



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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021      SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS (7TH) ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
WELCOME ALL VISITORS:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff, and the entire family of St. Nicholas, we would like to welcome all our Visitors who are in attendance today please enjoy our hospitality. If you need any assistance please contact any of the Parish Council members..

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

A 40 day Memorial will be chanted in memory of our brother in Christ, Steve Eliades. A 40 day Memorial service will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Mary Georgiou. A 5 year Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, John Rigopoulos May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Monday,    October 18: Greek School Classes 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Wednesday,    October 20: Greek School Classes: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Saturday,    October 23: Greek School Harvest Festival at the Plateia

**HELLENIC GOLDEN COINS:**

Registration for the Hellenic Golden Coins Dance Group is under way. You may register at the Church office, or contact Foula Paragios at 410-236- 3419 or Email her at fparagios@gmail.com or at hellenicgoldencoins@gmail.com

**GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION:**

As we mentioned in the upcoming events, that the Greek school classes have started on Monday, September the 20th. Registration for the Greek school classes are still under way. Please register your child/or children so we can have an idea on how many students will be attending for the 2021/2022 year. Student applications are in the Church office. HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

**ALTAR BOYS NEEDED:**

Fr. Michael is calling all our young men in the parish 10 and over to come and serve God by serving in the Altar as an Altar boy. What an honor it is for our young people to help their church in this manner. If you are interested contact Fr. Michael or the Church office and leave your name and phone number with the Church secretary.

**CHOIR NEWS:**

We are looking for new members to join our St. Nicholas Choir. Anyone who is interested in joining please contact the Church office at 410-633-5020 or you can contact our Choir Director Pete Bisbikis at 443-803-35-47 or E-mail him at peterbibikis@comcast.net. Rehearsals are scheduled on Friday evenings usually twice a month at 7:00 pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday, October 23: GOYA Outing Kim's Crypt Haunted House Mill 6:00 pm

St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Greek Night Saturday, October 23 at Columbus Gardens 4301 Klosterman Ave Baltimore, Maryland 21236. Adults \$40.00 (includes Mezzedakia), children under 12, \$20.00. For tickets please call Nora Kefalas at 410-979-6656, Evangelia Saliaris 410-592-8345 or Irene Vasilios 410-687-3978. The event opens at 7:00 pm till 11:00 pm Cash Bar. Music will be played by Apollonia.

Monday, October 25: St. Demetrios Great Vesper Service 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 27: The Greek School Teachers along with their students will be presenting their annual "OXI" Day program at the Plateia. The program will begin at 5:30 pm

**NOVEMBER 1ST THRU THE 13TH THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS FOR THEIR ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS "FOOD" DRIVE.** Every year the Philoptochos Society picks a local pantry and donates most of the food items there. They also prepare Thanksgiving baskets for the needy families. This event is always special and well organized by the Philoptochos Society. So please bring in your perishable items to the church and the Ladies will distribute the food to those needy families. God bless all of you who give and support this wonderful event.

**NEWS FLASH FROM THE PARISH:**

We would like to inform all Parents that have children in Greek School, Sunday School, GOYA, and Hellenic Golden Coins, that they need to fill out and sign a "Stewardship" Pledge Card in order for their children to be registered in our Church organizations. It's sad that we have to enforce these rules but we have parents who bring their children to the church to enjoy our facilities and our events and never think that they need to support their church. Well it just doesn't work that way. We need to understand that it takes a whole Village working together for a common cause. Some people in the parish think that by coming to church and lighting a candle, or buying a raffle ticket, or purchasing a dinner or a dance ticket is the way to go. This is not the way we are supposed to support our Stewardship Program. Four times a year we send out Stewardship Pledge Cards to all our parishioners

and the response is always underperforming from our church members. If we go by the UPR ( Uniform Parish Regulations form the Archdiocese, it states that a parishioner in good financial standing must be 18 years and older, be current in his/her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish. All parishioners must abide by the regulations and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Community. So please, when you receive your Pledge Card in the mail, fill it out, sign it with all the information, put your offering that you feel comfortable with and send it to the church office. We have so many young adults and married couples that neglect to participate in the Stewardship Program, but they like using the church facilities for their Sacraments and other activities.

On behalf of the Parish Council and Fr. Michael we would also like to thank all the wonderful and caring parishioners who always support St. Nicholas with their generous and thoughtful donations and obligations towards our Stewardship program. May the Lord always reward you a hundredfold and grant to you and your family abundant health and prosperity.

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