

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2022 THE TRIODION BEGINS / SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE
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. We thank you for visiting our community and hope that your experience was a memorable one.

ARTOKLASIA SERVICE:

The Artoklasia service today is being sponsored by Mrs. Anthi Koukoulas for the well being and health of her family. May the Lord grant abundance of health to the Koukoulas family for their generous offering to the Church.

HELLENIC BOOK CLUB SALE:

The Hellenic Book Club will be selling their great selection of Greek books for children and adults after church today. Please support the Hellenic Book Club.

COFFEE HOUR: ATTENTION EVERYONE:

We would like to inform everyone that we are starting up again our Coffee Hour program back into the life of the Church. It's been a long struggle but finally we are now permitted to have our Coffee Hour. If anyone wishes to sponsor a Coffee Hour after Church, please call the Church office to schedule your event for any given Sunday. Usually we offer the Coffee Hour for people who are sponsoring a Memorial service in the Church, but anyone is permitted to schedule a Coffee Hour for any given event.

ATTENTION EVERYONE: Since we begin the Triodion this week, that means that we have a FAST FREE WEEK. We are permitted to eat everything during this week.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, February 14: Greek school Classes: 4:45 pm to 7:45 pm

On behalf of the Parish Council, Myself, and the entire family of St. Nicholas we would like to wish all of our Parishioners a "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY" May you have a wonderful day expressing your love and affection to your loved ones.

Wednesday, February 16: Greek School Classes: 4:45 pm to 7:45 pm

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

Sunday, February 20: 40 day Memorial in memory of Paraskevi Vasilakopoulos.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

METROPOLIS CLERGY RETREAT: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22-24TH.

Fr. Michael would like to inform everyone that on the above dates he will be going to Ocean City, Maryland for the Metropolis Clergy Retreat. If an emergency arises please call the Church Office during office hours or call Fr. Michael at 443-742-8314.

Wednesday, February 23 Orthodox Bible Study: 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 26: First Saturday of the Souls: Orthros- 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

The Memorial service will be held at the end of the Divine Liturgy, please bring in your list of names of your departed loved ones and make sure that the names are readable. May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.

Saturday, February 26: Hellenic Dancers Snow Tubing Trip York, PA.

Friday, March 4: Ladies Philoptochos Society "Apokreatiko Glendi" at the Columbus Gardens. More information about this event will be in future bulletins.

Monday, March 7: The beginning of the Great Lenten Period: Compline service 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 13: "GOD PARENTS SUNDAY" Just preparing all of you for God Parents Sunday

Make sure that you mark your calendars and give enough time to invite your God Parents to the service on Sunday.

Wednesday, March 23: 25TH OF MARCH "GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM" at the Plateia 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 27: "MARYLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE": ATTENTION EVERYONE:

This year's Independence Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00 pm. Please visit ww.greekparade.com in order to register to participate as a marching group, and if you wanted to donate towards the Parade please use the current E-mail address. Youth and Young Adults interested in representing regions of Greece in the Parade or participating on parade floats, please E-mail info@greekparade.com. Young men interested in becoming an Evzone, please contact Stavros Katsas at 443-835-5276 or skatsas@yahoo.com. Also we have been told that His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia and our Metropolis Chancellor the V. Rev. Fr. Christoforos Oikonomides will be in attendance. Please do not miss this Historical and Memorable event. Please make sure you get the message out to everyone that you know.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful parishioners who sent in their 2022 Stewardship Pledge Card. We take pride in our parishioners who take the time to help support their Church, with their Time, Talent, and Treasures. Let's work together with enthusiasm to support our Stewardship Program. We kindly ask you to participate in this effort. What we really want to accomplish is to reach out to as many people possible; to notify and involve them in all the services, programs, ministries, and events taking place in our parish. All the families in the Parish by now have received their personal Stewardship Pledge Card. Please take a moment to fill the card out and give your personal offering to the Church. We have so many ministries and so many programs in our Parish, that without your financial support we would not be able to financially support these activities. Our St. Nicholas Parish has grown and with that growth comes responsibility. We need to understand and remind the members and Stewards of the great responsibility that we have in order to continue and support the ministries of the Church. We are asking for YOUR help! Let's not forget the famous expression " Fasouli, Fasouli, Gemise to Sakouli". Remember our Stewards are the backbone of our Parish! Whether you are a lifelong supporter, a newcomer to the Stewardship Program, or someone who is recommitting, you are all vitally important to our parish and ministries. If you have lost your Stewardship Pledge Card in the past, please go to the Church office and pick one up. Thank You and May God Bless our St. Nicholas Stewards.