

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2020

JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE)

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 2 year Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Athena Neofitou. May her soul rest in peace and may her memory be eternal.

COFFEE HOUR:

The Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Neofitou Family. We would like to thank the family for their generous offering to the Church in memory of their departed loved one.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR:

Saturday, February 29: Second Saturday of the Souls: Orthros- 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, February 24: Greek school Classes resume: 4:45 to 7:45 pm

Wednesday, February 26: Orthodox Bible Study: 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 27: Pan/Hellenic Dance Practice: 7:00 pm

Friday, February 28: Ladies Philoptochos "Apokreatiko Glendi" Jimmys Seafood Rest. 7:30

Saturday, February 29: Axion Charity "Bingo" Fundraiser- St. Demetrios Church 6:30 pm

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

Sunday, February 23: 5 year memorial in memory of Linda Skandalis

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS "APOKREATIKO GLENDI" FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7:30

This event will be held at Jimmy's Seafood Restaurant and it will benefit the Philoxenia House. Music will be played by "Apollonia" accompanied by Savas Perselis, Vasilis Vasiliades and Christina Koza from Rhodes, Greece. Tickets VIP/\$80.00 - \$50.00 Children under 12- \$25.00. Contacts- Maria Georgaki - 443-413-2657- Christine Zervos- 419-627-0202 or any Philoptochos Board Member.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS A "BINGO" FUNDRAISER/ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH AT ST.

DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH. Doors open at 5:00 pm and Games begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$25.00 in advance, \$30 at the door. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance please contact Eleni Roros 443-621-0587, Olga Paterakis 410-491-4066 or at axioncharityevents@gmail.com. Tables can be reserved in groups of 10 only. If you want more detailed information please look online. Proceeds will be given to all the Baltimore Churches. Annunciation Cathedral, St. Nicholas, St. Demetrios, and Sts. Magdalene and Markella.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS 7TH ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

This Retreat will take place at the St. Nicholas Social Hall. The Retreat will have two sessions, one in English and one in Greek. English session: 8:30 am to 1:15 pm The Greek session from 1:30 to 4:30 pm Registration 8:30am to 9:15 am- Continental Breakfast, Meet and Greet. Opening Prayer 9:15 and the Introduction of Speaker. The first session will begin at 9:20am. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. The second session will begin at 1:15 pm. For additional information look in your March Koinonia newsletter or contact Mia Atsidis 443-549-4862 or Kyriaki Kontoudis 410-866-8088.

ST. NICHOLAS GOYA "BINGO NIGHT": SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020:

Join the St. Nicholas GOYA for the 5th Annual Bingo Night. This event will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Plateia. Doors will open at 5pm and the Games will begin at 6pm. For tickets contact Rena Koutantonis 410-412-4724 or Email at stnicholasgoyabalto@gmail.com. Prices- \$25 in Advance \$30 at the door. Prizes include: Designer Bags, Southwest tickets, Apple Watch, and much more. Please support our Youth Group events. Thank You.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES:

Monday, March 2: **THE GREAT LENTEN PERIOD BEGINS:** Compline Service: 7:00 pm

The Philoptochos Society will also prepare a "POT LUCK LENTEN DINNER" which will take place after the Compline Service. Everyone is invited to attend. We would like to wish to everyone a blessed and spiritual Great Lenten Period. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you during this period and may He strengthen your love and faith towards the spiritual road that we as Christians must follow to walk the path towards the Kingdom of God.

Wednesday, March 4: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 7:00 pm

Friday, March 6: Salutations to the Virgin Mary: 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 7: Third Saturday of the Souls: Orthros- 8:45 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Sunday, March 8: PAN ORTHODOX VESPER SERVICE: ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL 5:00pm

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.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIVE WEEKS OF THE SALUTATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY:

If anyone is interested in donating any of the 5 Flower Arrangements for the Panagia, please call the Church Office for more information concerning the prices for the Flowers.

THE MARYLAND GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE:

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). So far we only have five young men who are participating in the EVZONS program. 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.

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.

