



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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A 40-day Memorial service will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Paraskevi Vasilakopoulos. May her soul rest in peace and may her memory be eternal.

LITURGICAL PROGRAM:

Saturday, February 26: 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.

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.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS:

The Greek School P.T.A. will be selling their "LAGANA KIT FUNDRAISER" AFTER CHURCH TODAY.

This is a great opportunity to help support our Greek School Fundraiser. Please give generously.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, February 21: Greek school Classes: 4:45 pm to 7:45 pm

Wednesday, February 23: Greek School Classes: 4:45 pm to 7:45 pm

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.

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

Friday, March 4: Ladies Philoptochos Society "Apokreatiko Glendi" at the Columbus Gardens. This event will benefit the Philoxenia House. Music will be played by the band Apollonia and the price of the tickets will be: \$65.00 for Adults and \$40.00 for children under 18. For tickets call Nora Kefalas at 410-979-6656 or Irene Vasilios at 410-687-3978. Hours from 8pm to 12 midnight.

Sunday, March 6: HIERARCICAL DIVINE LITURGY/ARTOKLASIA/DOXOLOGY SERVICE:

A special Doxology/ Artoklasia will be held on Sunday, March 6th for the remembrance of the *Unification of the Dodecanesian Islands with Motherland Greece*. His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will be celebrating the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on that Sunday. Following the church service the United Dodecanesian societies headed by the Rhodian Society "Diagoras, and the Carpathian Society, would like to invite everyone to the Plateia to have lunch with His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, in which the program will

continue with much more festivities. Dignitaries from all over the country will be in attendance and a great program will follow. We will have a few Dance groups that will perform dances from the different Dodecanesian Islands. Please mark this special date on your calendars and make sure that you come on that day to be a part of our ancestral history

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

The Ladies Philoptochos Society will give out after the Compline service a small package for everyone to take home.

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

Thursday, March 24: GREEK SCHOOL "FUNDRAISER" (Tsiknopemte) 4pm to 8pm at the Plateia

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.