



**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE

WELCOME ALL VISITORS:

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff, and the entire family of St. Nicholas, we would like to welcome all our Visitors who are in attendance today please enjoy our hospitality. If you need any assistance please contact any of the Parish Council members..

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A 40 day Memorial service will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, Vasilios Trintis. A 40 day Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Aliki Argiropoulos who fell asleep in the Lord in Greece. May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.

LITURGICAL PROGRAM:

Monday, November 1: Sts. Cosmas & Damianos the Holy Unmercenaries- Orthros 8:45 D.Lit 9:30

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, November 1: Greek School Classes 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Ladies Philoptochos Dinner/Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 3: Greek School Classes: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

HELLENNIC GOLDEN COINS:

Registration for the Hellenic Golden Coins Dance Group is under way. You may register at the Church office, or contact Foula Paragios at 410-236- 3419 or Email her at fparagios@gmail.com or at hellenicgoldencoins@gmail.com

ALTAR BOYS NEEDED:

Fr. Michael is calling all our young men in the parish 10 and over to come and serve God by serving in the Altar as an Altar boy. What an honor it is for our young people to help their church in this manner. If you are interested contact Fr. Michael or the Church office and leave your name and phone number with the Church secretary.

CHOIR NEWS:

We are looking for new members to join our St. Nicholas Choir. Anyone who is interested in joining please contact the Church office at 410-633-5020 or you can contact our Choir Director Pete Bisbikis at 443-803-35-47 or E-mail him at peterbibikis@comcast.net. Rehearsals are scheduled on Friday evenings usually twice a month at 7:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 8: Great Vesper service at the St. Nectarios Monastery at Emmitsburg, Maryland His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will officiate along with Clergy and Faithful. The address to the Monastery is 8704 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, M.D. The Vesper service will begin at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 9th, His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will also officiate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Name day of St. Nectarios along with Clergy and Faithful of the Metropolis of New Jersey. The service will be at the Monastery.

Tuesday, November 9th: St. Nicholas "Diamonds" Meeting at the Plateia 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 10: Orthodox Bible Study 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 11: Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sunday, November 12: Stewardship Sunday Program after Church -- Grab and Go bags

NOVEMBER 1ST THRU THE 13TH THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS FOR THEIR ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS "FOOD" DRIVE. Every year the Philoptochos Society picks a local pantry and donates most of the food items there. They also prepare Thanksgiving baskets for the needy families. This event is always special and well organized by the Philoptochos Society. So please bring in your perishable items to the church and the Ladies will distribute the food to those needy families. God bless all of you who give and support this wonderful event.

Sunday, November 14: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Grab and Go Luncheon bags will be given to all who participate in the Stewardship Sunday program. This event will take place after church.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS: GREEK NIGHT OUT "GLENDI": Join us for a night of Greek Dancing, Family Fellowship and Fun. It's all about the Kefi. When: Thanksgiving Eve- Wednesday, November 24, 2021- Time- 7pm till Midnight. Place Martin's Valley Manson 594 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, Md. Prices- \$30.00/Adults- \$20.00/Under 18. For tables/Tickets Call 443-621-0587 or reach us at axioncharityevents@gmail.com. Live Greek Music/Credit cards & Paypal accepted.

ST. NICHOLAS NAME DAY DANCE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH:

Come and join us at our St. Nicholas Name Day Dance/Banquet. This event will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Greektown Square (Plateia) 700 Quail St. Baltimore, Maryland. Prices: Adults \$70/Under 12/\$35. Featuring Dimitris Dimoulis and the Apollonia Band. For tickets please call Yianni Sfakianoudis 443-797-3534- Sophia Xouri-240-375-5464- Manoli Theoharis 410-790-7542- Stamatia Ieromonahos 443-742-2424. Doors will open at 8:00 pm and Dinner will be served at 9:00 pm.

NEWS FLASH FROM THE PARISH:

We would like to inform all Parents that have children in Greek School, Sunday School, GOYA, and Hellenic Golden Coins, that they need to fill out and sign a "Stewardship" Pledge Card in order for their children to be registered in our Church organizations. It's sad that we have to enforce these rules but we have parents who bring their children to the church to enjoy our facilities and our events and never think that they need to support their church. Well it just doesn't work that way. We need to understand that it takes a whole Village working together for a common cause. Some people in the parish think that by coming to church and lighting a candle, or buying a raffle ticket, or purchasing a dinner or a dance ticket is the way to go. This is not the way we are supposed to support our Stewardship Program. Four times a year we send out Stewardship Pledge Cards to all our parishioners and the response is always underperforming from our church members. If we go by the UPR (Uniform Parish Regulations form the Archdiocese, it states that a parishioner in good financial standing must be 18 years and older, be current in his/her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish. All parishioners must abide by the regulations and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Community. So please, when you receive your Pledge Card in the mail, fill it out, sign it with all the information, put your offering that you feel comfortable with and send it to the church office. We have so many young adults and married couples that neglect to participate in the Stewardship Program, but they like using the church facilities for their Sacraments and other activities.

On behalf of the Parish Council and Fr. Michael we would also like to thank all the wonderful and caring parishioners who always support St. Nicholas with their generous and thoughtful donations and obligations towards our Stewardship program. May the Lord always reward you a hundredfold and grant to you and your family abundant health and prosperity.