁπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεταί. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Kontakion

O Champion General, I your city now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. In as much as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὧς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE (HEBREWS 11:9-10; 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἠρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν, μείζονα πλοῦτον ἢ γησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὀνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπε γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; ἐπιλείψει γάρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναιμι πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρμηταῖς πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψάμενου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

GOSPEL (MATTHEW 1:1-25)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαιδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὗρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἵδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἵδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὅντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκὴν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἅπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγῆτα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

LENT & PASCHA

- Every year for Pascha, our Philoptochos **remembers our students and our members of the military** who are away from home by sending **Paschal boxes** filled with homemade goodies. Please submit names and addresses of students/members of the military to connierogers2@hotmail.com so that we may send this gift from their Cathedral to them. **Deadline Friday, April 5, 2024.**
- **Red Eggs for Pascha** - Get ready for Pascha with a dozen red dyed eggs - \$10/dozen. **Reserve your Eggs at: <https://forms.gle/qWMJibBsMYx5nvoh8>.** Deadline to reserve is **Friday, April 26**. Pickup would be **Holy Thursday (May 2) between 3pm to 5pm or Holy Friday (May 3) between 12 noon to 3pm.** THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Contact Eleni Roros at 443-621-0587 or eroros99@gmail.com for any questions.
- **Myrrh-Bearers (Myrofores):** Calling all girls 6 to 12 years of age interested in being a Myrrh-Bearer (Myrofora) for Holy Week services contact Dorothea Tsakiris at hopejoy@annunciationbaltimore.org.
- **Saturday of Lazarus and Palm Making** - Our Youth Ministries invite all to assist with making palm crosses on **Saturday, April 27, the Saturday of Lazarus**, following the Liturgy. Children and adults will learn about and prepare "Lazarakia", prepare bay leaves, decorate the Cathedral for Holy Week. All are encouraged to bring a Lenten dish (covered) to share. Orthos & Divine Liturgy, 8am - 10 am. To ensure we have enough supplies, signup at: <https://forms.gle/9tLaZyxfQLQvHaJ9>.
- **Holy Friday Youth Retreat** - All Youth - Pre-k to High School, join us **Friday, May 3 - 11am to 4pm** for activities, lunch and the "Unnailing from the Cross" (Apokathelosis). Excused absence letters will be available. **Register by Sunday, April 28** at <https://forms.gle/i8qnFU9Wnz18cTc36>. More info: youthministries@annunciationbaltimore.org. If anyone is available to volunteer for all or part of the day, please let us know.
- **EASTER LILIES** - Offering lilies in memory or in honor of our loved ones is a beautiful tradition. Donations may be made for \$25.00 each. Forms are available on the Welcome Table. **Deadline to donate is April 26.**
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the **Agape Service on Sunday, May 5.**



**THURSDAY, MAY 23
TO
SUNDAY, MAY 26**

FESTIVAL FOOD PREPARATION

- Come one, Come ALL. Please join us in the Mentis Room at 11am to prepare for Pascha and our annual Festival.
 - **March 29 & 30** – Dolmades
 - **April 6** - Spanakopita
 - **April 12 & 13** – Koulourakia
 - **April 19 & April 20** – Kourambiedes.
 - **May 8, 9 & 10** – Baklava
- Contact Mike Baglanis, 410-627-1899 or Georgeann Morekas, 443-845-1176.

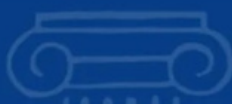
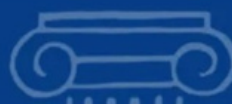
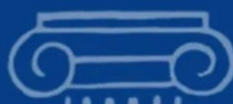
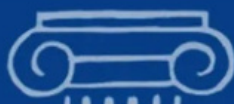
FESTIVAL ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

- **Are you interested in advertising your business in our community and to the over 10,000 festival attendees?** Consider purchasing a \$250 Business Card Ad that will be displayed on dining table placemats AND poster boards throughout the festival weekend! In addition, the placemat will be posted on our festival social media for additional exposure! Kindly contact Nikki Monios 443-930-0404 or nikkimonios4@gmail.com for more information.

PLEASE BE ON THE
LOOKOUT FOR MORE
DETAILS TO SIGN UP TO
SETUP/DECORATE, BAKE
AND/OR VOLUNTEER.

SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT NEEDED

- **Please consider sponsoring a Silent Auction basket** for the 2024 Annual Greek festival scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. Each year we assemble approximately 130 baskets, and each basket contains 10-12 items. Suggested donations and instructions are on the next page.
- Please contact Judy Georges by phone / text 443-301-5041, email judy-wood@comcast.net or place donations on top of the display cases in the room next to the Maryland Ave Entrance. Thanks so much for your generosity and support.



Annunciation Cathedral
52nd Greek Food * Wine * Cultural Festival
May 23 - 26, 2024



Silent Auction Donation Form:

Name: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____
Address: _____

For more information contact:

Judy Georges

judy-wood@comcast.net, 443-301-5041

Thank you. We rely on generous donations from our
Annunciation Cathedral families and friends.

Silent Auction Basket Sponsor:

Monetary Donation: \$ _____

Gift Basket #: _____

Other Donation: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Annunciation Cathedral Silent Auction

We will prepare the basket for you.

You may drop off your donation at the church office or mail your
donation **before May 5, 2024:**

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

ATTN: Silent Auction Committee

24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

SPONSORSHIP SUGGESTIONS

\$25 SPONSORS:

1. New Year's Eve Party Basket – champagne, glasses, accessories
2. Candy lovers basket - assorted sweets, candy & gum
3. Coffee Wagon - gift card, coffee, coffee mugs, etc.
4. Tasty Tacos – Holder, Recipes, Ingredients
5. Puzzled by Puzzles – a basket of puzzles to conquer
6. Beauty Secrets – Samples of Makeup and Skin care products
7. Americana Party Basket – All things Red, White & Blue
8. Coloring Therapy – Coloring Books, Crayons & Markers

\$100 SPONSORS:

1. Pasta Basket – Pasta, cheese, grater, pasta bowls, sauces, GC
2. Date Night - Dinner and a movie GC
3. Dog lover's basket – gift certificate, toys, leash, treats
4. Cat lover's basket – gift certificate, collar, toys, grooming tools, treats, and more
5. Man Cave – Poker table top, Poker chips, Bottle opener, Beer mugs and Beer.
6. Breakfast Basket – waffle/pancake mix, syrup, toppings, waffle maker and pancake warmer

\$50 SPONSORS:

1. Game Night - games for the whole family
2. Crab Basket – Many unimaginable crab items
3. Movie Night – Popcorn popper, boxed candy
4. Italian Basket – Pasta Bowl, Sauce, Cheese, Olive oil, Bread sticks, Olives, Capers and more
5. Moscow Mule So Cool – Mule Mugs, Ginger Beer, Vodka and Accessories
6. Martini Basket – Martini glasses, Martini mixes, Olives, Shaker, Napkins, Vodka
7. BBQ Lover's Basket – Tools, Sauces, Mats & Recipes
8. Wine & Cheese – Wine, Cheese, Crackers, Olives, Napkins, Wine glasses
9. Bakers Basket – pans, mixes, frosting, decorations, cookbook

\$150 SPONSORS:

1. Books & Coffee – Gift certificates, Books and Coffee
2. French Chef– gift certificate , Wine Caddy, Cooking Accessories
3. Ice Cream Supreme – Ice Cream Maker, Recipes, Serving Dishes, Toppings, etc.
4. Juicing – Juicing machine, recipes, juice mixes

\$75 SPONSORS:

1. Greek Basket –cookbook, apron, spices, foods, etc.
2. Auto – gift certificate, car wash products, etc.
3. Mexican Fiesta – chips, salsa, margarita mix, tequila, tortilla holder, margarita glasses, rim salt and more
4. Beauty Abounds – Luxury Hair and Face products
5. Beer Sampler – beer, glasses, bottle opener, snacks
6. Golf Basket – tees, golf glove, balls, shirt, towel
7. Movie Night – Dinner and Movie Gift Certificate
8. Gardener's Paradise – Lg Garden Pot, Tiller, Trowel, Weeder, Bulb Planter and Gift Card

\$200 SPONSORS:

1. Espresso Lovers – Espresso Machine, Ceramic Cups & Holder and Coffee
2. Spa Pampering – spa certificate, body products, slippers
3. Wine Rack, Bottles of Wine, Opener and Accessories



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
POT LUCK LENTEN
LUNCH
HRISI
PAREA

GUEST SPEAKER OUR PARISH HISTORIAN
NICHOLAS M. PREVAS




Tuesday, April 2, 2024
at the AOC
11:30am

**RSVP TO OLLGA ZAVAKOS WITH WHAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BRING AT
OJZAVAKOS@VERIZON.NET OR
443-791-0064 BY 4/1/24**

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!

PASCHAL BAKED GOODS



SATURDAY, APRIL 27th following Saturday of Lazarus Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th following Palm Sunday Services

PICK-UP from the AHEPA ROOM

Packaged and decorated:

TSOUREKI (Sweet Bread) - \$11.00

KOULOURLAKIA (1 pound) - \$16.00

KOURAMBIETHES (dozen) - \$20.00

Pre-Order your selection by Friday, April 12, 2024:

Contact and Email orders to:

philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com

Kathe Lazarides kdap19@gmail.com

Georgeann Morekas gnmorekas@gmail.com

**The proceeds from the sale benefit the good works of the
Cathedral of the Annunciation Philoptochos Society**

Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series

presents an afternoon of solo piano music performed by the

Rising Stars of the L. Fleisher Academy



Jacqueline Liu

Dudley Du

Emily Tang

Lily Wang

Mingze Li

Yihan Wang

April 21, 1:00 PM
Preston Hall
25 W Preston St, Baltimore, MD 21201
Suggested donation: \$10

Free parking available
Contact us:
410-929-5862
tadzharova@gmail.com

EASTER LILIES

Offering lilies in memory or in honor of our loved ones is a beautiful tradition.
Donations may be made for \$25.00 each.

Please make checks payable to the Annunciation Cathedral & return:

Annunciation Cathedral, 24 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Or Pay Online at www.annunciationbaltimore.org - select the Donate button and then select the Lilies option to complete your donation via a credit card.

Complete and Return Form by April 26th

Yes, I would like to donate _____ Easter plants at \$25.00 each.

Payment will be made: Sending Check _____ Paid Online _____

Please accept this gift, donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____





Red Eggs for Pascha

Get ready for Pascha with a dozen red dyed eggs - \$10/dozen.

Reserve your Eggs at:

<https://forms.gle/qWMJibBsMYx5nvoh8>

Deadline to reserve is April 26.

Pickup is on Holy Thursday (5/2) between 3pm to 5pm or Holy Friday (5/3) between 12 noon to 3pm.

Contact Eleni Roros at 443-621-0587 or eroros99@gmail.com with any questions.



Scan to Reserve Easter Eggs

Saturday of Lazarus *April 27, 2024*

Our Youth Ministries invite all to assist after the Divine Liturgy with:

Palm Making

Bay Leaf Preparation

Decorating the Cathedral

"Lazarakia" Baking by the children

Potluck Lenten Lunch

Everyone is welcome to participate and are invited to bring a Lenten Dish to share.

Please reserve your space at:

<https://forms.gle/9tLaZyxgQLQvHaJ9>

Orthros & Divine Liturgy - 8am to 10am
Palm Making & Potluck Lunch - 10am



Scan for Saturday of Lazarus

Holy Friday **YOUTH RETREAT** **Friday May 3, 2024** **11am to 4pm**

All Youth Pre-K to High School

Includes the Apokathelosis/ "Unnailing from the Cross" service at 3pm.

Special Activity - Decorate your Lambatha

Lambatha will be provided



Scan to Register

Lunch included

Register by 4/28/24 at

<https://forms.gle/i8qnFU9Wnz18cTc36>

For more info: youthministries@annunciationbaltimore.org
If anyone is available to volunteer for all or part of the day, let us know.

Excused Absence letters will be available.

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

JOIN US FOR AN



Easter

EGG HUNT

MAY
5TH

Annunciation Cathedral Courtyard
Hunt Begins After the 12 noon Agape Service

Join Us For A "NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK" FUNDRAISER



VS



MAY 17
GAMETIME
7:05PM

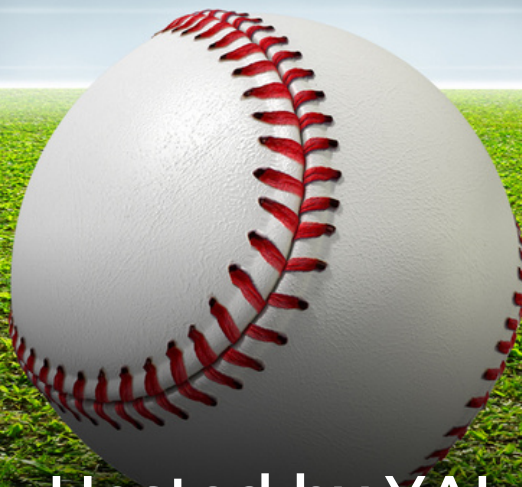
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Hosted by YAL

Contact
George Roros
at groros@ycp.edu
or 443-869-1838
for more
information

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS NOON ON MAY 9

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5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

MAY 24 AND 25

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MAY 26

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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/v3TXkYJkFWD63TW48>

(Hard Copies are available on the Welcome Table in the Church Lobby.)



Camp Good Shepherd

Experience the Best Week of Your Summer!



CGS: MARYLAND

June 16-22, 2024

Ages 8-18

Camp Wo-Me-To

1200 Knopp Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Registration Fee: \$600 (Early Bird Discount until May 1, then \$675)



CGS: NEW JERSEY

June 23-29, 2024

Ages 8-18

Camp Linwood MacDonald

1 Flatbrook Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826

Registration Fee: \$625



CGS: VIRGINIA (2 SESSIONS)

Week 1: July 7-13 (Completed 5th Grade - 8th Grade)

Week 2: July 14-20 (Completed 9th Grade - 12th Grade)

Camp Piankatank

1586 Stampers Bay Rd Box 435, Hartfield, VA 23071

Registration Fee: \$500

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



[HTTP://APP.CAMPDOC.COM/REGISTER/CGSN](http://app.campdoc.com/register/cgsn)

MORE INFORMATION [HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOARCH.ORG/CAMP-GOOD-SHEPHERD](https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd)

