

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**13TH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW**

**WELCOME BACK NOTICE:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and Church Staff, we would like to welcome back and wish a Happy New Ecclesiastical Year to everyone in the Parish. We hope you had a wonderful summer with fun filled events. Now it's time to get busy again. The month of September always brings us new challenges in the church. During the summer months St. Nicholas has been very busy and we are on our way for another exciting and challenging year. **WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!!**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

A 40 day Memorial service will be chanted today in memory of our sister in Christ, Evgenia Kalis. May her soul rest in peace and may her memory be eternal.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

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

**LITURGICAL PROGRAM:**

**Tuesday, September 13:** Great Vesper Service for the Feast of the Holy Cross- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 14:** The Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Orthros 8:45 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Saturday, September 17th:** We celebrate the Sts. Sofia, Faith, Hope and Love: Orthros 8:30 am  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 am. **ATTENTION EVERYONE:** This a special day for our Baltimore Son-Konstantinos Loukas. He will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, Sept. 17th- His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will be here with us officiating the Ordination and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Bishop Elect Constantine of Sassima will also be with us, and our Metropolis Chancellor, The V. Rev. Fr. Christoforos Oikonomidis will also be in attendance along with other clergy and dignitaries. Everyone is invited to attend the Ordination and a Reception will follow at the Plateia. **Special Notice:** If you are coming to the Plateia for the reception, please call Evelyn Loukas to make your reservation. The reception will be by reservation only...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

We are happy that our St. Nicholas Sunday school begins today. We wish the Faculty Staff, Teachers, Assistants, and Students, a new year filled with challenges and excitement. May they accomplish what they set out to do for this year's new adventures. This year should be a promising year for all the children of Sunday school.

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:** Through the month of September we will be accepting registrations for the Sunday school classes. As parents, you have the responsibility to bring your children on time to the Sunday school classes. Religious Education is very important for the spiritual growth and stability for our children. Learning about God, the Church, and their faith gives the children the opportunity to explore new horizons in their life. Parents, we ask you to invest in your children's future by securing a lifetime of blessings through the blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The teachers cannot teach the children if the parents don't bring them to the classroom. We need our parents to focus on their children's attendance, and bring them to the class room on time. Make sure that your child or children come to church before 10:00 am. **HAVE A GREAT YEAR!**

**GREEK SCHOOL BLESSING AND RECOGNITION DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:** Fr. Michael will conduct a special Blessing service for this occasion today before church is over. It is also a proper time to register your children to the Greek School Classes. Registration forms will be provided today at the church office. The regular Greek school Classes will begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from the hours of 4:45 pm to 7:45 pm. **HAVE A GREAT YEAR!**

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARENTS:**

Today we are excited to begin the New Ecclesiastical Year with Sunday School registration and the first day of Sunday School . Students who are in church by 10:00 am will sit in the front pews until the Holy Gospel and Father Michael's sermon. We will then dismiss the children to their Sunday School Classes. Sunday School classes are from pre-K to tenth grade. We would love to have more volunteers as aides and teachers. We will take volunteers from high school juniors to adults. Please email stnicholassundayschool@yahoo.com. If you are able to give back to the church in this way. As High school students, we can offer you community service hours for your service.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, September 12th -Ladies Philoptochos first meeting : 6:00 pm at the Plateia --Tuesday, September 13th- St. Nicholas"Diamonds" first Meeting 1:00 pm.--- Orthodox "Bible Study" will begin on Wednesday, September 14: Ladies Philoptochos Crabfest Fundraiser: Monday, September 19th at Costas Inn restaurant 6:00 pm.

**UPCOMING MEMORIALS:**

A 3 year memorial in memory of Zoe Paros Melta.

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: ALTAR BOYS NEEDED:**

Fr. Michael is calling all our young men in the Parish 10 years and older 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 please 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 Mr. Pete Bisbikis at 443-803-3547 or Email him at peterbisbikis@comcast.net. Rehearsals are schedules on Friday evenings usually twice a month at 7:00 pm

**WE HAVE TWO SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING IN BALTIMORE, AND NEW YORK.**

First: Let us begin with the Ordination of our beloved Baltimore Son - Konstantinos Loukas who will ordained to the Holy Diaconate on Saturday, September 17th at St. Nicholas.

Second: We have another of our Baltimore Sons The-Very Rev. Fr. Constantine Moralis who has been elevated at this moment as His Grace Bishop Elect Constantine of Sassima who will be ordained to the Holy Episcopacy on October 15th, 2022 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York. He will be the auxiliary Bishop for the Metropolis of Denver. There are no words to express how proud we are to have both of our Baltimore Sons, bestowed to such an achievement honor. This is an historical event for our Churches in Baltimore and we should all be proud of them. Congratulations to His Grace Bishop Elect Constantine of Sassima, and Konstantinos Loukas.

Congratulations!!! and with our Lord's Blessings , May they always be Worthy of their Ordinations.  
PANTA AXIOI.

**SPECIAL NEWS NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS:**

We have struggled every year trying to inform all parents that in order to register your child or children to the different organizations of the church, such as GOYA, SUNDAY SCHOOL, GREEK SCHOOL, AND DANCE, all parents are requested to fill out a Stewardship Pledge Card. We have a lot of children that the parents register every year to all the Organizations but they forget to fill out their financial responsibilities. Please, when you register your child/or children make sure that you fill out a Pledge card also.