



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

**SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022 "CHRIST IS RISEN" "TRULY HE IS RISEN" SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS  
PARISH THANK YOU NOTE:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff, and the entire St. Nicholas family, we would like to express "Christos Anesti" to all our wonderful Parishioners. Holy Week was a great success and we owe that to all of you for making that week a wonderful journey and experience. We would like to thank everyone for their participation and for their personal donations and other offerings to the Church. Our Church looked so beautiful during the forty days leading up to Pascha. A special thank you to all who donated to the special flower arrangements and other Holy Week items that were used to beautify the services of Holy Week, and to our Ladies Philoptochos Society, and all the other Ladies and Gentlemen who helped in decorating the Church and the Epitaphio. It is difficult to add all the names of people that helped during the 40 days of the Lenten Period because we realize that many people in the parish volunteered their services for many other events that took place during the 40 days of the Lenten Period, and we truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We also would like to include, our Parish Council members, our Chantor Dimitri Apostolou, our Choir Director/ Organist, Pete Bisbikis, our St. Nicholas Choir members, our Acolytes, our beautiful young Myrrhbearers, our young men who held the Epitaphio throughout its journey and also to Maria Theoharis and her helpers for donating and dyeing all the Easter eggs that were given out in church on

Resurrection Saturday. It is so true that a parish that prays together, really stays together. Again thank you very much for your love and participation.

**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.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Monday, May 2: Greek School Classes: 4:45 pm till 7:45 pm

Attention all Greek School Students: On this Monday we will be celebrating the Annual "Protomayia" meaning that the Greek School children will be making their personal wreaths at the Plateia on that day. This is the first day of May that is celebrated in all of Greece.

Wednesday, May 4: Greek School Classes: 4:45 pm till 7:45 pm

Saturday, May 7: Ladies Philoptochos "Mother's Day Derby Luncheon" at Mountain Branch Country Club. Time 12:00 Noon. Prices \$40.00 call Patty Micklos for tickets at 443-310-7277.

Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day Celebration honoring the "Mother's of the Year"

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sunday, May 15: Ladies Philoptochos (Scholarship Presentation) after Church

Monday, May 23: Ladies Philoptochos (General Meeting) 6:00 pm at the Plateia

**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.

**LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE: THE ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FESTIVAL IS AROUND THE CORNER:**

**Attention Everyone:** We are starting our preparations for this year's festival and we need everyone's support. We need Young Adults, to step up to the plate and participate in helping out at the festival. Anyone can come and enjoy themselves at the festival but we need volunteers to secure the success of the festival. We see a lot of Young people who come to the festival every year, and don't even give one ounce of help. If everyone in the parish would pitch in just a few hours a day to help out with the preparation of the festival this would help a great deal. Soon we will publish a SIGN-UP SHEET for everyone to get involved. So mark your calendars for June 10th, 11th, and 12th, and make sure you tell your friends and your neighbors. More information concerning this year's festival will be published in future bulletins.

**FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS/AD BOOK:**

The Festival Committee would like to remind everyone that all the Raffle Tickets will be sent to all the homes of the Parishioners. We all need to support this event. Throughout the years the Festival Raffle is one of the most important fundraisers of the Church along with our Festival Album. We have \$100.00 tickets and we have \$5.00 tickets. Everyone can help by purchasing or selling a raffle ticket. There is very little work to do it, but the reward is so large. Another way of helping the church is to go out and sell a Festival AD. We all have businesses of our own, or know and support other businesses. It's not hard to ask if they would like to help the Church financially by purchasing an AD for the Festival Album. We can all help in different ways. If you love your parish and you want to see it grow

and be successfully, then we need your support. **BE PROUD OF YOUR ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY AND HELP OUT IN THE FESTIVAL IN ANYWAY THAT YOU CAN.**

**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'.**