

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



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Saint and Feasts

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

TODAY

Responses:

Χριστός Ανέστη ~ Αληθώς Ανέστη
Christ is Risen ~ Truly He is Risen
Христос воскрес! ~ Воистину воскрес!
Al Masih Qam ~ Haqqan Qam

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν θανάτῳ θάνατον
πατήσας καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν
χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs
He has granted life.

Memorial Service

May Their Memory Be Eternal

Helen (Chrysanthe) Gumas Dallas - 40 days
Dennis Psoras - 1 year
Ioannis Nicholas Alexiades - 4 years

Evanthia Pappas - 7 years
Theodore Pappas - 15 years

- Today, the **son of Mr. and Mrs. Argerios and Rianna Stavrides** will be presented for the **40-day blessing**.
- **We thank our 2024 Day Sponsors, Evangelos and JoAnn Ioannou**, for sponsoring May 21st, in honor of their daughter Georgia's birthday
- **The Sacramental Wine** is donated by Veronica & Constantine Stavrides, in honor of our third grandchild, Archer Christopher Stavrides.
- As preparations begin for next week's festival, **there will be no coffee hour today or next Sunday**.
- **The Silent Auction Committee** would like to thank the community for their outpouring of support and generosity. Please stop by on **Sunday 5/19** and take a spin around the room for a parishioner's preview. **Bidding begins Friday, 5/24 at 11 am and closes Sunday 5/26 at 3pm**. Donations are still being accepted and volunteers are needed the weekend of the festival. Contact Judy Georges at 443-301-5041 (text or call) or judy-wood@comcast.net.
- **If you are visiting the Cathedral**, please introduce yourself to Fr. George at the end of the Liturgy.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar

LITURGICAL

- **Mon, 5/20**
 - 6:00pm - Great Vespers for Sts. Constantine and Helen (Annapolis)
- **Tues, 5/21**
 - 9:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sts. Constantine and Helen
- **Sun, 5/26 (Sunday of the Paralytic)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
- **Mon, 5/27**
 - 10:00am - Orthros/Memorial Service (Cemetery Chapel)

COMMUNITY

- **Mon, 5/20**
 - 7:00pm - SQUARE Training for Festival
- **Tues, 5/21**
 - 6:30 - Parish Council Meeting
- **Wed, 5/22**
 - 7:00pm - SQUARE Training for Festival
- **Thur, 5/23**
 - 5:00pm - 52nd Annual Greek Festival
- **Fri, 5/24**
 - 11:00am - 52nd Annual Greek Festival
- **Sat, 5/25**
 - 11:00am - 52nd Annual Greek Festival
- **Sun, 5/26 (Sunday of the Paralytic)**
 - 11:00am - 52nd Annual Greek Festival
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting



Thursday, May 23 - 5 to 9pm
 Friday 11 to 9pm
 Saturday 11 to 9pm
 Sunday 11 to 7pm



IN ADDITION OUR FESTIVAL
 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

@ <https://forms.gle/qhvbFmqUeHexZDb27>
 OR SCAN QR CODE

SAVE THE DATE

- 5/23 - GREEK FESTIVAL BEGINS
- 6/2 - RECOGNITION SUNDAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GREEK SCHOOL
- 6/9 - PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION
- 6/9 - WOMEN'S GUILD GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON
- 6/16 - 6/22 - CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD SUMMER CAMP
- 6/22 - PHILOPTOCHOS "SPRING INTO SUMMER" LUNCHEON MEETING
- 6/28 - 12TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

COMMUNITY



▪ **Recorded Phone Message** - The office is aware that the recorded message needs to be updated. Unfortunately, we have run into some challenges and have been working with the Technology Committee to resolve the issues.

- On **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th**, Orthros and Memorial Service will take place at the Greek Orthodox Cemetery. Please bring your list of loved ones names for Father. Philoptochos will provide koliva.
- **Hrisi Parea** - Join us for a summer outing on **June 4 at 12pm** at Casa Mia's (17417 York Road, Parkton) Cost \$28/person. See flyer for more info. **RSVP by June 1** to Ollga Zavakos at ojzavakos@verizon.net/443-791-0064.

- **The Annunciation Women's Guild** invites the Women of the Cathedral to their **June General Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 12:30pm** (after the Graduate & Scholarship program) in the AHEPA room. Please join us for a light lunch and fellowship with our Guest Speaker, Parish Historian, Nicholas M. Prevas. Nicholas will discuss the fascinating story of Baltimore's Greek Community of the 1920s. Please **RSVP by Friday, May 31, 2024** to Kalliope Del Pizzo at kmdelpizzo@gmail.com.
- **PHILOPTOCHOS 12th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET DONATIONS:** **Your donations will be accepted beginning on Sunday, June 2nd.** Items should be left in the MD Avenue foyer. Please contact Georgeann Morekas (gmorekas@gmail.com / 443-845-1176) or Jean Prevas (jprevas@aol.com / 443-803-3771) to schedule drop-off day/time during the week.
- **The FLEA MARKET will be open from June 28 to August 11.** We will have a soft opening for "Ladies Nite at the Flea Market" on **Thursday, June 27 from 5:30 to 7:30.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The **AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30 Scholarships** will be available to download from the AHEPA30.org website after **May 1st**. The completed application must be submitted via the AHEPA30.org website **no later than June 30, 2024**. For questions, contact Ron Hogle by text (301) 520-4635.
- Information regarding the **Anastasia K. Michals Memorial Scholarship** presented by the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Society is available on the Welcome Table. Mrs. Michals was a past NJ Metropolis Philoptochos president. She served with dignity and grace. Applications are due **June 15, 2024**. For more information, contact Deanna Sakellaris, dsak702@verizon.net or 410.591.6601.
- **FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** - Applicants must be graduating high school seniors enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall and a member of a Greek Orthodox parish. Application and eligibility details are available at thefaithendowment.org/scholarships. Application **deadline is June 28**. For any questions, please call (212) 803-9363 or email info@thefaithendowment.org.

- **GRADUATES:** If you or your child are graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please fill out the 2024 Graduate Recognition Form at <https://forms.gle/fESTGHKT9Ku73rLV9> to be recognized on **June 9th. Deadline to submit is May 31.** In addition to completing the form, **please send a formal photo of each graduate to parishcouncil@annunciationbaltimore.org.**



YOUTH

- **Camp Good Shepherd - Maryland - Enroll Now: June 16 to June 22, 2024 - THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!** @ Camp Wo-Me-To, Jarrettsville, MD. Open to Campers (8-18 yrs.) and Volunteers (18 yrs or older and one year out of high school). To Register your children use link: <http://app.campdoc.com/register/cgsn> To Volunteer, use link: <https://forms.gle/YGpEwTuMeZPwNNuz9>. This is a great way to grow in your faith, build meaningful relationships, participate in swimming, crafts, athletics, dance and more!
 - Confidential need-based financial assistance is available for Cathedral families who would like to send their children to Camp Good Shepherd.
 - Mr and Mrs. Harry Amarantidis are offering \$500 to a camper in honor of Fr. George Mastakas and the altar servers who help him in the altar.
 - Katie Prevas is offering \$500 to a camper in memory of her beloved brother Alex Prevas.
 - **Contact Father George Mastakas.**

YOUNG ADULT

- Experience an unforgettable five-day event at the **2024 National YAL Conference 'UNIFY', July 3-7, 2024**, San Diego, California. For more information go to: www.clergylaity.org/yalconference OR Instagram: [@yalnationalconference](https://www.instagram.com/yalnationalconference)
- **Annunciation Young Adult League (YAL)** seeks to connect Orthodox Christians in Baltimore ages 18-35 through social, spiritual, and service themed events. Fill out the 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@annunaitonbaltimore.org.



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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

- **SAVE THE DATE: Spring Into Summer Luncheon Meeting** at 7 West Bistro Grille on **Saturday, June 22. RSVP Using Link by June 18:** <https://forms.gle/GPR7mCdwicBwG87D7> . Contact Rhoula Monios 443-625-9898/rhoulaevie@yahoo.com for questions.
- The Philoptochos has resources available to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to philoptochos@annunciationbaltimore.org, to Father George at fr.george@annunciationbaltimore.org or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.

THE BOOKSTORE AND LOGOS GIFT SHOP

- **The Father Dean Moralis Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop needs you!** Please join us in staffing the Bookstore for the Festival. No experience is needed. Just bring your enthusiasm and appreciation for the beauty of Orthodoxy as expressed through books, icons and other gift items. Sign up to volunteer at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849A9AB2CA1FF2-please#/ or contact Cheryl to volunteer: text, email, or call

CULTURE

- **“Koukla Mou” titles the new exhibit hosted by the Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland in the display cases of the AOC.** Using the museum’s expansive doll collection, the exhibition illustrates the interpretation of plaggona, the dolls found in ancient Greece as early as 700 BC, as well as the part that dolls play in our everyday lives. Whether the Greek word is used for a “toy”, a “young girl” or as a “term of endearment”, koukla mou (my doll) remains a fond expression of admiration and love.

- **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.

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 Tuesday at Noon to assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org**
- **Submit for the upcoming Newsletter by June 15th to newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org.**

TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!”

“Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκράυαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Feast

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You rose, O Lord, and granted to the world the great mercy.

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελών, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης, Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of the Feast

The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, "Ointments are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted to the world the great mercy."

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια· Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος· ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Deceased

Remember Your servants, O Lord, as You are good, and pardon whatever sins they have committed in this life; for no one is sinless but You, who are able to give rest to those who have passed away.

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

Apolytikion of the Parish

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with you."

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

Kontakion of Pascha

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἶ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητὴς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

EPISTLE (ACTS 6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν εἶπον· οὐκ ἀρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις Πνεύματος Ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσομεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης· ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρη πίστεως καὶ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον καὶ Πρόχορον καὶ Νικάνορα καὶ Τίμωνα καὶ Παρμενᾶν καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχέα, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων, καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ ἠύξανε, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

GOSPEL (MARK 15:43-47; 16:1-8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτὴς, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἔδωκέν αὐτῳ τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελών αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσήφ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλωμῆ ἠγόρασσαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. καὶ λίαν πρωτῆ τῆς μῆρας σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατελιαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρητὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἰπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 130/2024

Archebiscopal Encyclical on AHEPA Sunday

May 19, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

My beloved brothers and sisters and in the Risen Lord,

Christ is Risen!

On this AHEPA Sunday, when the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America celebrates the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, let us give thanks to God for AHEPA's resilience and commitment to Hellenic causes worldwide. Not only is AHEPA a tremendous supporter of our Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Mother Church of Constantinople, but the members and friends of AHEPA champion both Greece and Cyprus in the halls of American power. Especially this year, when we observe the tragic fiftieth anniversary of the unjust and illegal Turkish invasion of the sovereign island Nation of Cyprus, the voice of AHEPA is needed now more than ever.

We all know the members of AHEPA to be faithful members of our Church and parishes. They are our neighbors, our friends and our family. That is why we reserve the third Sunday of May as AHEPA Sunday, to recognize these fellow Hellenes of the Diaspora for the amazing contributions they have made to the Omogeneia and to our Hellenic roots.

Therefore, let us take this opportunity to acknowledge AHEPA in every parish across the country, celebrating the history and impact of this marvelous organization of the Greek-American experience with gratitude and appreciation for their most significant contributions to the Church and the Omogeneia.

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

With paternal love in our Risen Lord,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

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2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

**Our
Church
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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:
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