



GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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METROPOLIS
OF ATLANTA

Sunday, November 27th, 2011 - Κυριακή, 27η Νοεμβρίου 2011
13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΙΓ' ΛΟΥΚΑ

Today's Memorials & Other Services

40 Day Memorial for Wanna (Vasiliki) F. Huey

Artoklasia and Procession in Honor of Aghia Ekaterini
and Saint Nikon tou Metanoite, the Patron Saint of Laconia

Special Memorial Service for the 118 Laconians who were executed by the
Germans on November 26, 1943 in Monodendri, Laconias, Greece

Next Sunday's Memorials

40 Day Memorial for Maria Hronopoulos

20 Year Memorial for Carolyn Georgia Kliosis

40 Day Baby Blessing

Baby of George and Christina Karolis

Breakfast with St. Nick

Join us on this Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30 am in Carlos Hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. If you need recipes, please contact Maria Pappadakis at fourpapps@gmail.com. RSVP to Susan Marinos at smarinos@atlgoc.org by Thursday, December 1st.

GOYA Poinsettia Fundraiser!



If you would like to order one of our magnificent red poinsettias please fill out an order form available in the Sunday School Office and place it in the box labeled GOYA Poinsettia Forms. The price of these lovely flowers are \$15 for one red poinsettia.

Pick-up and delivery for the poinsettias will be Sunday, December 11th in Carlos Hall. There are a limited number of poinsettias so please support GOYA and purchase one of these magnificent flowers today!

2012 Stewardship

The 2012 Stewardship Campaign continues through November. Please stop by Carlos Hall and pick up your stewardship packet which includes a new DVD on the history of our community and the ministries of our Cathedral. Please help save money on postage by picking up your packet today.

Sunday School classes will not be held today.
All classes will resume on December 4th.

Today's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

Today's Epistle Readers: Kassiani Vastakis

BRETHEREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Today's Gospel Reading - Luke 18:18-27

AT THAT TIME, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Απολυτικιον - ' Απολυτίκια

Αναστάσιμον Απολυτικιον Ἦχος βαρύς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Απολυτικιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Ἦχος δ'

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν, ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμάρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστασι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Απολυτικιον τοῦ Ναοῦ Ἦχος δ'

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Κοντάκιον Προεόρτιον Ἦχος γ'

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰῶνων Θεόν.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode Grave

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Saint Mode 4

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Kontakion for the Departed Mode pl. 4

Remember, Lord, your servants; for you are good. Forgive them all within they have erred in this life; for there is none without sins except for you, who are able to grant rest to the departed.

Apolytikion of the Church Mode 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Mode 3

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who* before the ages is God.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

HOLY COMMUNION

If you know of a parishioner who is unable to attend Divine Liturgy and would like to receive Holy Communion before Christmas please contact the Cathedral Office at 404-633-7358.

Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale

Next Sunday, December 4th
Following 2nd Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT & DINNER

Sunday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Kartos Ballroom
Our Cathedral Orchestra and Choirs will provide an evening of holiday entertainment! Donation: \$10.00

GOLDEN GROUP

Epiphany Trip to Tarpon Springs - January 5th-7th
Only a few spots left! Register ASAP!

We are traveling by motor coach bus. Breakfast is included in the cost \$240.00 includes motel accommodations at the Hampton Inn (double occupancy) and transportation. Reservations have been made at favorite restaurants. Please call Joyce Dove 770-498-0759 or Jean Economy -404-876-3536.

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 8th at 10:30 a.m. in Carlos Hall. Annunciation Day School will perform, and Victor Polizos will be the guest speaker. Join in the fun, led by Vickie Henson, with a gift swap to the tune of "The Night Before Christmas" if you would like to participate, bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift to exchange. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child at St. John the Wonder Worker. Parish Council to sponsor the luncheon.

Christmas Holiday Progressive Dinner

Tuesday, December 13th, to depart at 4:30pm. Meet in the church parking lot a little before. Appetizers, dinner and dessert. Christmas lights and decorations. All this for \$20.00
We are all filled up but you can get on the waiting list !!!!

Call Bess Dimos 404-261-0504
or Eleftheria Moraitakis 404-634-6865

LAST CHANCE FOR

DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS!

On Monday, December 5th there will be a "make-up" day for taking photographs for the Cathedral pictorial telephone directory. If you were unable to come to the earlier photo sessions, this will be your final chance to participate!

Hours of photography: 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Atrium area in Hellenic Center.

Please call Bess Dimos 404-261-0504 or Valine Georgeson 404-872-0451 to schedule your appointment.

Scheduling has already begun so don't delay!!

Remember, the directory won't be complete without you!

EVRYTANIAN CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11th

Spanakopita Galactoboureko Koulouria

For orders or information please call
Niki Bouras at 678 584-1704 or Bess Dimos 404 261-0504

"LOAVES AND FISHES"

CHRISTMAS BASKET DINNER & CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

Our Cathedral is participating in two Christmas projects for the St. John the Wonderworkers' "Loaves and Fishes" Program. For the Christmas basket dinner each Orthodox Parish in the greater Atlanta area is responsible for offering specific items. The Cathedral's goal is to collect as many boxes as possible of *Uncle Ben's Rice*. In addition turkeys or hams are needed. Please donate to help feed the less fortunate. The deadline is Sunday, December 11th.

The Hellenic Women's Cultural Association

will hold their Christmas party on Saturday, December 10th in Carols Hall. The party will start at 5:00 p.m. It will be a Pot-luck party and everyone is invited.
Come and celebrate with us, this joyous season.

Bags of Love

Mobile Ministry to the Homeless

Our Mission: Assemble 500 bags filled with non-perishable items that our parishioners can keep in their cars to distribute as they encounter those in need during the holiday season.

Please Help us Achieve our Goal by Collecting 500 of the Following Items:

***Campbell's Chunky Chicken Noodle Soup**

(16oz, Easy Open Lid)

Powerade -32oz Plastic Bottle, Individual 1.5oz Bags of Pretzels, Trial Size Toothpaste, Trial Size Shampoo (0.75-0.85oz), Men's Socks, Size 9-11 (Need 500 pair total: Item sold in 6-pack), Toilet Paper (Need 500 rolls total: Item sold in 4-pack and larger), Plastic Grocery Bags (After you put away your groceries, bring the empty plastic bags to us!),

You can find all of the above items at your local Publix, Kroger, or Wal-Mart!

Please bring your items to the designated area in Carlos Hall.

Please contact Leah & Jimmy Economos with questions: 770-624-4825 or LeahSEconomos@gmail.com

This project is part of the "Witness to Christ's Love" Ministry under the guidance of Fr. Paul & Fr. Christos.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

STUMP THE CLERGY

The next "Stump the Clergy Day" is Sunday, December 4th. We have had some great questions so far and now we hope to hear from more of our parishioners. There is a red box in the Narthex near the Candle Stand. Write your questions down and we will do our best to answer them on the 4th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our Orthodox Faith and answer the questions that are on the minds of our parishioners.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GOYA Meeting & Pot-luck Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4th - 6:00 p.m. at Alexander Home

White Elephant Gift Exchange (No More than \$15 gift)

HOPE & JOY Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Gym

(Sponsored by GOYA)

Annual Nativity Pageant

Sunday, December 18th following Divine Liturgy in Cathedral

Greek School Christmas Program

Monday, December 19th Classes 5:00-5:45 p.m.

followed by **Χριστουγεννιάτικη Γιορτή** in Carlos Hall 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Sunday School "Christmas Angels" Project

Each Sunday School class has chosen a needy student from Whiteford Elementary School here in Atlanta. All parents will receive an email listing items needed for these students. All students should bring an item for their "Angel" to their Sunday School classrooms. Collection boxes will be in the classrooms on the following Sundays:

December 4th and December 11th.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

The ladies of Philoptochos will be accepting your donations on Sundays following the 2nd Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall. If you prefer, you may send your donation of \$25 per family or \$35 per business by mail to the Cathedral Office. Deadline is Monday, December 5th.



GIFTS OF LOVE APPEAL

Just a reminder that Philoptochos is now in the process of collecting donations to our annual Gifts of Love fund. We ask for your generous donations so that we will always be able to minister to those who face uncertain and troubling situations both now and in the future. Your gift is truly a blessing and we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Please make all checks payable to Philoptochos and mail to the Cathedral or just drop by our table outside of the Narthex to make your donation.



Wednesday "Nite" Life

Wednesday, November 30th, beginning with Paraklisis in Kartos Ballroom, 6-6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, 6:30-7:10 p.m. Classes begin promptly at 7:15 p.m. in the Kartos Ballroom.

Please keep coming to this extremely valuable program geared to all ages.

If you haven't yet participated you may attend at any time. It is never too late to be part of this great program.

Special Wednesday Nite Life Presentation:

The Mysteries of Christmas

What is the Orthodox Christian belief about Santa Claus? How do Orthodox Christians celebrate this great Feast of the Church? What does the icon of the Nativity of Christ tell us about this most Holy period? And what the heck does a Partridge in a Pear Tree have to do with the true meaning of Christmas anyway?

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

CANDIDATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL & ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Elections for the Parish Council and Endowment Foundation will take place this year on **Sunday, December 11th**.

Nomination forms have been mailed out for candidates to place their names officially on the ballot. Please read the nomination form carefully and follow the guidelines. For those running for the Parish Council, it may also be helpful to speak with present and past members in order to be informed as to the duties and responsibilities. We have been blessed to have wonderful lay leadership throughout the history of our Parish Family. Each candidate must attend the Parish Council Candidates Seminar which will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Board Room.

The deadline for declaring candidacy in writing to the Cathedral Office is **Monday, November 28th** at 5:00 p.m.

HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL 2012

Will be held in Atlanta January 13th-15th. We need volunteers from around our Metropolis to help us welcome everyone throughout the weekend at our registration table, at our evening events, at the dance competitions, at the choral competition, and more. If you would like to support the youth of our Metropolis and are available, please contact Susan Marinos susmarinos@aol.com, Georgia McClure georgiamcclure@mindspring.com or Kiki Papadimitriou 404-803-6050.

Mark Your Calendars For Our Upcoming HDF Fundraisers!

43 of our middle school and high school students will be participating in HDF 2012 in January.

Please support our youth by participating in one or more of the upcoming events:

Sunday, December 4th -Athens Pizza Lunch/Dinner

After lunch or dinner, drop your receipts in the box by the cash register.

Friday, December 9th - Babysitting During the Community Christmas Party sponsored by AHEPA

Don't know what to do with your children while you go to the Christmas Party in the ballroom? Drop them off at the gym! Open to preschool (potty trained) and elementary aged children. The fee is \$5 an hour per child.

**When you make your reservations for the party, please let them know how many children will be dropped off.*

December 11th - Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Hot doughnuts will be available for pick up in the Sunday School Office \$7/dozen.

Cookie Dough Tubs

The high school kids are selling tubs of cookie dough for \$10 a tub until December 19th. Cookie dough will be delivered in early January. If you cannot participate in any of these fundraisers, but would like to make a donation, please contact Susan Marinos smarinos@atlgoc.org or Vassio Giannakopoulos Vassio@att.net.

Thank you for your continued support!



Adult Greek Dance Classes

The Cathedral Dance Program directors are hosting a series of dance classes for adults as an HDF fundraiser. We will be learning the most popular, traditional dances from all over Greece so you can keep up with your kids on the dance floor! Open to everyone, regardless of affiliation with the dance program. This will be a great way to cultivate your Greek dancing repertoire!

\$20 per Class \$65 for 4 Classes

Classes held on Thursdays through December 15th

7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. in Carlos Hall

Wine and Snacks will be provided. Please call or email Niki Papadopoulos for Reservations 678-907-8844 or Papadopoulos.niki@gmail.com



Very Merry Christmas Party

Community Christmas Party

You are cordially invited to the community Very Merry Christmas Party.

Join us for an elegant evening out with music, dancing and excellent company hosted by the AHEPA family.

Reservations Required by December 3rd.

Payment for reserved tickets can be made at the door in cash or check payable to AHEPA.

Individual or tables of 10 can be reserved.

Register Online

www.ahepadistrict1.org/Christmas

or Call Daysi at 678-671-6097

When & Where:




Friday, December 9th at 7:00pm

Kartos Ballroom, Hellenic Center
2500 Clairmont Road Northeast
Atlanta, GA 30329

Cocktail Attire

Entertainment by:

The New Horizons Big Band
and Greek DJ Entertainment.

-  Tickets are \$40
-  Delicious Dinner Buffet
-  Dessert Bar
-  Hot Beverage Bar
-  Cocktail Cash Bar



Pan-Orthodox
"Loaves & Fishes"
Christmas Toy Project



We hope all of you will participate. This project enables needy families of Atlanta to provide gifts (toys) for their children at Christmas.

How to Participate!!!

Purchase Gifts (Toys): New, Not Wrapped.

Please, No- Stuffed Animals, Board Games, Books, Puzzles or Violent Toys.

You may bring as many gifts as you would like to contribute!!!

Please bring your Gifts (Toys) to our Annunciation Cathedral
by Sunday, December 11th & place on tables in Carlos Hall.

(Your gifts will be picked up and taken to St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church)

For more information, please contact:

Costa or Vickie Panos at (H) 404-874-1329 or (Cell) 404-642-6756.

If you would like to help with the distribution of the toys, it will take place on
Saturday, December 17th at St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church
in Grant Park (573 Cherokee Avenue - across from the Atlanta Zoo).

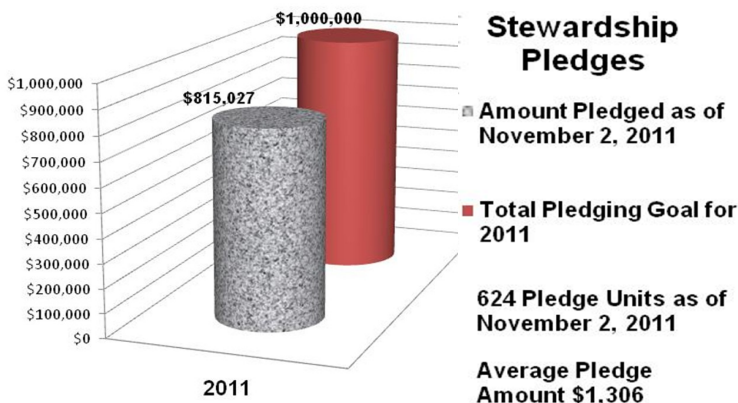
CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 27TH-DEC. 4TH

Sunday, November 27 th	Orthros in Cathedral	8:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy in Cathedral	9:30 a.m.
	Soup Kitchen for the Homeless at Trinity United Methodist Church	10:00 a.m.
Monday, November 28 th	Greek School Classes	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 29 th	Parish Council Candidates' Seminar in Boardroom	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 30 th <i>St. Andrew the Apostle</i>	Orthros in Metropolis Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy in Metropolis Chapel	9:00 a.m.
	Greek School Classes	5:00 p.m.
	Paraklisis in Kartos Ballroom	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 3 rd	Orthros at St. Barbara's Chapel	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara's Chapel	10:00 a.m.
	Breakfast with Santa in Carlos Hall	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 4 th <i>St. Barbara</i>	1 st Divine Liturgy in Metropolis Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Orthros in Cathedral	8:00 a.m.
	2 nd Divine Liturgy in Cathedral	9:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir in Music Suite following Sunday School	
	Orchestra Rehearsal in Music Suite	3:30 p.m.
	GOYA Meeting & Pot-Luck Christmas Party at Alexander Home	6:00 p.m.

Cathedral Organization Contacts

Altar Boys: Fr. Christos Mars 404-633-7358 &
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Annunciation Day School: Michelle Wright 404-633-7358
Bookstore & Gift Shop: Steve Johnson 404-769-4001 &
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Catechetical School: Susan Marinos 404-633-7358
Cathedral Administrator: Ginnie Roglin 404-633-7358
Cathedral Dancers: Vassio Giannakopoulos 404-433-6483
Cathedral Orchestra: Nick Demos 770-493-9529
Cathedral Library: Jennifer Michaels 770-723-0353
Choir Director: Christina Polizos 404-320-6506
Coffee Hour: Connie Pappas 404-255-6946
Endowment Foundation: Ron Canakaris 404-836-7113
Golden Group: Mary Ann Chanos 770-565-3981
GOYA: Steve Alexander III 770-934-4580
Greek School: Susan Marinos 404-633-7358
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Young Adult League: Doria Gjerde info@atlantayal.org
Youth Choir - Danielle Zervakos 770-442-1808



"Road Full of Promise"

Debt Reduction Campaign

At this time, we have received 160 Pledges totaling \$1,840,109.80. We have received \$1,459,798.14 this year and our debt has been reduced to approximately \$2.2 Million. We are very grateful and humbled by the response of our parish families and organizations that have made a commitment at this time. The benefit of your sacrificial gift will provide a greater spiritual and physical environment as we continue to glorify God in His house. Pledge forms are available in Narthex or Cathedral Office.