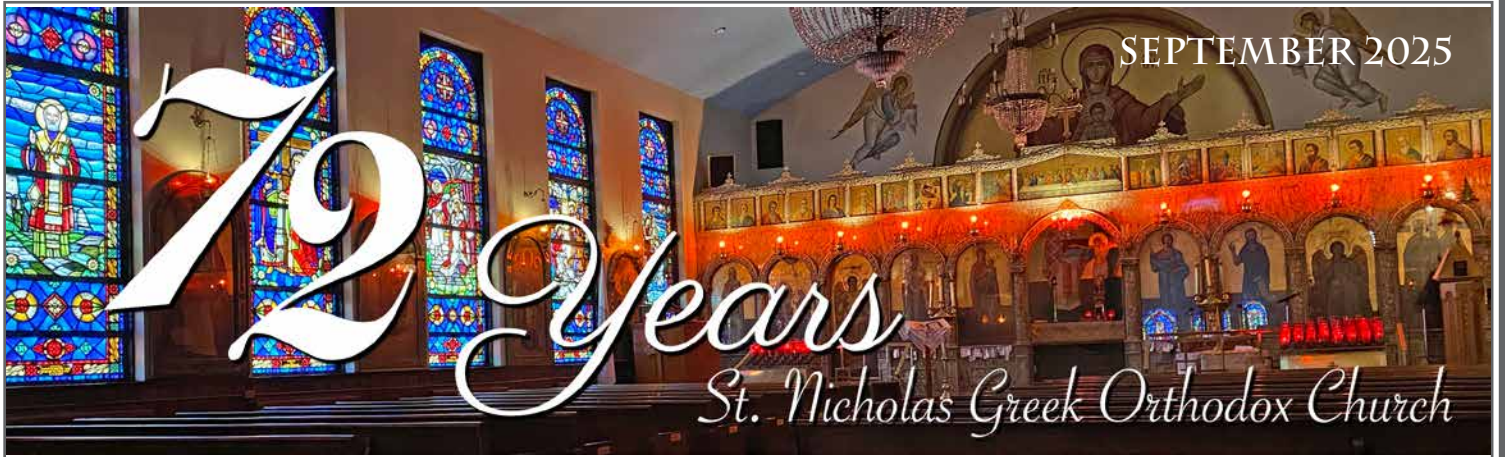


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BEST WISHES TO
FATHER GEORGIOS
OIKONOMOU
AND HIS FAMILY



WELCOME TO
FATHER MICHAEL
PASTRIKOS



Message from STAMATIA IEROMONACHOU, PARISH COUNCIL PRESEIDNET

Dear parishioners and friends of our church,

The summer holidays have come to an end, leaving behind beautiful moments of rest and relaxation.

We all return to our church with hearts full of gratitude — to the place where we meet both our fellow human beings and God.

We are preparing for the beginning of the new ecclesiastical and school year — a year filled with Light, Faith, and Hope.

The start of the new school year is always a special moment. It is an opportunity for a fresh beginning, for setting new goals, for progress and for both personal and spiritual growth. In this new beginning, Christ walks with us.

I wish the teachers of our school a constructive and joyful school year, filled with strength, optimism, and success!

I warmly thank the parents for the trust they place in our work. With sound cooperation and the grace of God, we can offer our children the most valuable gifts: an education founded on principles, ethics, and spiritual direction.

Together, we continue our shared mission — to support our church and our Greek school.

With much love and respect,

Stamatia Ieromonachou
President of the Parish Council
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore

Αγαπημένοι μας ενορίτες και φίλοι της εκκλησίας μας,

Οι καλοκαιρινές διακοπές έφτασαν στο τέλος τους, αφήνοντας πίσω τους όμορφες στιγμές ξεκούρασης και χαλάρωσης.

Όλοι μας γεμάτοι ευγνωμοσύνη επιστρέφουμε στην εκκλησία μας, στον τόπο συνάντησης με τους συνανθρώπους μας και με τον Θεό.

Προετοιμαζόμαστε για το ξεκίνημα της νέας εκκλησιαστικής και σχολικής χρονιάς. Μια χρονιά με Φως, Πίστη και Ελπίδα.

Η έναρξη της νέας σχολικής χρονιάς είναι πάντα μια ιδιαίτερη στιγμή. Είναι μια ευκαιρία για νέο ξεκίνημα, για νέους στόχους, για πρόοδο και προσωπική και πνευματική καλλιέργεια. Σε αυτό το ξεκίνημα, ο Χριστός είναι ο συνοδοιπόρος μας.

Εύχομαι στους εκπαιδευτικούς του σχολείου μας εποικοδομητική και χαρούμενη, με δύναμη, αισιοδοξία και επιτυχίες η νέα σχολική χρονιά!

Ευχαριστώ θερμά τους γονείς μας για την εμπιστοσύνη που δείχνουν στο έργο μας. Με καλή συνεργασία και τη χάρη του Θεού, μπορούμε να προσφέρουμε στα παιδιά ό,τι πιο πολύτιμο: παιδεία με αρχές, ήθος και πνευματικό προσανατολισμό.

Όλοι μαζί συνεχίζουμε το κοινό μας λειτούργημα, να στηρίζουμε την εκκλησία μας και το ελληνικό μας σχολείο.

Με πολλή αγάπη και σεβασμό,

Σταματία Ιερομονάχου
Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου
Αγίου Νικολάου Βαλτιμόρης



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WELCOME BACK, FR. MICHAEL L. PASTRIKOS

We welcome back to the St. Nicholas community Fr. Michael L. Pastrikos, as Proistamenos, who is now once again assigned to our church.

Let us sincerely wish Fr. Michael good strength in his sacred and holy work, and may the decision of our beloved Metropolitan, His Eminence Apostolos, be blessed.

It is our duty to help Fr. Michael and stand by his side as long as the Almighty calls him to serve our Patron saint - Saint Nicholas!

Welcome, Father Michael. May we all have a good and blessed Ecclesiastical year.



Με μεγάλη χαρά καλωσορίζουμε τον πατέρα Μιχάλη Παστρικό σαν Προϊστάμενο ξανά πίσω στην εκκλησία μας .

Ας του ευχηθούμε από καρδιάς καλή δύναμη στο ιερό έργο του και ευλογημένη ας είναι η απόφαση του αγαπητού σε όλους μας Μητροπολίτη μας κυρίου Αποστόλου .

Καθήκον μας να τον βοηθήσουμε και να σταθούμε δίπλα του όσο τον καλεί Ο Μεγαλοδύναμος να υπηρετήσει τον Πολιούχο μας - Άγιο Νικόλαο !!!

Καλώς ήρθες, πάτερ Μιχαήλ. Εύχομαι σε όλους μας μια καλή και ευλογημένη Εκκλησιαστική χρονιά.

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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Message of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey for the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy-Theotokos

*You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world,
O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your
intercessions, deliver our souls from death.*

Apolytikion of the Feast

15 August 2025

My Dearly Beloved Children in the Lord,

Rightly and fittingly has the living Tradition of our Church given the name of “the Summer Pascha” to the Feast of the Dormition and the Assumption into the Heavens of our All-Holy Lady, the Panagia. It is this lived experience and this faith of our pious Orthodox people concerning the unique manner of the departure of our Lady the Theotokos that St. Germanos, Patriarch of Constantinople, captures when he says, “Just as Your Son and the God of all tasted in his flesh a death like Yours and just as He glorified His own life-giving tomb, so also He glorified Your tomb, which at Your Dormition received You, the Mother of Life. Both tombs received in reality something exceptional, both Your bodies, but they enacted no decay upon them. Because it was impossible that You, who were the vessel that contained God, would be dissolved into the dust of death. Since He who humbled Himself and was borne in Your womb was from the beginning God and pre-eternal Life, it was only fitting that You, also, who are the Mother of Life, would dwell together with Life itself, with Your Son, in the Heavens.”

In Her Dormition, My Dear Children in the Lord, our All-Holy Lady has not abandoned Her people, She has not left her children orphans. As the living and breathing Ark of the Lord, She ascends from the corrupt things of this world to the

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Heavenly Jerusalem that is eternal and incorrupt. The Most Holy Theotokos, the living Palace of the Son and Logos of God the Father, has become the Ladder that raises us to Heaven, and therefore Her death is a passageway to immortality. Thus today we celebrate, not only the Dormition of the Theotokos, but also Her glorious Assumption. We believe that the tomb could not hold Her all-pure body. Our All-Holy Lady died because, as a created being, she had to pay the debt that all humans must pay, namely death. But she was taken up because the Assumption was a sign of the incorruptible miracle, the pinnacle of the graces of the the Most Blessed Mother of God. In piety therefore let us bend the knee of our both our body and heart before Her sacred icon and let us entreat her for our salvation, for the end of all wars and the peace of the world. I wish you all many blessed years beneath the mighty shelter and protection of our Most Holy Mother.

With paternal love and blessings,

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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

Μήνυμα του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου Νέας Ίερσέης για την Έορτή της Κοιμήσεως της Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου

*«Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας· ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλειπες Θεοτόκε,
μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς,
καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν».*
Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς

15 Αὐγούστου 2025

Τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγαπητά,

Πάσχα τοῦ Καλοκαιριοῦ, ἀξίως καὶ δικαίως, ὀνόμασε τὴν ἑορτὴ τῆς Κοιμήσεως καὶ τῆς εἰς οὐρανοὺς Μεταστάσεως τῆς Παναγίας μας ἡ ζῶσα Παράδοση τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας. Αὐτὸ τό βίωμα καὶ αὐτὴ τὴν πίστη τοῦ εὐσεβοῦς λαοῦ μας γιὰ τὴν ἐκδημία τῆς Κυρίας Θεοτόκου μὲ μοναδικὸ τρόπο ἀποτυπώνει ὁ Ἅγιος Γερμανὸς Πατριάρχης Κωνσταντινουπόλεως ὁ ὁποῖος λέγει: «Ὅπως ὁ Υἱὸς σου καὶ Θεὸς τῶν ὄλων γεύθηκε κατὰ τὴν σάρκα Του τὸν ἴδιο θάνατο καὶ ὅπως δόξασε τὸν δικό Του ζωοποιὸ τάφο, ἔτσι δόξασε καὶ τὸ δικό Σου μνήμα, πού ἐδέχθη κατὰ τὴν κοίμησή Σου Σέ τὴν Μητέρα τῆς ζωῆς. Καὶ οἱ δύο τάφοι δέχθηκαν μὲν, χωρὶς νὰ φαντάζονται, κάτι ξεχωριστό, τὰ σώματα καὶ τῶν δύο, ἀλλὰ δὲν ἐνήργησαν καμιὰ διαφθορά σ' αὐτά. Διότι δὲν ἦταν δυνατὸν Σὺ πού ἦσουν δοχεῖο πού χῶρεσε τὸν Θεό νὰ διαλυθεῖς στὸ χῶμα τῆς νεκρώσεως. Ἐπειδὴ Αὐτὸς πού ταπεινώθηκε καὶ κυοφορήθηκε μέσα Σου ἦταν ἐξ ἀρχῆς Θεὸς καὶ ζωὴ προαιώνιος, ἔπρεπε καὶ Σὺ, ἡ Μητέρα τῆς Ζωῆς, νὰ γίνεις σύνοικος μὲ τὴν Ζωή, μὲ τὸν Υἱό Σου, στὰ οὐράνια».

Ἡ Παναγία μας, τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγαπητά, μὲ τὴν μακαρία Κοίμησή Της δὲν ἐγκατέλειψε τὸν λαό Της, δὲν ἄφησε ὀρφανὴ τὴν κληρονομία Της. Ἡ ἔμψυχη Κιβωτὸς τοῦ Κυρίου ἀπὸ τὰ ἐπίγεια καὶ φθαρτὰ ἀνέρχεται στὴν ἐπουράνια Ἱερουσαλήμ τὴν

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αιώνια και άφθαρτη. Ἡ Ὑπεραγία Θεοτόκος, τό ἔμψυχον παλάτιον τοῦ Υἱοῦ καί Λόγου τοῦ Θεοῦ Πατρός, ἔγινε ἡ κλίμακα πού μᾶς ἀνεβάζει στόν οὐρανό, γι' αὐτό καί ὁ θάνατός Της εἶναι διάβαση πρὸς τὴν ἀθανασία. Ἔτσι, λοιπόν, σήμερα δέν ἐορτάζουμε τὴν Κοίμησιν μόνο τῆς Θεοτόκου ἀλλὰ καί τὴν ἔνδοξην Μετάστασίν Της. Πιστεύουμε ὅτι ὁ τάφος δέν μπορούσε νὰ κρατήσῃ τό πανακήρατο σῶμα Της. Πέθανε ἡ Παναγία μας διότι, ὡς κτιστό δημιούργημα, ἔπρεπε νὰ ἐκπληρώσῃ τό κοινὸ πανανθρώπινο χρέος πού εἶναι ὁ θάνατος. Μετετέθη, ὁμως, διότι ἡ μετάστασις ἦταν σημεῖο τοῦ ἀφθάρτου θαύματος, κορύφωσις τῶν χαρίτων τῆς Ὑπερευλογημένης Μητρός τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἄς κλίνουμε, λοιπόν, εὐλαβικά γόνυ σώματος καί καρδίας ἐνώπιον τῆς ἱερῆς εἰκόνας Της καί ἄς Τὴν παρακαλέσουμε γιὰ τὴν σωτηρίαν μας, γιὰ τὴν κατάπαυσις τῶν πολέμων καί γιὰ τὴν εἰρήνευσις τοῦ κόσμου. Χρόνια πολλά καί εὐλογημένα ὑπὸ τὴν κραταιὰ σκέπη καί προστασία τῆς Παναγίας Μητέρας μας.

Μέ πολλή πατρική ἀγάπη καί εὐχές

† Ὁ Νέας Ἱερσέης Ἀπόστολος

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Nativity of the Theotokos

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Introduction

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Biblical Story

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest

who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents, and the Mother of our Lord as an infant. Saint Anna is in the middle of the icon with her right hand extended toward her daughter. Likewise, Saint Joachim, Mary's father, is gazing upon the young child with his right hand extended toward her. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom which is conducted on the morning of the Feast and preceded by a Matins (Orthros) service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast. Scripture readings for the Feast are the following: At Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27—44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. At the Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56. At the Divine Liturgy: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

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Introduction

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at

a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by



Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be.

[Apolytikion of Elevation of the Holy Cross](#)
[First Tone](#)

Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail

over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.

[Kontakion of Elevation of the Holy Cross](#)
[Fourth Tone](#)

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

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By the Mercy of God

Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch

Grace, Peace, and Mercy unto the Plenitude of the Church

From the Fashioner of All Creation

Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

* * *

Most honorable brother Hierarchs and blessed children in the Lord,

By the good pleasure of God the giver of all, we embark today upon a new ecclesiastical year, glorifying His heavenly name for the uninterrupted and bounteous fruitfulness of the initiatives of His Holy Great Church in the field of creation's protection. The Ecumenical Patriarchate not only highlighted the seriousness of environmental issues from an early stage, but also focused attention on their foundational causes—which are inner, spiritual, and moral—and proposed solutions based on an Orthodox eucharistic and ascetic ethos.

Orthodoxy, in her faith, divine worship, and witness to the world is, one could say, the eco-friendly form of Christianity. Thus, the proclamation of the Feast of the Indiction as a day of prayer for the protection of the natural environment was not merely a reaction to the contemporary ecological crisis, but a natural extension of the Church's life as "applied ecology." From the beginning, we declared the inseparability of respect for creation and the human person, revealing the common root and interconnection of environmental and social problems. Alienation from God breeds a possessive and exploitative attitude and behavior toward creation and fellow human beings, while life in and according to Christ is a source of environmental sensitivity and philanthropic action. As the Lord said: "Every good tree bears good fruit, but a corrupt tree bears evil fruit. A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, and a corrupt tree cannot bear good fruit" (Matthew 7:17-18).

Respect for spiritual values sharpens our discernment of what is good and what must be done. Indifference toward the Transcendent and the "anthropomonism" that follows lead to the entrapment of the human being in the earthly, that is, to a shrinking of his freedom into pragmatic choices and decisions, always intertwined with superficial views of reality and with the identification of the good with "what happens to be useful." The timely call for "ecological repentance"—beyond the call to remorse for the ecological damage already inflicted—and to a radical change in mindset and behavior toward creation, also points to the need to transcend the erroneous stance that upholds the view of the environmentally destructive "self-regulating economy" as the only path to development. This stance further fuels the naive belief in nature's alleged ability to regenerate itself indefinitely, despite the human-induced burdens it suffers, such as the intensification of climate change and its devastating global consequences. Today, in addition to all this, is added the pandemonium of war cries,

bombings, missiles and explosions, which drowns out the cry of the innocent victims of merciless violence and the groaning of creation. The future of life on our planet will either be ecological and peaceful—or nonexistent.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate, alongside its struggle for peace, justice, and solidarity, will continue to lead in protecting nature, upholding ecological themes as central issues in inter-Christian and interfaith dialogue, and promoting the significance of Christian eco-friendly principles and traditions within international institutions, environmental organizations, scientific foundations, and civil society. We are confident that cooperation in the field of ecology strengthens our sense of shared responsibility for the future and opens up new and favorable prospects.

Returning to what we stated in a previous Message, we once again call upon the Metropolises of the Mother Church around the world, parishes, and monasteries to develop coordinated actions and specific interventions to mobilize the faithful, with emphasis on educating the younger generation. Applying the ecological implications of our faith in practice is a defining aspect of our Orthodox identity.

In this spirit, we wish you all a blessed and fruitful ecclesiastical year in good and God-pleasing works. We call upon the children of the Holy Great Church of Christ across the globe to live in a true eco-friendly manner and in brotherly love, to pray for creation and for peace, to strive for the integrity of the natural environment and sustainability, and to cultivate a culture of solidarity. Through the intercession and protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Pammakaristos, we invoke upon you the life-giving grace and great mercy of the Almighty Creator and All-Merciful God of love.

Blessed Ecclesiastical Year, brothers and children in the Lord!

September 1, 2025

† Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent supplicant for all before God

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Τιμιώτατοι αδελφοί Ίεράρχες και τέκνα εν Κυρίω εύλογημένα,

Με την εύδοκία του πανδώρου Θεού, εισερχόμαστε σήμερα στο νέο εκκλησιαστικό έτος, δοξολογούντες το ύπερουράνιο όνομά Του για την αδιάσπαστη δαψιλή καρποφορία των πρωτοβουλιών της Αγίας Του Μεγάλης Έκκλησίας στο χώρο της προστασίας της κτίσεως. Το Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο όχι μόνο έπισήμανε έγκαιρώς τη σοβαρότητα των περιβαλλοντικών προβλημάτων, αλλά έστρεψε την προσοχή στα αίτιά τους, στις έσωτερικές, πνευματικές και ήθικες καταβολές τους, και πρότεινε λύσεις επί τη βάσει του Όρθοδόξου ευχαριστιακού και άσκητικού ήθους.

Η Όρθοδοξία ως πίστη, θεία λατρεία και έγκόσμια μαρτυρία είναι ή οικοφιλική μορφή του Χριστιανισμού. Με την έννοια αυτή, ή ανακήρυξη της έορτής της Ινδίκτου σέ Ημέρα προσευχής ύπέρ της προστασίας του φυσικού περιβάλλοντος δέν υπήρξε απλά αντίδραση στη σύγχρονη οικολογική κρίση, αλλά συνέπεια και προέκταση της ζωής της Έκκλησίας ως «έφαρμοσμένης οικολογίας». Έξ αρχής διακηρύξαμε και το άδιαίρετο του σεβασμού της δημιουργίας και του ανθρώπινου προσώπου και αναδείξαμε την κοινή ρίζα και την άλληλουχία περιβαλλοντικών και κοινωνικών προβλημάτων. Η απομάκρυνση από το Θεό γεννά την κτητική και έκμεταλλευτική στάση και συμπεριφορά έναντι της κτίσεως και του συνανθρώπου, ένω ή εν Χριστώ και κατά Χριστόν ζωή είναι πηγή περιβαλλοντικής εύαισθησίας και φιλόανθρωπης δράσης. Σύμφωνα με το λόγο του Κυρίου, «κάθε καλό δένδρο κάνει καρπούς καλούς, όμως το σάπιο δένδρο κάνει πονηρούς καρπούς. Ένα καλό δένδρο δέν μπορεί να κάνει πονηρούς καρπούς, ούτε μπορεί ένα σάπιο δένδρο να κάνει καλούς καρπούς»¹.

Ο σεβασμός των πνευματικών αξιών, όξύνει το αισθητήριό μας για το αγαθό και το πρακτέο. Η άδιαφορία για το Υπερβατικό και ό συνακόλουθος «άνθρωπομονισμός» οδηγούν σέ έγκλωβισμό του ανθρώπου στα γεώδη, σέ συρρίκνωση της έλευθερίας του σέ πραγματιστικές έπιλογές και αποφάσεις, συνυφασμένες πάντοτε με έπιφανειακές θεωρήσεις των πραγμάτων και με την ταύτιση του αγαθοῦ με το «περιστασιακά χρήσιμο». Ο επίκαιρος λόγος περι

¹ «πᾶν δένδρον αγαθόν καρπούς καλούς ποιεῖ, τό δέ σαπρόν δένδρον καρπούς πονηρούς ποιεῖ. Οὐ δύναται δένδρον αγαθόν καρπούς πονηρούς ποιεῖν, οὐδέ δένδρον σαπρόν καρπούς καλούς ποιεῖν», (Ματθ. ζ', 17 – 18).

«οικολογικής μετανοίας», πέραν της κλήσεως σὲ μεταμέλεια γιὰ τὴν οἰκολογικὴ ζημιὰ πὺ ἔχει ἐπιτελεσθεῖ καὶ σὲ ριζικὴ ἀλλαγὴ νοοτροπίας καὶ συμπεριφορᾶς ἔναντι τῆς δημιουργίας, ἀναφέρεται καὶ στὴν ἀνάγκη ὑπέρβασης τῆς σφαλερῆς τοποθέτησης, ἢ ὁποῖα στηρίζει τὴ θεώρηση τῆς καταστροφικῆς γιὰ τὸ φυσικὸ περιβάλλον «ιδιονομίας τῆς οἰκονομίας» ὡς μονόδρομο πρὸς τὴν ἀνάπτυξη, καὶ τροφοδοτεῖ τὴν ἀφελῆ πίστη στὴ δυνατότητα τῆς φύσης νὰ ἀναζωογονεῖται ἀφ' ἑαυτῆς στὸ διηλεκές, παρὰ τὶς ἀνθρωπογενεῖς ἐπιβαρύνσεις της, ὅπως ἡ ἐντεινόμενη κλιματικὴ ἀλλαγὴ καὶ οἱ καταστροφικὲς πλανητικὲς συνέπειές της. Σὲ ὅλα αὐτὰ προστίθεται σήμερα τὸ πανδαιμόνιο τῶν πολεμικῶν ἰαχῶν, τῶν βομβαρδισμῶν, τῶν πυραύλων καὶ τῶν ἐκρήξεων, τὸ ὁποῖο ἐπικαλύπτει τὴν κραυγὴ τῶν ἀθῶων θυμάτων τῆς ἀνελέητης βίας καὶ τοὺς στεναγμοὺς τῆς δημιουργίας. Τὸ μέλλον τῆς ζωῆς στὸν πλανήτη μας ἢ θὰ εἶναι οἰκολογικὸ καὶ εἰρηνικὸ ἢ ἀνύπαρκτο.

Τὸ Οἰκουμενικὸ Πατριαρχεῖο, μαζί μὲ τὸν ἀγῶνα γιὰ τὴν εἰρήνη, τὴ δικαιοσύνη καὶ τὴν ἀλληλεγγύη, θὰ συνεχίσει νὰ πρωτοστατεῖ στὴν προστασία τῆς φύσεως, στὴν ἀνάδειξη τῆς οἰκολογικῆς θεματικῆς σὲ κεντρικὸ ζήτημα τοῦ διαχριστιανικοῦ καὶ τοῦ διαθρησκευτικοῦ διαλόγου, στὴν προβολὴ τῆς σημασίας τῶν χριστιανικῶν οἰκοφιλικῶν ἀρχῶν καὶ παραδόσεων στὸ πλαίσιο διεθνῶν θεσμῶν, οἰκολογικῶν ὀργανώσεων, ἐπιστημονικῶν ἰδρυμάτων καὶ τῆς κοινωνίας τῶν πολιτῶν. Εἴμαστε βέβαιοι ὅτι ἡ σύμπραξη στὸν τομέα τῆς οἰκολογίας ἐνισχύει τὴν αἴσθηση τῆς κοινῆς εὐθύνης γιὰ τὴν πορεία πρὸς τὸ μέλλον καὶ δημιουργεῖ νέες εὐνοϊκὲς προοπτικὲς.

Ἐπανερχόμενοι σὲ ὅσα ἀναφέραμε σὲ παλαιότερο Μήνυμά μας, καλοῦμε ἐκ νέου τὶς ἀνὰ τὴν οἰκουμένη Ἐπαρχίες τῆς Μητροῦς Ἐκκλησίας, τὶς ἐνορίες καὶ τὶς ἱερὲς Μονές, νὰ ἀναπτύξουν συντονισμένες δράσεις καὶ συγκεκριμένες παρεμβάσεις γιὰ τὴν κινητοποίηση τῶν πιστῶν, μὲ ἔμφαση στὴ διαπαιδαγώγηση τῆς νέας γενιάς. Ἡ ἐφαρμογὴ τῶν οἰκολογικῶν συνεπειῶν τῆς πίστεώς μας στὴν πράξη ἀποτελεῖ καθοριστικὴ διάσταση τῆς Ὁρθόδοξης μας ἰδιοπροσωπίας.

Στὸ πνεῦμα αὐτό, εὐχόμενοι πρὸς ὅλους σας αἴσιο καὶ πολὺκαρπο σὲ ἔργα ἀγαθὰ καὶ θεάρεστα τὸ νέο ἐκκλησιαστικὸ ἔτος, καλοῦμε τὰ ἀνὰ τὴν ὑψηλὸ τέκνα τῆς Ἁγίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας νὰ ζοῦν οἰκοφιλικὰ καὶ φιλάδελφα, νὰ προσεύχονται γιὰ τὴν κτίση καὶ τὴν εἰρήνη, νὰ ἀγωνίζονται γιὰ τὴν ἀκεραιότητα τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος καὶ τὴν ἀειφορία, καθὼς καὶ γιὰ τὴν ἐμπέδωση τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ τῆς ἀλληλεγγύης, καὶ ἐπικαλούμαστε σὲ σᾶς, μὲ τὴν μεσιτεία καὶ τὴν προστασία τῆς Παναγίας Θεοτόκου τῆς Παμμακαρίστου, τὴ ζεῖδωρη χάρη καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος τοῦ πανσθενοῦς Κτίστη τῶν ἀπάντων καὶ παντελεήμονος Θεοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης.

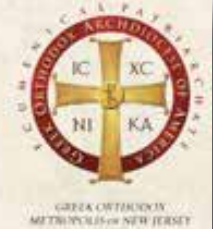
Εὐλογημένο ἐκκλησιαστικὸ ἔτος, ἀδελφοὶ καὶ τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ!

2025, Σεπτεμβρίου 1^η

Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως

διάπυρος πρὸς Θεὸ εὐχέτης ὄλων σας

ANNOUNCEMENT



**Patriarchal Great Doxology
Welcoming His All Holiness
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
on His Apostolic Visit to the United States**

CHANGE OF TIME

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 3:00 P.M.

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Falls Church, Virginia



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΟΣΟΛΥΜΙΤΙΚΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΡΔΙΑΣ

September 5, 2025

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood
Devout Orthodox Faithful of the
Greek Orthodox Communities of the Maryland and Northern Virginia Regions of the
Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved in the Lord,

It is with tremendous joy and with much excitement that I announce to you that the 2nd Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Maryland/Northern Virginia Regions Honoree Grand Banquet will be held on November 9, 2025, at "Martin's Valley Mansion" in Cockeysville, Maryland. On this auspicious occasion, faithful Orthodox Christians from the Greek Orthodox Communities of the Maryland and Northern Virginia Regions will be honored for their selfless service to the ministries of their local parishes.

1. The cost for the 2025 Maryland/Northern Virginia Regions Honoree Grand Banquet for all Guests is **\$100.00**
2. The cost of \$100.00 for each of the 8 Honorees (Community, Parish Council, Philoptochos, GOYA, Religious Education Teacher, a Church Musician, a Youth Worker, and the Senior Steward) is to be underwritten by the respective Parish. **All names of Honorees must be submitted to the Metropolis by Friday, October 3, 2025, by filling out this online form: [2025 Parish Honorees](#).**
3. Parishes are to complete the attached Form for pre-arranged banquet seating, which will also indicate the total number of Banquet Attendees from each parish. The Banquet will be seating tables of 10.
4. All payments for the Banquet are to be collected by the Parish. Each parish is to then send one check to the Metropolis for the total amount payable to the *Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey* along with the completed Banquet Form **Friday, October 17, 2025**. Banquet Forms that are received without the accompanying payment will not be processed.
5. Please be reminded that the Honoree Grand Banquet is open to all who wish to join us in expressing our gratitude to those who have served the local Parishes for many years. We anticipate that each Parish will be represented by as many parishioners, family, friends, and supporters as possible. Therefore, please make the appropriate announcements to your beloved faithful.
6. In addition, this there will once again be a Commemorative Journal Album. All of the information is included on the enclosed document. I ask that you please forward this information to all of your parish ministry leaders, all of your parishioners and local business owners encouraging them to support your parish Honorees and our Metropolis by placing an ad in the Commemorative Journal. **All ads must be received by Friday, October 17, 2025.**

Praying that almighty God blesses you and your families and all the devout faithful of our sacred Metropolis, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings

Metropolitan Apostolos

† APOSTOLOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Cordially invites you
to the 2nd Annual

MARYLAND/NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONS

HONOREE GRAND
BANQUET

on

Sunday, November 9, 2025

at

“Martin's Valley Mansion”

549 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Program and Dinner: 4:00pm

Tickets: \$100.00 per person

Please contact and make checks payable to your local
parish to purchase tickets.

RSVP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025



2025 Maryland/Northern Virginia Honoree Grand Banquet Commemorative Journal Form

Absolute Ad Deadline: **Friday, October 17, 2025**

Send to Luke Erdahl at: luke@annunciationbaltimore.org

Patron Information

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Full Address: _____

Website: _____ Email: _____

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Please include the following text with my ad: _____

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Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

Attn: Honoree Grand Banquet

24 W Preston St, Baltimore, MD 21201

Additionally, please email your completed ad to luke@annunciationbaltimore.org by **October 17, 2025**



2025 Maryland/Northern Virginia Honoree Grand Banquet
Sunday, November 9, 2025 at *Martin's Valley Mansion in Cockeysville, Maryland*

PRE-ARRANGED SEATING FORM
(Please reproduce copies of this form as needed)

Name of Parish: _____ City/State: _____

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Number of Guests @ \$100.00/person

TOTAL NUMBER OF BANQUET ATTENDEES _____ TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Reminder: All persons attending the Awards Banquet should be listed on this form.

This form should be submitted to:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

Attn: Honoree Grand Banquet

215 E. Grove St. Westfield, NJ 07090

with the appropriate fee by **Friday, October 17, 2025.**

All checks should be made out to:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

MEMORIALS

In Memory of John Xecominos

Wayne Paul Green
Mrs. Carol Ogle
Mr. & Mrs. Russel Green
Chris Spanos

In Memory of John Maltas

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Mastromanolis
Ms. Tsambika Mavromoustakos
Mr. Eleftherios Mavromoustakos
Mr. & Mrs. George Ricciardi

In Memory of Mark Cornias

Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Katina Klosteridis
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Stakias
Mr. & Mrs. Stefanos Siskos

In Memory of Argyro Vatakis

Ms. Helen Harris

In Memory of George Katsimpiris

Mrs. Nichola Katsimpiris Wallace

***In Memory of
Chrysanthi Tsakiris Kootsikis***

Ms. Eva Lallas

***In Memory of Nicholas, Irene,
Evanthia and John Lallas***

Ms. Eva Lallas

In Memory of Anastasia Sarioglou

Mr. Nikolaos Sarioglou
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Farantos

In Memory of Stavros Roros

Mr. & Mrs. Stefanos Siskos

In Memory of Alexander Moroz

Ms. Lana Brown

In Memory of Costas Triantafilos

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Farantos



PHILOPTOCHOS

John 4:15 - "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

We would like to welcome everyone back to the new ecclesiastical year! Hoping it was a safe and healthy summer enjoyed by all! Philoptochos looks forward to continuing its Philanthropic Mission in helping those in need as we did throughout the summer months.

It has come to our attention that Father Georgios Oikonomou has been reassigned. We thank him for his prayers, love, and service here at Saint Nicholas and wish Father, Presbytera and their family all of God's Blessings as they continue to serve our Lord and Savior!

With the new year the new Philoptochos Board has been sworn in and results are as follows: Maria Karagianni, President, Irene Vasilios, Vice-President, Renee Themelis, Second Vice-President, Stella Koukides, Treasurer, Nora Kefalas, Assistant Treasurer, Giota Koutsantonis, Recording Secretary, Eva Nychis, Corresponding Secretary, Maria Giorgaki, Advisor, Board members Panagiota Micklos, Christine Zervos, Katina Fotinos, Eleni Pikounis, Maria Koutsouri, Evagelia Saliaris, Zoe Perdikakis and Honorary Board Member Tsambika Triantafilos. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members. We are open to suggestions and innovative ideas.

On Sunday, September 7th we will be passing a tray to benefit Holy Cross School of Theology. Join us on Monday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. for our first General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us in fellowship! By now you should have received the Philoptochos Annual Mailing with the calendar of events and a form to submit your stewardship. If for any reason dates are events need to be rescheduled, we will post and announce it in church and on Facebook. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

The first event of the year will be held at Plaka Restaurant, 4718 Eastern Avenue, Balto, Maryland 21224 on Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Donation \$50.00 includes appetizers, salad, dinner, dessert, coffee, and sodas CASH BAR. For tickets or information please contact Patty Micklos 443-310-7277 or Christine Zervos 410-627-0202. All proceeds to support Philoptochos Missions.

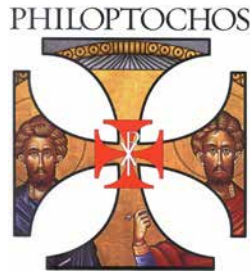
DONATIONS:

In Memory of Costas Triantafilos from Richard and Sandy Block

UPDATE PHILOXENIA HOUSE: There has been a delay in the installation of the basement exit. We hope that by the end of September that phase will be completed.

Ιωάννης 4:15 «Και έτσι ξέρουμε και βασιζόμαστε στην αγάπη που ο Θεός έχει για μας. Ο Θεός είναι αγάπη. Όποιος ζει με αγάπη ζει κοντά στο θεό και έχει το Θεό μέσα του»

Θα θέλαμε να σας καλωσορίσουμε όλους πίσω στη νέα εκκλησιαστική χρονιά! Ελπίζοντας ότι ήταν ένα καλοκαίρι γεμάτο ασφάλεια και υγεία που όλοι απολαύσατε! Η Φιλόπτωχος προσβλέπει στη συνέχιση της φιλανθρωπικής αποστολής της, βοηθώντας όσους έχουν ανάγκη όπως κάναμε άλλωστε και καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια των καλοκαιρινών μηνών.



Όπως όλοι γνωρίζουμε ο πατέρας Γεωργίου Οικονόμου δεν θα είναι πια κοντά μας. Τον ευχαριστούμε για τις προσευχές, την αγάπη και την εξυπηρέτησή του εδώ στον Άγιο Νικόλαο και θα θέλαμε να ευχηθούμε στον ίδιο, την Πρεσβυτέρα και την οικογένειά τους όλες τις ευλογίες του Θεού καθώς συνεχίζουν να υπηρετούν τον Κύριο και τον Σωτήρα μας!

Με το νέο έτος, το νέο συμβούλιο της Φιλοπτώχου έχει ορκιστεί και τα αποτελέσματα είναι τα εξής: η Μαρία

Καραγιάννη, Πρόεδρος, Ειρήνη Βασιλείος, Αντιπρόεδρος, Ρενέ Θέμελη, Δεύτερη Αντιπρόεδρος, Στέλλα Κουκίδη, Ταμίας, Νόρα Κεφάλια, Βοηθός Ταμίας, Γιώτα Κουτσαντώνη, Γραμματέας, Εύα Νύχη, Εκτελεστική Γραμματέας, Μαρία Πιωράκη Σύμβουλος. Τα μέλη του διοικητικού συμβουλίου είναι η Παναγιώτα Μικλός, η Χριστίνα Ζερβού, η Κατίνα Φωτεινού, η Ελένη Πικούνη, η Μαρία Κουτσούρη, η Ευαγγελία Σαλιάρη, η Ζωή Περδικάκη και το επίτιμο μέλος του διοικητικού συμβουλίου η Τσαμπίκα Τριαντάφυλλου. Εάν κάποιος έχει ανησυχίες ή ερωτήσεις, μην διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε με τα μέλη του διοικητικού συμβουλίου. Είμαστε ανοιχτοί σε προτάσεις και καινοτόμες ιδέες.

Την Κυριακή 7 Σεπτεμβρίου θα περάσουμε ένα έκτακτο δίσκο για να ωφελήσουμε τη Σχολή Θεολογίας του Αγίου Σταυρού. Ελάτε μαζί μας τη Δευτέρα 15 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 6:00 μ.μ. για την πρώτη μας γενική συνέλευση. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι να συμμετάσχουν μαζί μας! Μέχρι τώρα θα πρέπει να έχετε λάβει την ετήσια αλληλογραφία της Φιλοπτώχου με το ημερολόγιο των εκδηλώσεων και ένα έντυπο για να υποβάλετε τη δωρεά που επιθυμείτε. Εάν για οποιονδήποτε λόγο οι ημερομηνίες και τα γεγονότα πρέπει να αναπρογραμματιστούν, θα το δημοσιεύσουμε και θα το ανακοινώσουμε στην εκκλησία και στο Facebook. Σας ευχαριστούμε εκ των προτέρων για την κατανόησή σας.

Η πρώτη εκδήλωση του έτους θα πραγματοποιηθεί στο εστιατόριο Πλάκα, 4718 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 την Τρίτη 23 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 6:30 μ.μ. Η δωρεά 50,00 δολάρια και περιλαμβάνει ορεκτικά, σαλάτα, δείπνο, επιδόρπιο, καφέ και σόδα. Για εισιτήρια ή πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με την Παναγιώτα Μικλός στο 443-310-7277 ή τη Χριστίνα Ζερβού στο 410-627-0202. Όλα τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν για την υποστήριξη των αποστολών της Φιλοπτώχου.

ΛΩΠΕΕΣ: Στη μνήμη του Κώστα Τριαντάφυλλου από τον Richard και τη Sandy Block

ΕΝΗΜΕΡΩΣΗ PHILOXENIA HOUSE: Υπήρξε καθυστέρηση στην εγκατάσταση της εξόδου του υπογείου. Ελπίζουμε ότι μέχρι το τέλος Σεπτεμβρίου θα ολοκληρωθεί.

Laconian Association of Baltimore
Lykourgos - Taygete

100th Anniversary Dance

Saturday October 18, 2025



Tickets
\$50.00

The Hermes Rafailides Center
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Contact for Tickets: TEXT "Laconian Dance" to 443-542-7345

St. Nicholas Basketball Tournament:

Date: October 4th-5th

Location: Boys' Latin School of Maryland
822 W. Lake Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21210

Tournament Ad Book:

Please consider supporting GOYA with their tournament by placing an ad in our AD book. Your donations go a very long way in helping us purchase everything that goes into putting on the tournament for our kids.

We can't wait to see our returning GOYAns and welcome some new faces in September.
Until then, have a great summer!!





**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GOYA
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
October 4-5, 2025
AD BOOK CONTRACT**

Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

SELECT ONE — OR MORE

- Inside Front Cover (\$300) **SOLD**
- Inside Back Cover (\$300)
- Back Cover (\$400) **SOLD**
- Full Page Color Ad (\$200)
- Full Page Black & White Ad (\$150)
- 1/2 Page Color Ad (\$100)
- 1/2 Page Black & White Ad (\$75)
- Court Sponsored Banner - 2 Days (\$500)
- GOYAN Message (30 words or less - enter text below) (\$20)

Link to online form:

<https://form.jotform.com/251755995299176>

ARTWORK DUE: SEPTEMBER 19th

ARTWORK

- SAME AD AS 2024

(30 words or less - Use back of page if needed)

MESSAGE GOYA reserves the right to edit if over word count)

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Please make checks payable to: Saint Nicholas GOYA (submit in church office) OR Venmo @StNicksGOYA

*****Email all ads to adrienne@kosaridesign.com AND stnicholasgoyabalto@gmail.com, OR download on USB (submit in church office). High resolution art/photos required*****

GREEK SCHOOL

Αγαπητά μέλη της κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Με χαρά σας αποστέλλουμε το ενημερωτικό υλικό για το Ελληνικό Σχολείο του Αγίου Νικολάου. Στις εικόνες που ακολουθούν θα βρείτε πληροφορίες για τα τμήματα γλώσσας, χορού, χορωδίας, καθώς και για την προετοιμασία στις εξετάσεις ελληνομάθειας όλων των επιπέδων.

Σας προσκαλούμε θερμά να εγγραφείτε και να συμμετάσχετε στο πλούσιο πρόγραμμα που προσφέρει η κοινότητά μας για μικρούς και μεγάλους.

Dear members of Saint Nicholas Church,

We are delighted to share with you the informational material for Saint Nicholas Greek School. In the flyers attached, you will find details about our language classes, dance, choir, as well as preparation for the Greek Language Proficiency Exams at all levels.

We warmly invite you to register and participate in the rich program our community offers for both children and adults.

With respect,

Paraskevi(Voula) Kotsatou Argetakis
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
520 S. Ponca St., Baltimore, MD 21224
410-633-5020

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL

GREEK LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM

PREPARATION CLASSES

May 19th - 21st **REGISTER NOW**

All Levels
Online & In-Person
A1 for kids
A1 for adults
A2
B1
B2
C1
C2

Sep 1st - Sep 30th

exam info

410.633.5020
520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD, 21224
<https://stnicholasmd.org>

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL

Our Program

- Greek Language Classes Pre-K - 6th Grade
- Ellinomathia Preparation All levels A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
- Adult Language Classes
- Traditional Dance Classes
- Youth Choir

REGISTER NOW

410.633.5020
520 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD, 21224
<https://stnicholasmd.org>

GREEK SCHOOL



Saint Nicholas Greek Afternoon School Yearly Calendar, 2025-26

Phone Number: 410-633-5022 EMAIL: stngreekschool@gmail.com

PTA E-mail : stnicholaspta520@gmail.com

DATES	EVENTS
<u>September</u>	
June, 1 st	Registration begins through the church office during normal business hours. Last day of registration Wednesday, September 11 th , 2024
Sunday, 14 th	BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL IN CHURCH FOR ALL CLASSES FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
Monday, 15 th	Back-to-School Night for all parents /Open House - the first 15 minutes of class - Mandatory Attendance by All parents
<u>October</u>	
Monday, 27 th	School Program- OXI Day, 28th of October 1940 in the large social hall of the church.
<u>November</u>	
Wednesday, 26 th	School Closes (Thanksgiving Holiday)
<u>December</u>	
Monday, 1 st	Greek School Resumes after Thanksgiving Day Break Decorating of church for Christmas
Wednesday, 3 th	Decorating of church for Christmas
Wednesday, 17 th	Greek School Christmas Party & Caroling. All students & parents should be in attendance. More information to follow.
Thursday, 18 th -January 4 th	Christmas Break - Greek School Is Closed Merry Christmas!
<u>January</u>	
Monday, January 5 th	School Reopens & Theophany Celebration: video/ craft in class & Saint Basil's Bread (Vasilopita) cutting for the school
Monday, 12 th	1 st day of Review for midterm examination; grades 1st-6th
Wednesday, 14 th	2 nd day of Review for midterm examination; grades 1st-6 th
Monday, 19 th	School Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
Wednesday, 21 nd	Mid-term examination for grades 1st-6th
Monday, 26 th	Make-up Day for Exams
Wednesday, 28 th	Report Cards Distributed & Parent-Teacher Conferences before/ after class. Please email your teacher to schedule a time to meet
**** TBD	Three Hierarchs Celebration, 5th & 6th Grade reciting poems in Church

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<u>February</u>	
Monday, 16 th	School Closed (President's Day)
Wednesday, 18 th	Celebrating Apokries – Activities/ crafts
Sunday, 22 nd	Fundraiser (Godparent Sunday) Spaghetti lunch after church service
Monday, 23 th	Clean Monday- Picnic in class with Lenten foods Bake sale – LAGANES – Potential kite flying
<u>March</u>	
TBD	Celebration organized by the Metropolitan
Monday, 2 nd	March bracelets activity in class (Μάρτηδες)
Wednesday, 25 th	School Program, 25 th of March, Greek Independence Day Celebration Program immediately after church services.
Sunday, 29 th	Md. Greek Independence Day Parade at 2 p.m.; all students and parents to attend//
<u>April</u>	
Wednesday, 1 st	Easter Program in Class for all students & crafts School Closed for Easter
Saturday, 4 th	Lazarus Saturday/ Easter Breakfast for the Community Children after church services at the Plateia starting at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, 5 th	Palm Sunday – Myrofores Palm Sunday night
Monday, April 6 th –12 th	Holy Week- Please attend church with your children. Easter Break!!!
Friday, 10 th	Myrofores Holy Friday night
Wednesday, 15 th	Resume after Easter
<u>May</u>	
Wednesday, 4 th	Wreath of Flowers Program at Plateia
Monday, 11 th	1 st Day of Review for Final Examination Grades 1st-6 th
Wednesday, 13 th	2 nd Day of Review for Final Examination Grades 1st-6 th
Monday, 18 th	Final Examination for Grades 1st-6th
Wednesday, 20 th	Make-up day for Exams & Parent-Teacher Conference Day Last Day of Greek School Classes & last rehearsal for our End of the Year Program
Monday, 25 th	Greek School Closed (Memorial Day)
Wednesday, 27 th	Report Cards Distributed. End of the Year Program
TBD	6th Grade Graduates Presented in Church and Graduation Luncheon held afterwards.
<u>June</u>	
Thursday 11 th – Sunday 14 th	Saint Nicholas Greek Festival

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, GREEK SCHOOL CLOSSES WHEN THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED. IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE & EMAIL!

Εβδομαδιαίο Πρόγραμμα

Saint Nicholas Greek Afternoon Weekly Schedule, 2025-26

Phone Number: 410-633-5022 EMAIL: stngreekschool@gmail.com

	ΠΡΟΝΗΠΙΟ Pre-K	ΝΗΠΙΑΓΩΓΕΙΟ Kindergarten	Α΄ 1st	Β΄ 2 nd	Γ΄ 3 rd	Δ΄ 4th	Ε΄ 5th	ΣΤ΄ 6th	ΕΛΛΗΝΟΜΑΘΕΙΑ A2 – B1 – B2 – Γ1 & ΕΝΗΛΙΚΕΣ ΑΡΧΑΡΙΟ & ΠΡΟΧΩΡΗΜΕΝΟ ΕΠΙΠΕΔΟ
Δευτέρα Monday									
4:45-6:10 (1 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		TO BE ANNOUNCED
5:45-6:15				Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance	
6:15-6:45			Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance		Χορός Dance		
6:20-7:45 (2 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language	
Τετάρτη Wednesday									
4:45-6:10 (1 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		TO BE ANNOUNCED
6:05-6:20 (1-2 Βάρδια)	OXI	OXI	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	Μαθαίνω για την Πίστη μου	
6:20-7:45 (2 ^η βάρδια)	Ελληνικά Greek Language	Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language		Ελληνικά Greek Language	

GREEK SCHOOL

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΑΠΟΓΕΥΜΑΤΙΝΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ
SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL
520 PONCA STREET, BALTIMORE, MD. 21224 Tel. Number: 410-633-5022

ΑΙΤΗΣΗ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ/ REGISTRATION FORM

Σχολικό Έτος 2025-26/ School Year 2025-26

Please, complete this form by printing or typing the information in either Greek or English.
Παρακαλούμε να συμπληρώσετε τα στοιχεία που ζητούνται στα Ελληνικά/ Αγγλικά.

GRADE – ΤΑΞΗ

Pre-K Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Ellinomatheia Adults

STUDENT DATA - Στοιχεία μαθητή/μαθήτριας

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ/ STUDENT'S NAME: _____

και στις 2 γλώσσες/ in both languages - GR & EN _____

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ/ HOME ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ/ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ΚΙΝΗΤΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ/ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

ΗΜΕΡ. ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΜΑΘΗΤΗ-ΡΙΑΣ/ STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ/FATHER'S NAME (GR & EN): _____

ΤΟΠΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ/ FATHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ/ MOTHER'S NAME (GR & EN): _____

ΤΟΠΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ/ MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

In case of emergency, please contact: _____

Σε περίπτωση ανάγκης επικοινωνείστε με: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Τηλέφωνο ατόμου ανάγκης: _____

Do you have internet access? _____

Έχετε διαδίκτυο; _____

Medical issues we should be aware of (allergies etc): _____

Ιατρικά θέματα που πρέπει να γνωρίζουμε (π.χ.αλλεργίες) _____

B. Photography Policy:

We would like families to know that the school may, from time to time, take photographs of the students for use in St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church or School publications, or school media (i.e. the church website). If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used, you must submit your request in writing with this form.

***NOTE: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church or School cannot control photograph or film taken by the general media.

C. Payment Procedures:

1. Payment in full must accompany each registration.
2. Registration fees are based on each student's family stewardship status with St. Nicholas Church or a nearby church. A certificate in good standing must be presented at the time of registration from neighboring church.
3. Current stewards of St. Nicholas or families, who wish to become stewards of St. Nicholas, please see the Church Secretary prior to submitting this registration form.
4. Tuition will not be refunded for registration cancellations after September 30, 2023.
5. Tuition: \$ 750.00 per student, includes tuition, books and security guard.

Notes (for office use only): _____

Method of payment: _____ Cash: _____ Check (# _____)

Receipt No. Of Stewardship Payment: _____ Receipt No. Tuition Payment: _____

D. Volunteering:

One parent of each family is required to volunteer her/his time for a minimum of one Greek School event per year and one festival shift. More information will be shared by the PTA at the beginning of the school year.

** I understand that all lessons end at 6:10PM for the 1st shift and 7:45PM for the 2nd shift and I agree to picking up my child/children from the Church's Atrium waiting Hall with no more than a 5 minutes' delay. The Greek School bears no responsibility for the students' safety past that time.

Parent Signature/ Υπογραφή γονέα



ST. NICHOLAS BILINGUAL EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

The Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center provides a safe, nurturing, home away from home learning center. We accept children from 6 weeks till 5 years of age. We currently have openings for children ages 3-5 in our Preschool room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the director, Tyshanna, at 410-633-5020 extension 4.

This summer the BEEC children enjoyed water day every Wednesday and soaking up the sun. The children also enjoyed doing various summer activities and in house visitors; like the Kona Ice and Soccer Shots.

This month the BEEC children are getting back into school mode. We are starting September with a Back to School Bash for our students and parents. We are also excited about more special in house visitors and picture day! BEEC will also be hosting another Open house on September 28th, 2025 from 12-3pm. We hope to see you there!

Κέντρο Πρώιμης Εκπαίδευσης Αγίου Νικολάου

Το δίγλωσσο Κέντρο Πρώιμης Εκπαίδευσης του Αγίου Νικολάου (BEEC) παρέχει ένα ασφαλές, γεμάτο φροντίδα χώρο μακριά από το σπίτι. Δεχόμαστε παιδιά από 6 εβδομάδων έως 5 ετών. Αυτή τη στιγμή έχουμε κάποιες ανοιχτές θέσεις για παιδιά ηλικίας 3-5 ετών στην τάξη. Εάν έχετε οποιοδήποτε ερωτήσεις, μη διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε με την υπεύθυνη, Tyshanna, στο 410-633-5020 Extension 4.

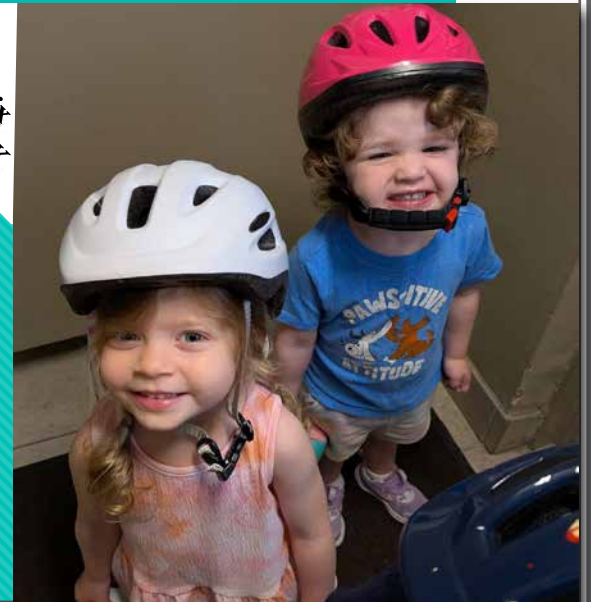
Αυτό το καλοκαίρι τα παιδιά της BEEC απολάμβαναν την ημέρα του νερού και τον ήλιο κάθε Τετάρτη. Τα παιδιά διασκεδάζαν επίσης με διάφορες καλοκαιρινές δραστηριότητες και επισκέπτες στο σχολείο μας. Όπως και οι Kona Ice και τα μαθήματα ποδοσφαίρου.

Αυτό το μήνα τα παιδιά της BEEC επιστρέφουν στην κανονική λειτουργία του σχολείου. Ξεκινάμε τον Σεπτέμβριο με μια Back to School Bash για τους μαθητές και τους γονείς μας. Είμαστε επίσης ενθουσιασμένοι για τους πιο ξεχωριστούς επισκέπτες που θα επισκεφθούν το σχολείο μας και την Ημέρα της Φωτογραφίας! Η BEEC θα φιλοξενήσει επίσης ένα άλλο Open House στις 28 Σεπτεμβρίου 2025 από τις 12-3μμ. Ελπίζουμε να σας δούμε εκεί!





Infants (six weeks) to PREK



Saint Nicholas Bilingual Early Education Center **OPEN HOUSE**

Please join us for an open house to learn more about our bilingual early learning facility.

Sunday September 28th, 2025

Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm

Location: 502 South Ponca Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Contact: (410)633-5020

Email: Beec@stnicholasmd.org

Meet Our Administrators

Meet Our Lead Teachers

Tour ALL Classrooms

Ask questions

Enjoy light refreshments





**ST. NICHOLAS
HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS
DANCE TROUPE**

DANCE INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!

We are looking for more volunteers to help us run our successful Greek dance program!



Characteristics of a Greek
Youth Dance Instructor:

- ✓ Has a background of Greek dancing
- ✓ Can work with kids ages 12-18 years old
- ✓ Willing to learn and research new dances
- ✓ Can organize and manage costumes
- ✓ Can create, advertise, and implement fundraisers

CONTACT US!



Foula 410-236-3419

Vasili 443-845-0601

hellenicgoldencoins@gmail.com



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In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Nicholas Church:
Σαν έκφραση ευγνωμοσύνης μου για τις ευλογίες που έχω λάβει από τον Θεό, δεσμεύομαι με την ακόλουθη οικονομική και εθελοντική μου προσφορά προς την Εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου:

\$ _____ (Weekly / Monthly / Quarterly / Yearly)
\$ _____ (Εβδομαδιαίως / Μηνιαίως / Ανά Τρίμηνο / Ετησίως)
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE FOR 2025 :\$ _____
Συνολικό ποσό προσφοράς για το 2025:\$ _____

Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support.
Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.

We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.

Γίνετε μάρτυρες του έργου του Θεού! Δώστε από το ταλέντο με το οποίο σας έχει προικίσει, με τις ικανότητες, τις εμπειρίες, την οικονομική σας ευχέρεια. Η προσφορά μας στον Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του ας βασιστεί στην αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν, όχι στην οικονομική μας δυνατότητα.

Planned Giving _____ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church.
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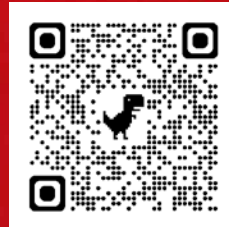
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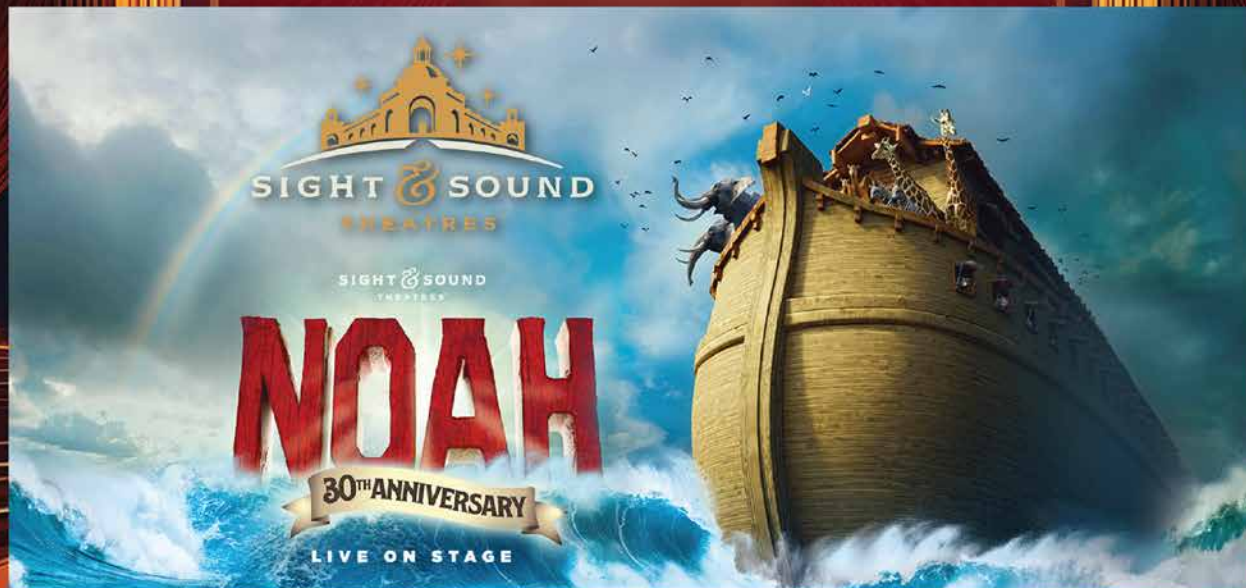
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**Day Trip
LANCASTER, PA**

Saturday, September 20, 2025



Seats are limited

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Includes bus, lunch, and show ticket

For more information please contact

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TICKETS
\$40
 In Advance

\$45
 At Door

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM, Early bird game at 5PM
GAMES BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 5:30PM

Saint Demetrios ~ Hermes Rafailides Center
2504 Cub Hill Road, Parkville, MD 21234

- Admission includes 20 Bingo games as well as Lucky Loser Bingo
- Extra Cards, Early Bird Game, Special Games & Raffles available for Purchase
- Generous Game Prizes and Tons of Door Prizes
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Tables can be reserved in groups of 10 only.

Children (under 18) must have their own ticket, play their own card, and be accompanied by a paying adult. As a reminder, Bingo is a game of chance and children's attendance is at your discretion.



For Information and Tickets: axioncharityevents@gmail.com
Olga Paterakis - 410.491.4066 or Dimi Mexis - 410.598.6849

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NOTICE:

All organizations must review their upcoming events with Paraskevi Kotsatou (410-633-5020) who will add the event to the official church calendar on the bulletin board across from Father Georgios' office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

✝ **Sunday Coffee Hour**

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Coffee & Assorted Cookies - \$200

Includes setup, cleanup, paper goods

Coffee Service Only - \$120

Includes setup, cleanup, paper goods

Fruit Tray - \$40

Spanakopita - \$75

100 pieces

Tyropita - \$75

100 pieces

Tray of Cheese, Olives & Crackers - \$100

Sandwiches - \$2 per piece

Tuna, Shrimp or Chicken

For orders please call 410-633-5020 or visit the
St Nicholas Office at 520 Ponca St



✝ Makaria Menu

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Appetizer Choices

- Cheese Pies (*included*)
- Spinach Pies (*included*)
- Fried Calamari (*add \$2.00pp*)



Choices of salad (1)

Garden Salad, Greek Salad, Village Salad, Caesar Salad

Choices of Entree (1)

Roll & Butter (*included*)

Package #1 - \$31pp

- Salmon (broiled/grilled)
- Shrimp Creole
- Shrimp Orzo
- Cod Fish (broiled/fried)

Package #2 - \$39pp

- Two (2) Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes
- Choice of Fish and One (1) Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Sides (2 choices)

Greek Style Lemon Potatoes, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Kritharaki(orzo), white rice, fresh cut vegetables, string beans Greek style

Beverages (items included)

Red or White Wine, Coffee and Tea, Sodas,
Water
Also available - Paximadia

Bar Options

Mixed Drinks \$6
Domestic Beer \$6
Imported Beer \$6
Mixed Drinks and Beer Available at Per Drink Charge \$10

tel church: 410-633-5020
tel venue: 410-633-3131

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 Alsup, Andrew & Vasilia
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 Angelopoulos, Chris
 Angelos, John & Irene
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 Apesos, Antigoni
 Aravidis, Nickolas & Smaragda
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 Argetakis, Angeliki
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 Atsalis, Gus & Kalliope
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 Cornias, Larry

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 Douskas, Vasiliki
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 Giannas, Stylianos & Maria
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- Sunday, September 7: Sunday before Holy Cross:
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Monday, September 8: The Feast Day of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Sunday, September 14: The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Sunday, September 21: The Sunday After the Elevation of the
Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Sunday, September 28: 1st Sunday of Luke
Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am



*The Elevation of the Venerable
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