



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

SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022

THE GREAT FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY

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 join us to the Coffee Hour downstairs after Church. We thank you for visiting our Community and hope that your experience was a memorable one.

PALM SUNDAY "FISH LUNCHEON":

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon (PSAROFAGIA) which will take place immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We changed the Venue location this year so the Luncheon will be held at the Plateia. Prices for the Luncheon (Adults) \$20.00 (Children ages 12 and under) \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit the beautification of our church building. Please support our Palm Sunday Luncheon. Thank you.

LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday Evening:	Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Monday:	Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Tuesday:	Bridegroom Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Wednesday Morning:	Presanctified Liturgy: 9:00 am
Holy Wednesday Evening:	Holy Unction Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday Morning:	St. Basil's Vesper Liturgy: Washing of the Lord's Feet/Last Supper 6:00 am
Holy Thursday Evening:	Reading of the Twelve Gospels: 7:00 pm
Holy Friday Morning:	Royal Hours: 9:00 am

Holy Friday Afternoon: Apokathelosis: Taking Christ down from the Cross: 2:00 pm
Holy Friday Evening: The Lamentation Service: Procession of the Epitaphio 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday Morning: The First Resurrection Service: 7:30 am
Holy Saturday Evening: Pascal Vigil 11:00 pm/Resurrection Service (Outside) 12:00
Orthros/Divine Liturgy 12:30
Great and Holy Pascha: Agape Vespers of Love/Reading of the Holy Gospels in Several
Languages 11:00 am

LITURGICAL PROGRAM CONT'D:

Bright Week Monday, April 25: St. George the Great Martyr: Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Bright Week Tuesday, April 26: Sts. Rafael, Nicholas, and Irene: Orthros 8:45 am D.Lit. 9:30 am
Bright Week Friday, April 29: Theotokos Life Giving Spring: Orthros 8:45 am D.Lit. 9:30 am
This is an important week for all Orthodox Christians all over the world. Fr. Michael would like to see everyone attend as many services as they can during the Holy Week Services. Fasting is Mandatory. There should be no excuses for lack of attendance. We all know the importance of bringing our children to these beautiful services. Allow them to feel the love and warmth of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Let them visibly see and experience what our Lord went through during His Passions. Exposing our children to Christ is the greatest blessing and gift that you can give to them. (Have a Great and Blessed Holy Week experience).

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.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS:

Attention Everyone that preordered Tsourekia from the Ladies Philoptochos Society. You are to pick up your Tsourekia today after church from the Philoptochos room.

PASCHAL LILLIES DONATION/SALUTATIONS & HOLY WEEK ITEMS:

If you would like to donate towards our Paschal Lilies in memory of a loved one or for the health of a loved one, please stop by the church before you leave today. The price of the Lilly plant is \$25.00. We also have items for the Icon of the Salutations and Holy Week items that need to be donated. Please contact Maria Salpeas our Church Secretary at 410-633-5020.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: SPECIAL NOTICE :

No Memorial services will be chanted on the following Sunday's. Sunday, April 24th (Holy Pascha)
Sunday, May 1 (Sunday of St. Thomas).

STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

We are in the first trimester of our "Stewardship Drive". By now everyone in the Parish has received their 2022 Stewardship Pledge Card. Please find some time to fill it out and send it to the Church office. Remember we are all in this together and we value everyone's input and support. The church should always be a priority in our lives and we should always think of ways to commit our lives to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We must dedicate our gifts to the unfinished task of the Church through Christian Education of our youth, through philanthropy both here in our parish and through the Outreach program. We give our pledge every year in loving memory of all those who have gone before us, of all whose hearts and hands have served this Community with their love and dedication. Let's not forget, we are to give willingly and happily that which we feel shows our thanks and love to God for His many gifts that He offers to us every day of our lives. Every year we look forward to our

younger families to get on board and help out their community. The older generation has paid their dues, now it's time for you the younger group to get involved with your church. So let's make that challenge and sign your 2022 Stewardship Pledge card today with your special love offering to the Church. MAY GOD BLESS OUR ST. NICHOLAS 'STEWARDS'.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ON
BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, FR. MICHAEL,
THE CHURCH STAFF AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF
ST. NICHOLAS TO WISH EVERYONE IN THE
COMMUNITY A HOLY AND BLESSED (PASCHA).**

Ο Ιερατικός Προϊστάμενος π. Μιχαήλ Παστρικός,
η Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου της Κοινότητας κα. Σταματία Ιερομονάχου,
το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο & το Ελληνικό Απογευματινό
Σχολείο της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου σας εύχονται
η Ανάσταση του Κυρίου να φέρει την λύτρωση στις ψυχές όλων μας!
Ο Θεός λόγος και η θυσία της Σταύρωσης σας καθοδηγούν την κάθε σκέψη
μας για να βλέπουμε πίσω με κατανόηση, μπροστά με ελπίδα,
γύρω μας με αγάπη!

Καλό Πάσχα και καλή Ανάσταση!

