



THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**



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**Saint of the Day**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Savior has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast. Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the

hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

**TODAY**

**May Their Memory Be Eternal**

Jo Marie Gafos - 40 days

Helen (Chrysanthé) Hollingsworth - 7 years

Kathleen (Ekaterini) Hollingsworth - 5 years

Thomas Hollingsworth - 19 years

- **Please join us for Coffee Hour**, hosted by Philoptochos in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall following Divine Liturgy.
- **Today at 1:00pm in the AOC, the Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series** presents the Ann Street Trio featuring Erik Franklin on Clarinet, Katlyn De Graw on Cello, and Hui-Chuan Chen on piano. Join us for a delightful musical stroll through Vienna, Paris and Italy.
- Our Cathedral Community will be blessed with a visit by **His Grace Bishop Constantine of Sassima** on:
  - **Friday, March 8th** to our "Hrisi Parea" meeting (formerly "Golden Age Club"),
  - **Saturday, March 9th** for Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls at the Cemetery Chapel and
  - **Sunday, March 10th** for Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (and Godparent Sunday), followed by a Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Constantine Monios Social Hall, hosted by AHEPA.
- **If you are visiting the Cathedral**, please introduce yourself to Fr. John at the end of the Liturgy.

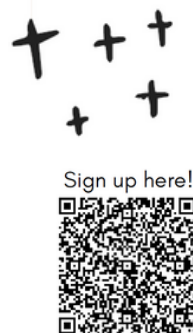


**28th Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Memorial Retreat**

On **Saturday March 16th**, we are excited to welcome our retreat leader, Rev. Fr. Panteleimon Papadopoulos from the Church of the Holy Resurrection in Brookville, NY. In addition, we are pleased to have Archbishop Demetrios as a special guest, as Fr. Panteleimon served as Archbishop Demetrios' Archdeacon for 18 years. The theme of this year's retreat will be "The Battle is the Lord's in this Modern Global World." We will celebrate Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls at the Cathedral preceding the retreat. Orthros will begin at 8am. There will also be a **discussion for the youth on Friday March 15th** in the Fr. Constantine Monios Social Hall from 6-9pm. Registration is now open!

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

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



**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

See all events at:

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

**LITURGICAL**

- **Sat, 3/9**  
**(Saturday of Souls)**
  - 8:30am Orthros and Divine Liturgy (Cemetery Chapel)
- **Sun, 3/10**  
**(Judgement Sunday)**
  - 8:00am - Orthros
  - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

**COMMUNITY**

- **Mon, 3/4**
  - 7:00pm - Youth Ministries Committee Meeting
- **Tues, 3/5**
  - 7:00pm - Women's Guild Board Meeting
- **Wed, 3/6**
  - 7:00pm - AHEPA Meeting
- **Thurs, 3/7**
  - 10:00am - HHMM work
- **Fri, 3/8**
  - 11:30am - Hrisi Parea Gathering
  - 4:00pm - OCF Meeting
  - 5:30pm - Greek School
  - 6:30pm - Apokriatiko Celebration
  - 7:00pm - Dance Practice
- **Sat, 3/9**
  - 11:00am - Philoptochos Paschal Baking
- **Sun, 3/10 - Daylight Savings Time Starts**
  - Godparent Sunday
  - No Sunday School
  - AHEPA Pancake Breakfast
  - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

## 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](mailto:philoptochos@annunciationbaltimore.org) or to Fr. George [fr.george@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:fr.george@annunciationbaltimore.org) or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.

## YOUTH

- **Join us for an Apokriatiko** fellowship celebration on **March 8th from 6:30pm to 8pm** in Fr. Constantine Monios Social Hall, hosted by Greek School and Sunday School. Come for food, music, crafts, and fellowship! Please consider signing up to bring food here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054AACA72DA0F58-48178242-2024>.
- We are excited to announce that our parish level **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** will be on **Sunday, March 17th** following Divine Liturgy. We encourage you to come support our 7th-12th grade Sunday School students. The Regional 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 [religiously@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:religiously@annunciationbaltimore.org).



**The Festival Committee and Parish Council are happy to announce that our 2024 annual festival will be moving to Memorial Day Weekend. Please be on the lookout for more details.**

**The dates for 2024:**

**Thursday, May 23 to Sunday, May 26.**

## 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@annunaiatonbaltimore.org](mailto:yal@annunaiatonbaltimore.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.



## SAVE THE DATE

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

## COMMUNITY

- **What's all the buzz about?** Come see and join the fellowship and fun at our next **HRISI PAREA gathering on Friday, March 8, 2024, 11:30 a.m.** at the AOC. Lunch will be provided. Our special guest will be our own Bishop Constantine of Sassima. Please **RSVP by March 6th** to **Ollga Zavakos at [ojzavakos@verizon.net](mailto:ojzavakos@verizon.net) or call/text 443-791-0064.** Don't miss out on the fun!
- **Sunday, March 10th is the Annual Pancake Breakfast**, sponsored by the Worthington Chapter of AHEPA, in the Father Constantine Monios Hall after Godparent Sunday services. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and fellowship with your family and godchildren. A free will offering of \$10 per person is suggested and all proceeds will be donated to help Cathedral ministries.
- **Easter "Sunday Best" Children's Clothing Drive - Lenten Giving Project #1:** Sunday School is collecting new clothing for the children who visit the Franciscan Center. Let's help the Franciscan Center reach its goal of providing clothing for 200 children for Easter this year. Easter dresses, polo shirts, slacks, nice hats, etc., in sizes 2T-6T (toddlers), 4-6x (young kids) and 7-16 (older kids) are needed. **Place donations outside the church office in the boxes marked Easter "Sunday Best" Children's Clothing Drive by Thursday, March 21.** The Franciscan Center will distribute the donations at the Children's Easter Party on **March 27.** Thank you for your ongoing support of our "Children Helping Children" giving projects. Any questions, please contact Diane Boia at 410-227-6906.
- **Independence Day Parade** - On **March 25**, the Greeks and Philhellenes around the world will celebrate the 203rd anniversary of Greece declaring its independence from Ottoman rule. **The annual parade will be held, Sunday, March 24 at 2pm** in Baltimore's Greektown. Join us for the Parade, showcasing ethnic, cultural, religious and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states. Visit, [www.greekparade.com](http://www.greekparade.com) for information. All organizations and families are encouraged to walk and represent our community. Contact Paul Dezes at [paul.dezes3@gmail.com](mailto:paul.dezes3@gmail.com).
- **Greek School Registration** remains open for Adults. It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Register at: <https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6>.

### **BOOKSTORE**

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

### **CULTURE**

- The **HELLENIC HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND** joins the Annunciation Community in welcoming Fr. George Mastakas and his family, and is looking forward to them visiting the museum to meet our staff at their earliest convenience. The museum is collaborating with the Sunday School of the Annunciation today in a lesson about the preparation of the Prosphoro and how it is used during Liturgy to prepare Holy Communion.

### **MUSIC**

- **The choir is recruiting new and old members to join us for the Lenten and Pascha season.** We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings beginning **February 28 at 7pm** in the choir room and on Sundays before Liturgy begins. Come and be a part of this wonderful, uplifting and rewarding ministry and join your voice with ours. For further information, please contact our choir director, Fotini Fifi Nichols, [fnichols1@verizon.net](mailto:fnichols1@verizon.net).

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The **2024 Philoptochos Scholarship Applications** are available on line on the Church Website. Printed copies are also on the Welcome Table at Church. The due date for submitting 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](mailto:dsak702@verizon.net) or 410-591-6601.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

- **Stewardship Update:** To effectively manage our budget, the Parish Council relies on the commitments made through your pledge. Please be mindful to formalize a commitment by making a pledge and fulfilling it for 2024.
- **The Day Sponsor Steward Program** offers individuals a personal milestone that directly supports our parish and her ministries. You may choose a meaningful day throughout the year, whether it is a special occasion or a tribute to a loved one in memory or honor. Please consider the Day Sponsor Steward Program by becoming a **Day Sponsor Steward** (\$3500 annual pledge) or the new **Half-day Sponsor Steward** (\$1750 annual pledge).
- **2024 Stewardship commitment link:** <https://forms.gle/v3TXkYJkFWD63TW48>. Hard copies are also available on the "Welcome" table in the church lobby. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship. Please carefully consider your 2024 pledge.
- Please call or email the Church Office at **410-727-1831** or [office@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:office@annunciationbaltimore.org) if you require Offering Envelopes for 2024. We will make them available upon request and have your name and unique ID numbered envelopes ready for you to pick them up. Fill out a 2024 Pledge Form and check the box asking to receive envelopes. **Please discard any 2022 or 2023 envelopes you have remaining.**

- **Please note** that only baptized, 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. 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.

### **PASTORAL**

#### **GIVING**

- **Online Donations** can be made through our website. Click the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship!
- **For candles and tray donations**, you can also donate by text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts.
  - Note: TextToTray can only be used for candles and tray donations.
  - We are also grateful for donations made by check.

#### **DIGITAL COMMUNICATION**

- **Cathedral Updates** – To receive Bulletins and other updates via email, visit <https://annunciationbaltimore.flocknote.com> and enter your contact information.
- **Text Alerts** - To receive ministries updates via text, text the ministry keyword below to phone number 84576:
  - **Hope/Joy** → HopeJoy
  - **GOYA** → GOYA
  - **YAL** → YOUNGANNUN
  - **Men's Fellowship** → MensFellowship



**Scheduling - To all ministry, organization and committee leaders and members: Please contact the Church Office before you schedule all on-site and off-site meetings, activities and events to ensure that there are no conflicts for meeting space and that the meetings/events appear on the church calendar.**

Submit for the Sunday Bulletin by **Wednesdays at Noon** to [assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org).  
Submit for the upcoming Newsletter by **April 15th** to [newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org](mailto:newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org).



**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

**Apolytikion for the Deceased**

Remember Your servants, O Lord, since You are good, and forgive them for all their sins in life; for no one is without sin except for You who are able to give rest to those who have passed away.

**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."

**Kontakion**

I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the riches You gave me. Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out, I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father. O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ εἴ τι ἐν βίῳ, ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὶ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι, δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπausιν.

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.

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

**EPISTLE (I CORINTHIANS 6:12-20)**

Brethren, “all things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.


Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τίνος. Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἡγείρε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστί; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλῶμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· ὁ δὲ κολλῶμενος τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν πνευμᾷ ἐστι. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν; ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῇ· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ᾧ τινὰ ἐστι τοῦ Θεοῦ.

**GOSPEL (LUKE 15:11-32)**

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· Πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισεν τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὰ κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἥρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους· καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ὥδε ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· Πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου· οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα ἑαυτοῦ. ἐτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμὼν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· Πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· Ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησεν, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἡρξαντο εὐφραίνεισθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παιδῶν ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει, καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἠθέλεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· Ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστί· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.





PLEASE JOIN US!

FRIDAY MARCH 8, 2024

11:30AM AT THE AOC

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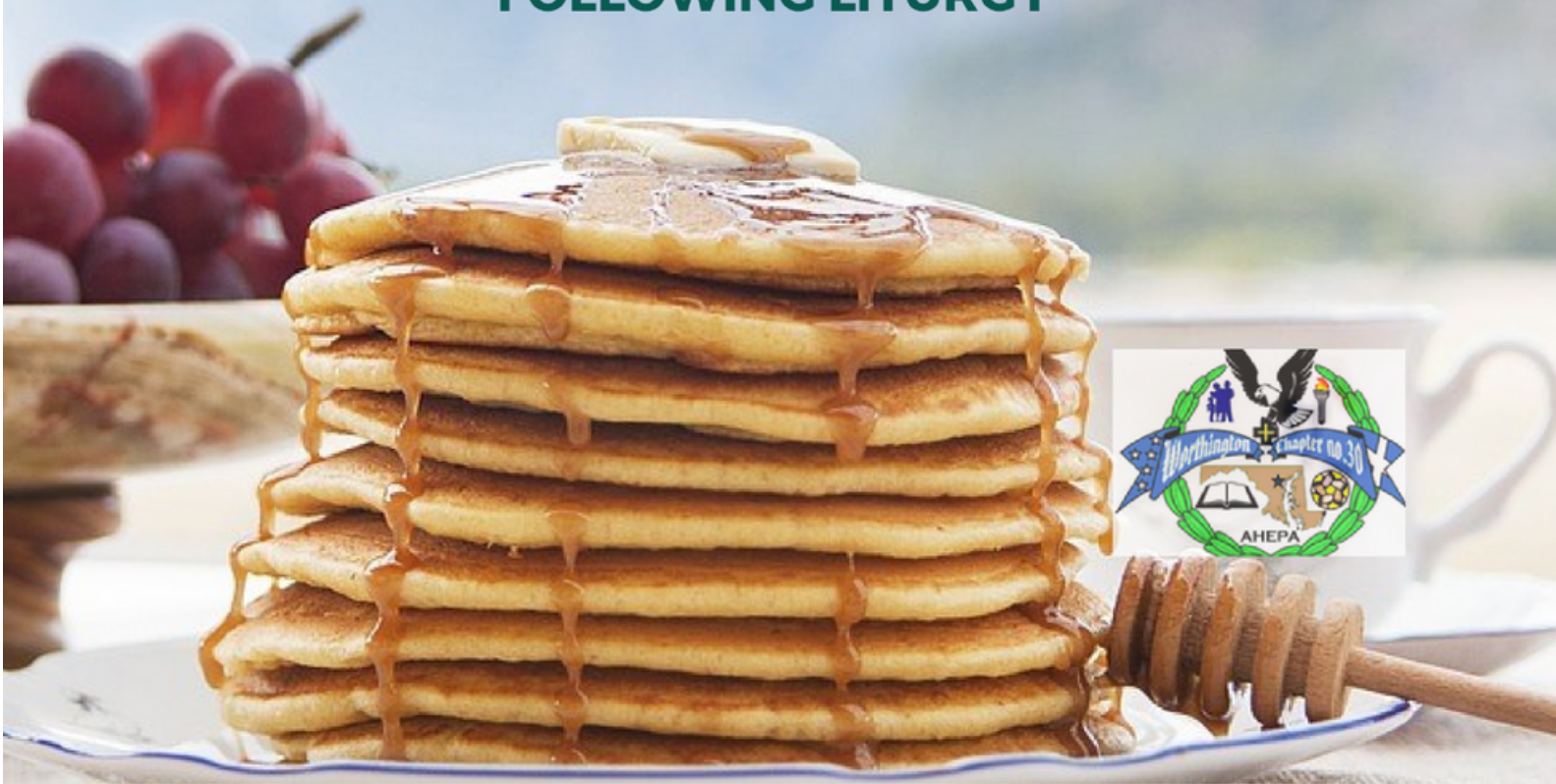
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**GODPARENTS SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 10, 2024**

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



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

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Special Guest

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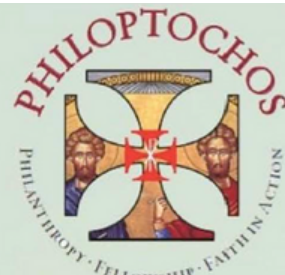
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GREEK ORTHODOX  
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



# WALKING WITH CHRIST

*First Seminarian Benefit Luncheon*



**St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church**  
**35 N Malin Rd, Broomall, PA 19008**

**March 16th**

**11 A.M.**

**2024**



Follow the QR code for Ticket Sales and Event Sponsorships. All Proceeds Will Benefit the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Seminarrians and Masters of Divinity Students



## Sunday School's 2024 Lenten Giving Project #1

# Easter "Sunday Best" Children's Clothing Drive

### What to Donate

New Easter dresses, polo shirts, slacks, nice hats, etc., in sizes 2 - 16.

### Drop Off Instructions:

Place donations outside the church office in the boxes marked Easter "Sunday Best" Children's Clothing Drive.

### Donation Deadline: Thursday, March 21

All donations are for the children who visit the Franciscan Center and will be distributed at the Children's Easter Party on March 27.





2:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024  
ON EASTERN AVE. IN BALTIMORE'S GREEKTOWN





# GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS'  
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# 2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

## Our Church Our Spiritual Home

### How do I become a steward of the parish?

As Orthodox Christians we are stewards of the Church not merely members. Stewardship is our lifetime commitment to our Church that begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues annually when we financially, physically, and spiritually contribute and participate in the life of the Church. Our stewardship pledge is made as a grateful response for what God has given us through Christ. All parishioners over 18 years of age who submit a stewardship commitment and remain current with that commitment during the year will be considered voting members of the parish. All members of a household who are over the age of 18 should submit their own stewardship commitment whether online or through this form. More rights and responsibilities of our stewards are outlined in the charters and by-laws of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Metropolis of New Jersey, and the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation.

### What is our Stewardship Goal?

Our Stewardship Goal is to fund Parish ministries 100% through stewardship contributions. Though we may meet our Stewardship Goal, we may still host the festival and other events for reasons other than fundraising such as fellowship, proclaiming our faith, etc.

### Do I need to fill out a pledge form?

YES! The only way to quantify both how many families we have in our church and how much revenue we can expect to raise through stewardship is by having each member fill out a stewardship commitment form or submit the ONLINE stewardship commitment form.

### What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

**"As each has received a gift, use it to service one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**




You may submit your 2024 Stewardship pledge by scanning the QR code or going online to:  
<https://forms.gle/KmMH2LtfL1aA8zCx6>

Hard copies are available on the Cathedral Lobby Welcome Table.



# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 25th</b>		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> 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 <b>MARCH 3rd</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> 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 <b>MARCH 10th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgement</b> 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 <b>MARCH 17th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <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 <b>MARCH 24th</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> 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 <b>MARCH 31st</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> 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 <b>APRIL 7th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <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 <b>APRIL 14th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> 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 <b>APRIL 21st</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> 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! <b>APRIL 28th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>MAY 3rd</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <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! <b>MAY 5th</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!





# Camp Good Shepherd

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### CGS: NEW JERSEY

June 23-29, 2024

Ages 8-18

Camp Linwood MacDonald

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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)

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