

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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GREAT & HOLY PASCHA



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Saint and Feasts
Great and Holy Pascha

Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and

when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions.

Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honour of the Lord; in honour and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labour that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.

TODAY

Responses:

Χριστός Ανέστη ~ Αληθώς Ανέστη
Christ is Risen ~ Truly He is Risen

Προσκυνούμεν Αυτού την τρίήμερον εγέρσιν. ~ We worship His Resurrection on the third day.

- **The hydrangeas for Holy Thursday** were offered for the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents and grandparents, Sofia and Panayiotis Campanides, and Michael and Christalla Hadjioannou, and were the gift of Demetrios, Eva, Peter and Eleni Campanides, and John and Christine Skarvelis.
- **We thank Mrs. Carolyn Tsakalas**, who offered the wreath adorning the cross in loving memory of her husband, (Charles) Soterios, and her sister, Maria Moraitis, and in honor of her family.
- **Sincere appreciation** is extended to Stella Maistros and Harry Maistros for chairing the decorating of the Kouvouklion for Holy Friday, along with the volunteers. Our Philoptochos extend their appreciation to all who offered donations for the flowers.
- **We thank our Philoptochos** for hosting the reception on Holy Friday.
- **A thank you** is extended to the parishioners who prepared the Paschal eggs that were distributed following the Anastasi service.
- **The Paschal eggs** are offered for the glory of God in memory of Nicholas, John and Sam Morekas.
- **The Parish Council invites the congregation to an Anastasi reception following the liturgy.** We wish all Xristos Anesti.
- **Thank you** to all those who donated Easter Lilies in memory of/in honor of loved ones.
- **We thank our 2024 Day Sponsors**, Constantine and Maia Triantafilou for choosing May 6th to honor their family - Slava and Saint George; Harry Sharkey for choosing May 7th in honor of his beloved wife, Andronicki Sharkey's birthday; and Steve, Theresa, Markella and Demetri Tsamoutalis for choosing May 11th in honor of Jim and Abbie Tsamoutalis' 50th wedding anniversary.
- **Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt** in the Cathedral courtyard (weather permitting, or in the Father Constantine Monios Social Hall) following the Agape Vespers. Children who are participating should bring a bag or basket.
- **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](http://annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar)

LITURGICAL

- **Mon, 5/6 (Bright Monday)**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. George
- **Tues, 5/7 (Renewal Tuesday)**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sts. Nicholas, Raphael and Irene
- **Fri, 5/10 (Renewal Friday)**
 - 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Lifegiving Spring
- **Sun, 5/12 (Sunday of Thomas)**
 - 8:00am - Orthros
 - 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- **Mon, 5/6**
 - Church Office Closed
- **Tues, 5/7**
 - 11:30am - Xrisi Parea Gathering (AOC)
 - 6:30pm - Parish Council Executive Committee Meeting
- **Wed, 5/8**
 - 10:00am - Festival Baking (Baklava)
 - 7:00pm - AHEPA Meeting
- **Thur, 5/9**
 - 10:00am - Festival Baking (Baklava)
 - 10:00am - HHMM Work Session
- **Friday, 5/10**
 - 11:00am - Festival Baking (Baklava)
 - 5:30pm - Greek School
- **Sat, 5/11**
 - 9:00am Metropolis Oratorical Festival
- **Sun, 5/12 (Sunday of Thomas & Mother's Day)**
 - 10:45am - Sunday School
 - 5:00pm - AA and Al-Anon Meeting

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.

- After celebrating a blessed and beautiful PASCHA with family and friends, come **celebrate PASCHA and Bright Week with HRISI PAREA** on **Tuesday, May 7th, 11:30am** at the AOC, main banquet room. Lunch will be provided, May birthdays will be celebrated, and a special treat of music and song by our own Manual Matsos from ZEPHYROS will be offered. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out on this festive celebration. In order that we may plan and set up accordingly, **please RSVP** to Ollga Zavakos at ojzavakos@verizon.net or call/text 443-791-0064, **NO LATER than Thursday, May 2nd, 2024.**
- **Metropolis of New Jersey Oratorical Festival -- Saturday, May 11 -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Cathedral will host visitors from across the New Jersey Metropolis, including **His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos**, on this wonderful day of youth ministry. We need your helping hands to make this event a success for our young people and visitors. **Scan the QR CODE** to sign-up! Please email Corinna Vlahoyiannis with any questions, corinna.vlahoyiannis@gmail.com.
- **Men's Fellowship:** Please join the Men's Fellowship's first gathering on **May 16th @ 6:00pm** at Andy Nelson's located at 11007 York Road in Cockeysville for some great BBQ and fellowship. If anyone needs transportation, please reach out to Mike Baglanis at 410-627-1899.



SCAN TO SIGN-UP!

- **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.
- **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 Kaliope Del Pizzo at kmdelpizzo@gmail.com.
- **SAVE THE DATE AND DONATIONS: The Philoptochos' 12th Annual 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 5:30pm to 7:30pm.** 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.



YOUNG ADULT

- **Post-Pascha Happy Hour -- Thursday, May 9 @ 7:30PM** -- Join us at The Admiral's Cup for food, drink, and fellowship! Meet on the 2nd floor. See you there!
- **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@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. George for more info.



PHILOPTOCHOS

- The Philoptochos extends gratitude to the entire community for your donations to our Traditional Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon. We were blessed with a beautiful day and an overwhelming response to celebrate one of the most joyous feast days entering Holy Week. Your kindness enables the Philoptochos to continue supporting our ministries.
- **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

- **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>



- **Festival Food Preparation** - Come one, Come ALL. Please join us in making **BAKLAVA in the Mentis Room at 11am on May 8, 9 & 10.** For more info, contact Eleni Roros/Rhoula Monios at eroros99@gmail.com.
- **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. **Deadline is May 15.**

**OUR FESTIVAL
NEEDS YOUR HELP!
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! AT
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QHVBFMQUEHE
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OR SCAN QR CODE**



5/11 - METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
5/23 - GREEK FESTIVAL BEGINS
6/2 - RECOGNITION SUNDAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND GREEK SCHOOL
6/9 - GRADUATE AND PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY
6/28 - 12TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

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.

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.

CULTURE

THE BOOKSTORE AND LOGOS GIFT SHOP

• **“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.

• **The Father Dean Moralis Bookstore and Logos Gift Shop** is delighted to invite you to embark on an enchanting journey through our latest arrivals, meticulously curated to cater to every member of your cherished family, from the youngest to the most revered. We offer a diverse selection of exquisite treasures, ranging from spiritual children’s tales to timeless classics from the Old and New Testaments. Our shelves are adorned with a plethora of new and captivating items, each waiting to be discovered and embraced by you and your loved ones. Whether you seek to ignite the imagination of your little ones with enchanting storybooks or wish to indulge the literary senses of the patriarch of your family with thought-provoking reads, our collection promises to exceed your expectations. Come and experience the joy of Pascha through icons, candles, and memorable gifts at the Bookstore! For perfect gifts, consider a Bookstore Gift Card! <https://squareup.com/gift/MLF7HAY1H9CTY/order>

- **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

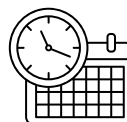
- **Online Donations** can be made through our website. Click the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship!
- **For candles and tray donations**, you can also donate by text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts.
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

Apolytikion of the Feast

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

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἠρισάμενος.

Hypakoe

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race."

Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον αἰ περὶ Μαριάμ, καὶ εὐροῦσαι τὸν λίθον ἀποκυλισθέντα τοῦ μνήματος, ἤκουον ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου· τὸν ἐν φωτὶ ἀίδιῳ ὑπάρχοντα, μετὰ νεκρῶν τί ζητεῖτε ὡς ἄνθρωπον; βλέπετε τὰ ἐντάφια σπάργανα· δράμετε, καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ κηρύξατε, ὡς ἠγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, θανατώσας τὸν θάνατον· ὅτι ὑπάρχει Θεοῦ Υἱός, τοῦ σώζοντος τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

Kontakion

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.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθηνγάζαμος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

EPISTLE (ACTS 1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

τὸν μὲν πρῶτον λόγον ἐποίησάμην περὶ πάντων, ὃ Θεόφιλε, ὃν ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς ποιεῖν τε καὶ διδάσκειν ἄχρι ἧς ἡμέρας ἐντειλάμενος τοῖς ἀποστόλοις διὰ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου οὐς ἐξελέξατο ἀνεληφθῆ· οἷς καὶ παρέστησεν ἑαυτὸν ζῶντα μετὰ τὸ παθεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν πολλοῖς τεκμηρίοις, δι' ἡμερῶν τεσσαράκοντα ὀπτανόμενος αὐτοῖς καὶ λέγων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ. καὶ συναλιζόμενος παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων μὴ χωρίζεσθαι, ἀλλὰ περιμένειν τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς ἢν ἠκούσατέ μου· ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν ὕδατι, ὑμεῖς δὲ βαπτισθήσεσθε ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς ταύτας ἡμέρας. οἱ μὲν οὖν συνελθόντες ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες· Κύριε, εἰ ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ ἀποκαθιστάνεις τὴν βασιλείαν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ; εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτούς· οὐχ ὑμῶν ἐστι γινῶναι χρόνους ἢ καιροὺς οὓς ὁ πατὴρ ἔθετο ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ, ἀλλὰ λήψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσεσθέ μοι μάρτυρες ἐν τε Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ Σαμαρείᾳ καὶ ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς.

GOSPEL (JOHN 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ Λόγος, καὶ ὁ Λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ Λόγος. Οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν. ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν. Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος ἀπεσταλμένος παρὰ Θεοῦ, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἰωάννης· οὗτος ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν, ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσι δι' αὐτοῦ. οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς, ἀλλ' ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός. Ἦν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον. ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω. εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθε, καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι αὐτὸν οὐ παρέλαβον. ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα Θεοῦ γενέσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, οἳ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων, οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος σαρκός, οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρός, ἀλλ' ἐκ Θεοῦ ἐγεννήθησαν. Καὶ ὁ Λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας. Ἰωάννης μαρτυρεῖ περὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ κέκραγε λέγων· οὗτος ἦν ὃν εἶπον, ὃ ὀπίσω μου ἐρχόμενος ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. Καὶ ἐκ τοῦ πληρώματος αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς πάντες ἐλάβομεν, καὶ χάριν ἀντὶ χάριτος· ὅτι ὁ νόμος διὰ Μωϋσέως ἐδόθη, ἡ χάρις καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐγένετο.

SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT NEEDED



- **Please consider sponsoring a Silent Auction basket** for the 2024 Annual Greek festival! Each year we assemble approximately 130 baskets with each basket contains 10-12 items.
- **Select an item, send your donation money in & the silent auction committee will do the shopping and wrapping!!! Several items have been sponsored. Let's get them all covered!!!**
- 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.

Help our festival by covering the cost of the remaining items!

Silent Auction Donation Form:

Silent Auction Basket Sponsor:

Name: _____

Monetary Donation: \$ _____

Email: _____

Gift Basket #: _____

Telephone: _____

Other Donation: _____

Address: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Annunciation Cathedral Silent Auction

For more information contact:

Judy Georges

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

We will prepare the basket for you.

You may drop off your donation amount at the church office or mail **before May 5th** to:

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation
ATTN: Silent Auction Committee
24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

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

SPONSORSHIP SUGGESTIONS

\$25 SPONSORS:

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

\$50 SPONSORS:

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

\$75 SPONSORS:

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

\$100 SPONSORS:

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

\$150 SPONSORS:

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

\$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



52ND ANNUAL

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

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FOOD - WINE - CULTURE

FESTIVAL

MAY 23

5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

MAY 24 AND 25

11 A.M. - 9 P.M.

MAY 26

11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

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Christos Anesti

From

Hrisi Parca

Pleas join us
Tuesday, May 7th
at 11:30 am

Celebrate with us upstairs at the AOC

Music by Manuel Matsos

Please RSVP to Olga Zvakos at
ojzavakos@verizon.net or text
443-791-0064 by May 2, 2024

Join Us For A
"NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK"
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MAY 17
GAMETIME
7:05PM

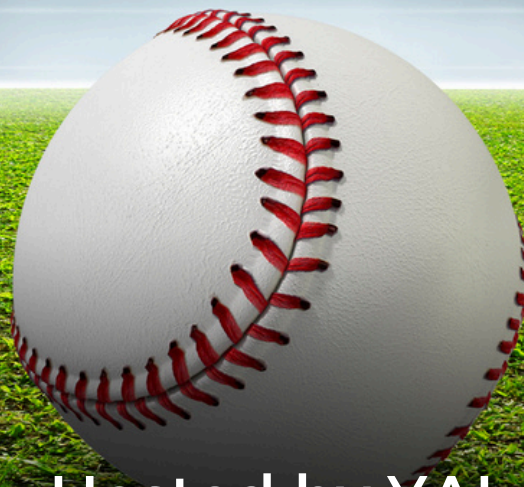
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for more
information

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS NOON ON MAY 9

Cathedral of Annunciation Philoptochos



Spring Into Summer Luncheon Meeting

7 WEST BISTRO GRILLE

7 W CHESAPEAKE AVE, TOWSON, MD

SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2024

12-3PM

\$50 PER PERSON

OPTION A: ATLANTIC SALMON FILET SERVED
WITH GREEK-STYLE OVEN ROASTED
POTATOES AND GRILLED BROCCOLI

OPTION B: PETITE JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE
SERVED WITH GREEK-STYLE OVEN-ROASTED
POTATOES AND GRILLED BROCCOLI

OPTION C: CHICKEN SOUVLAKIA SERVED WITH
GREEK-STYLE OVEN ROASTED POTATOES
AND GRILLED BROCCOLI

SOFT DRINKS/ICE TEA/COFFEE/CASH BAR
ASSORTED GREEK DESSERTS

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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.)



*Come
join us!*

Use the link below or scan QR Code to
register and become a member.
Membership dues are \$40.00 per year.

<https://forms.gle/he6Fk6FMkjmidHfu8>





12TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

OPEN from JUNE 28 – AUGUST 11
EVERY FRIDAY and SATURDAY 10:30am-2:30pm
EVERY SUNDAY 11:00am - 2:30pm

**Furniture, Lamps, Artwork, Kitchen Items, Household Items, Linens,
Electronics, Costume Jewelry, Fashion Accessories, Collectibles,
Luggage, Holiday Items, Books, Clothing, Shoes and More!**

*Refreshments Available for purchase –
Spanakopita, Greek Pastries and Cookies, Water and Sodas*

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24 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland, 21201**

FREE PARKING – Maryland Avenue Lot
GPS location for the parking lot entrance is 1321 Maryland Avenue

Payment methods: Cash, Credit Cards Apple Pay, and Google Pay

Questions: philoptochosannunciation@gmail.com

Judy Georges – TEXT 443-301-5041

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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

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