

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

**SUNDAY MAY 8, 2022 " CHRIST IS RISEN" "TRULY HE IS RISEN" SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARERS
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:**

On behalf of the Parish Council Members, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff, and the entire St. Nicholas family, we would like to take this opportunity to wish every Mother in our Parish, "A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY". May our Risen Lord also bless the souls of our Mother's who have left this world to a better place with Christ. May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A 40 day Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Parthena Amarantidis. A 1 year Memorial will be chanted in memory of our brother in Christ Evangelos Fafaleos. A 3 year Memorial will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, George Arnas. May their souls rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS: MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTATION:

The Ladies Philoptochos Society will give out the Mother's of the Year Award immediately following the Divine Liturgy. On behalf of the parish Council, Fr. Michael, the Church Staff, and the entire St. Nicholas family, we would like to wish the greatest of blessings to the Mother's who are receiving and accepting this award. May our Risen Lord continue to bless you with much health and longevity.

COFFEE HOUR:

In honor of Mother's Day the Ladies Philoptochos Society will be sponsoring today's Coffee Hour. We would like to thank the Ladies Philoptochos Society for their generous offering to the Church.

GOYA'S MOTHER'S DAY GIFT:

On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank our GOYA Advisors, and Youth Group for giving out the special flowers to all the Mother's who are in attendance today. Again Happy Mother's Day to all our Mother's, you truly deserve the honor and respect from all of us for bringing into this world the Children of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

We are informing all parents that on Sunday, May 22, the Sunday School will be having their Graduation Ceremony after Church. It would be really nice to see all the parents be in attendance while their children are being honored and rewarded during the Graduation Ceremony.

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 9: Greek School Classes: 4:45 pm till 7:45 pm
Tuesday, May 10: St. Nicholas "Diamonds" Meeting/Luncheon 1:00 pm \$10.00 donation
Wednesday, May 11: Greek School Classes: 4:45 pm till 7:45 pm
Orthodox Bible Study: 6:00 pm

Special Note: From now on the Bible Classes will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the months
Saturday, May 14: Rhodian Society "Diagoras" is having their Italian Lunch Fundraiser at the Venetian Italian Eatery on Saturday, May 14th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. To purchase a ticket please contact Stella Karais or Tony Pierce. Address: 1901 Tree Top Drive- Edgewood, M.D.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 15: Ladies Philoptochos (Scholarship Presentation) after Church
Monday, May 16: Metropolis Clergy/Laity Convention Delaware, Maryland (One Day Affair)
Sunday, May 22: Sunday School Graduation after Church
Sunday, May 22: Lord Baltimore "AHEPA BULL ROAST) UAW Hall Oldham St. 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm
Monday, May 23: Ladies Philoptochos (General Meeting) 6:00 pm at the Plateia
Monday, May 30: MEMORIAL DAY AT THE CEMETERY: 10:00 AM. Oaklawn Cemetery
Greek School will be closed on Monday, May 30th:
Wed, June 1: Greek School End of the Year program

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Sunday, May 15th: A 40 day Memorial in memory of Irene Pappas.

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'.