

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

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT/ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

WELCOME ALL VISITORS:

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church staff, and the entire St. Nicholas family we would like to welcome all our visitors who have come to worship with us today. If you need any assistance please approach any of our Parish Council Members and they will assist you. You are also invited to the Coffee Hour downstairs after Church. We thank you for visiting our Community and hope that your experience was a memorable one.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A 6 month Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Anazina Sfirou.

A 6th month Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Zoe Paros Maltas.

A 1 year Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, John Lallas.

A 1 year Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, Emmanuel Koukoulas.

A 1 year memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, Andreas Pitsos.

A 2 year Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, Dimitrios Orfanidis.

A 3 year memorial will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Eleni Forakis.

A 5 year memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, George Forakis.

May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.

DOXOLOGY/ARTOKLASIA SERVICE:

A special Doxology/Artoklasia will be held today for the remembrance of the Unification of the Dodecanesian Islands with Motherland Greece. The Artoklasia/Doxology is being sponsored by the Rhodian Society "Diagoras" of Baltimore. We would like to thank all the officers and members of the Rhodian Society for their generous and thoughtful offering to the Church. May the Lord continue to bless the members of the Rhodian Society with abundant health and prosperity.

COFFEE HOUR:

The Coffee Hour today is being sponsored by the members of the Rhodian Society "Diagoras" of Baltimore, and the following families. Sfirou, Lallas, Forakis, Pitsos, and Koukoulas. We would like to thank the Rhodian Society, and all the mentioned families above for their generous offering to the Church in memory of their departed loved ones.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR:

Monday, March 16: Compline Service: 7:00

Wednesday, March 18: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm

Friday, March 20: First Salutation Service to the Virgin Mary: 7:00 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, March 16: Greek school Classes : 4:45 to 7:45 pm

Tuesday, March 17: Pan/Hellenic Dance Practice: 7:00 pm

NOTE: Because of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies being scheduled on Wednesday's the Bible Study has been changed to Tuesday's at 6:00 pm

FR. MICHAEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL THE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS:

If any Church Organization is planning to hold meetings during the Lenten Period, they must have their meetings on days that there are no Liturgical Services. Please look in the March Koinonia Newsletter for the Liturgical program and arrange your meetings accordingly.

GREEK SCHOOL MARCH 25TH "INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM: SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND:

We would like to inform everyone that the Greek school March 25th Independence Day program will be held after Church on Sunday, March 22nd. This is a very special day for all of us here at St. Nicholas. We are always proud of our Greek school Teachers and Students who do an excellent job in preparing this event. Please support our Greek school Program.

THE MARYLAND GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 2:00 PM

Attention all Parishioners: This year's parade will take place on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm Please visit www.greekparade.com to register to participate as a marching group, and if anyone wants to donate to the Parade please contact the parade committee. We are also informing everyone that we are down on the numbers of the(EVZONS). This is a distress signal!!! We need more young men to volunteer in this program. In every Parade the EVZONS always made us proud of our Faith, our Culture, and our Heritage. We do not want this feeling to fade, so we are asking all the Young Men who volunteered last year to please join the EVZONS and make our Greek Community Proud. We also need as many Volunteers as we can get to make this year's Parade more successful than last year's. Please respond to the needs of the Parade Committee.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL: SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020 AT 10:00 AM:

The St. Nicholas Sunday school would like to invite everyone to the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival which will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2020 at 10:00 am. Come and hear our young people as they speak about our Church and other important topics of our Orthodox Faith. You will be amazed how intelligent our Children are. We have three divisions- Elementary Division-Grades 4, 5, & 6: Junior division- Grades 7, 8, & 9 Senior division- Grades 10, 11, & 12: Scholarship money will be given to the top 2 finalists in the Junior Division and Senior Divisions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN "SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON": SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH:

On Sunday, April 5th, the Sunday School Staff/Teachers, would like to invite everyone to their Annual "Spaghetti" Luncheon immediately following the Divine services. Donation for the Luncheon will be Adults \$12.00 and Children 12 and under \$7.00. On that day please come down and support our Sunday school luncheon. Thank You.

GREAT LENT/HOLY WEEK WISH LIST:

If anyone is interested in donating some of the items of the great Lent/Holy Week wish list, you can do so by contacting the Church office. There are a variety of items that need to be purchased. We have the Easter Lilies, the assorted Wreaths for the Salutations services, and Wreaths for the Bridegroom services, Candles, Incense, Charcoal, Flour, Cotton balls, Olive Oil, and so many other important items that are on the Wish List.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY AND GREECE: ATTENTION EVERYONE :

Fr. Michael is planning a spiritual Pilgrimage to Italy and Greece. He has already contacted the Travel Agency (Cloud Tours) and made a preliminary arrangements for the trip. Before he commits in the final plans to make this trip, he wants to know first how many people would be interested in coming on this Pilgrimage. You cannot put the cart before the horse. If there is no interest then he will stop all communications with the travel agency. We need to have approximately 25 people committed for this trip. If anyone is interested please contact Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314 or Email him at frmichael@stnicholasmd.org. We will be touring the cities of Florence, Venice, Ravenna, Rome, Crete, Athens and some Islands of Greece. We will also visit the Vatican. This trip will begin on September 15th-thru September 30th, 2020. This will be a 15 day trip to both countries. When we gather for our first meeting we can discuss the main issue of the trip and other important events that will take place during the pilgrimage. Fr. Michael would like to schedule the first meeting at the Church on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:THERE WILL BE NO MEMORIALS SERVICES ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS: SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, SUNDAY APRIL 19(HOLY PASCHA), SUNDAY , APRIL 26TH SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS, AND SUNDAY OF HOLY PENTECOST, JUNE 7TH.

