

Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, January 21, 2018– Κυριακή, Ιανουαρίου 21, 2018
15th Sunday of Luke - Κυριακή ΙΕ' Λουκᾶ

CATHEDRAL PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

How to sign up!

Sessions will begin on February 1st and will continue through February 6th.

Visit the Directory Table in Carlos Hall to Sign up Today!

You can also sign up for your session by calling 1-877-896-9667 ext. 360

Or visit <http://www.atlgoc.org/announcements/2017/12/3/new-church-directory>

Directory Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking 5 or 6 volunteers to help make our new pictorial church directory a success and we need your help! We would like members to assist us with things such as: helping to sign families up before and after services and to get the word around about our new directory, sending emails, greeting families when they come in to be photographed!

Contact the Cathedral office at 404-633-7358 to volunteer

The Portrait Cafe will be providing a \$50 certificate towards free professional portraits as a thank you for helping out.

COLLEGE OUTREACH LUNCHEON

Today following the Divine Liturgy in the Kafenion

HOPE & JOY GATHERING

Today following Sunday School in the Gym



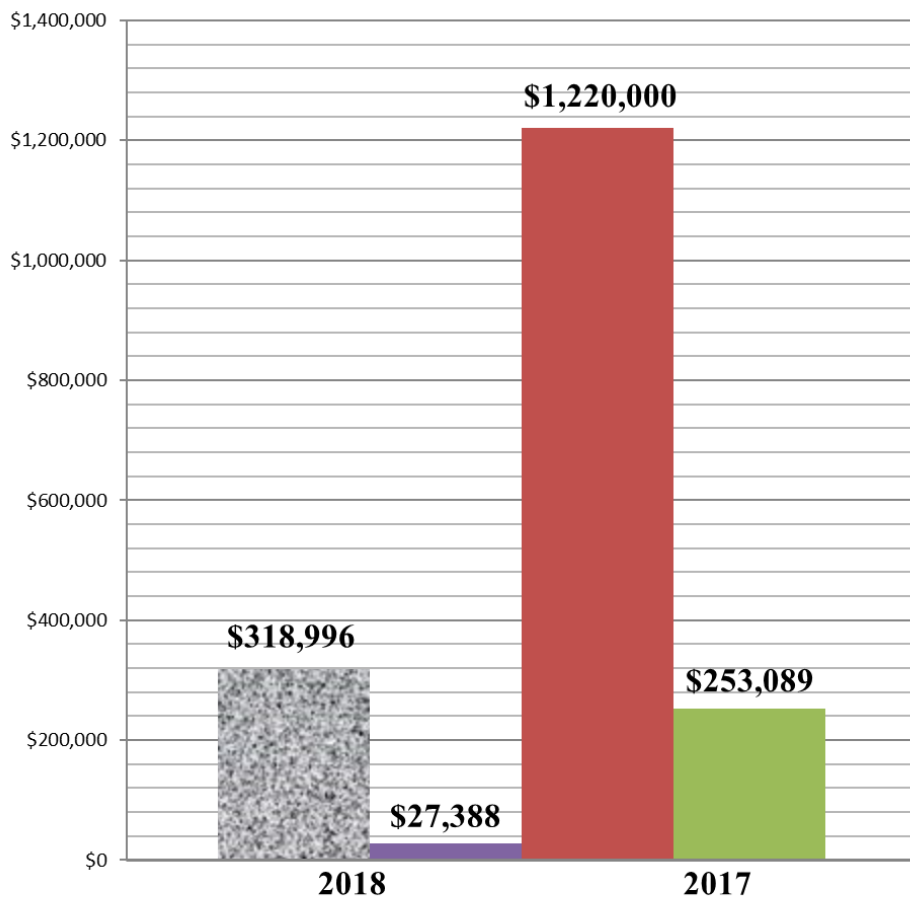
Annunciation Day School Open House

Today from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday's Memorial

15 Year Memorial for Andy P. (Andreas) Marinos

STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship Pledges

■ Amount Pledged as of January 19, 2018

■ Total Received for 2018

■ Total Pledging Goal for 2018

■ Amount Pledged as of January 19, 2017

134 Pledge Units as of January 19, 2018

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know... that being a member in good standing requires several components?

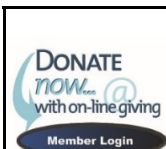
- ♦ We must be a Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christian.
- ♦ We need to attend Divine Services on a regular basis.
- ♦ We need to participate in the Sacramental Life of the Church. This includes the Sacraments of Holy Confession, Holy Communion and Holy Unction.
- ♦ If we are married, our marriage needs to have been blessed in the Orthodox Church.
- ♦ If divorced, we must receive our Ecclesiastical Divorce.

(Please contact our clergy if you have any questions, they are glad to help). We must strive to live an Orthodox Christian life. And yes, if we love God and love our Church, we should also make an annual pledge and fulfill it in a timely manner so that our Church can continue to meet the needs of the faithful and transform lives.

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Submit your 2018 Pledge or Make a Gift Online!



You can make your pledge online! Visit atlgoc.org/submit-your-pledge/ for instructions on how to submit your pledge card and set up your recurring donations. Credit cards, debit cards and bank drafts are accepted. It is not too late to submit your 2017 pledge!



Want to make a one-time gift to the Cathedral or Annunciation Day School? Parishioners and friends may make secure contributions to help support our ministries. Visit atlgoc.org/gift for more information!

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In an effort to share information and updates from our Parish Council, each month, after the monthly meeting, I will be sharing a summary so that all our parishioners can be well informed.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2018

At each meeting, our clergy give a written report, which is submitted to our Secretary and attached to the minutes. These reports highlight all the aspects of our clergy's ministries and responsibilities. It is not unusual for parishioners to be curious about what our clergy are doing beyond some of their daily office hours. Each month they attend all committee meetings. These meetings are scheduled each week primarily on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Here are a few highlights:

The Atlanta area Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood held their monthly meeting on January 9, 2018. His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios joined the meeting and spoke about ways to create more fellowship between the churches.

Our Cathedral hosted the Catholic/Orthodox Ecumenical Gathering on Monday, December 18, 2017.

Participated in all education ministries which include the Annunciation Day School, Greek School, Sunday School and Wednesday "NITE" Life—Led by Fr. Paul and Fr. Christos. This year's theme: "Enhancing our Spiritual Life Through Prayer" Offered to all parishioners is also "Selected Text from Early Christian Literature" led by our Pastoral Assistant, Elias Lampropoulos, as well as classes for those who want to learn about the Orthodox faith and preparation classes for Godparents and Couples preparing for marriage.

Had over 20 visitations to those who are sick, home-bound or are in the hospital and nursing homes.

The following sacraments also took place since our last meeting:

1 Church tour; 1 Forty Day Blessing; 1 Funeral; 0 Weddings; 1 Baptism; 1 Chrismation

Monthly also there are numerous weekday Liturgies, Pre-Marital Counseling Sessions, House blessings, Confessions, special prayers and gravesite Trisagia.

Other things that are important to know:

At our Parish Council Meeting, it was voted on and passed that we hold a special General Assembly on Sunday February 4th, immediately after the Divine Liturgy to vote on selling the property that was given to us by the Skandalakis family. This will be the only item on the Agenda that day.

It was officially announced at the meeting that our most dedicated Cathedral choir director of over 30 years, Christina Polizos, has announced that she is going to retire in May. We will be seeking candidates to fill this position very soon. On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish for all of you a healthy New Year.

Respectfully,

Drene Fotas

Parish Council President

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Stewardship. 2018 pledges as of January 12, 2018. Total Pledging Goal: \$1,220,000

Amount pledged: \$318,996.00.

Pledge units to date 134.

On January 29th, the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a brunch after Church to kick off our Stewardship for 2018. Along with an amazing brunch, all those who have submitted a 2018 Pledge Card either before or on that day, will be included in a drawing with several great prizes including three flat screen TV's. You must be present to win! Come one and all, join the fun and the fellowship!

ATLANTA GREEK FESTIVAL

Dates for the 2018 Atlanta Greek Festival will be from Thursday, September 27 to Sunday, September 30.

PARISH STATISTICS & PROJECTS

I am very happy to announce that once again, and for the seventh year in a row, we exceeded our General Fund Expenses and finished in the positive or in the black. We all should be very proud that our Parish is flourishing. This is only because of you, our beloved Parishioners who participate in our Stewardship Program and demonstrate your love for the Church through your generous offerings. Every Stewardship amount we receive, small or large, is welcomed and helps our Cathedral not only reach our financial goal, but also do our Lord's work on earth. The Clergy and Parish Council thanks you for all you do.

We are arranging with George Loukakakis, the owner of the furniture company in Crete to send a person to re-stain the lighter color of the candles stands, etc. This will be at no additional cost to the Cathedral.

The Council approved the purchase of two Processional Candle sticks in the Altar, replacing two that were damaged and beyond repair. The payment will come from the Patterson Altar Fund.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

EVRYTANIAN ASSOCIATION

VASILOPITA CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 21st

Today at 5:00 pm in the Kafenion

PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm
in the Kafenion**

Short business meeting followed by
a guest speaker from “Chris180”

This inspiring organization saves, serves & protects children, young adults & families who have experienced trauma, abuse & neglect to help them change the direction of their lives. Chris180 was selected as the recipient of all donations received at the recent Philoptochos Christmas Charity Coffee. There will be a check presentation from Philoptochos.

This will be an interesting and informative evening for our members

Wine and Cheese will be served

We look forward to seeing you there!

Το Γλέντι της Τσικνοπέμπτης

TSIKNOPEMTI GLENDI

«Το Μιστέκι» (The Mistake)

February 8th at 6:00 pm in the Kartos Ballroom

Join us at the Glendi (feast) of Tsiknopemti (Smoked Thursday) to celebrate the last Thursday that we are allowed have meat before Lent starts. Our Glendi is going to be a potluck, along with live music for dancing.

Together with your kefi (joyous mood), please bring a meat dish for 5-6 people.

Don't miss it! Don't make this μιστέκι!

The title is taken from the rembetiko song of 1949
“To Misteki” by Argyris Giampouranis.

WEDNESDAY “NITE” LIFE

The Spring semester of Wednesday NITE Life has begun! Please join us on Wednesday, January 24th for a community night that is engaging, educational and inspirational for all ages.

Schedule

Coffee, drinks, and dessert will be offered in the Atrium from 6:30 pm -7:00 pm.

Classes will be held in various rooms of the Hellenic Center from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. For Class details visit the Cathedral website at www.atlgoc.org

GOLDEN GROUP NEWS

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Thursday, February 8th

Get ready for a delightful day of BINGO at 10:30 am in Carlos Hall! Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope.

Clean Monday (Kathara Theftera)

Monday, February 19th

Following the Lenten Orthros Service at 10:30 am, in the Cathedral, we will share a pot luck luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring a Lenten dish to share with four people.

15th ANNUAL CRETAN GLENDI

Presented by Samaria Chapter of
Pan-Cretan Association

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Kartos Ballroom

Cretan Cuisine and Musicians direct from Crete

**Purchase tickets online www.samariaga.org
or from Samaria members**

Tickets on sale today in Carlos Hall

For more info visit: samariaga@earthlink.net

YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 28th - Class Presentations

Presentations take place in the Cathedral, following the Gospel Readings.

- January 28th: 6th - 12th the Grades
- February 4th: 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades
- February 11th: 6th, 7th & 8th Grades
- February 18th: 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades

**Regular classes will be held on these Sundays.*

Our Parish Level Oratorical Festival will be held on Sunday, February 18th.

Participation is open to all students in 7th-12th Grades. The topics were sent home with students back in the fall, but they are also available in the Sunday School Office and on the Archdiocese website under the Department of Religious Education.

To participate, students need to email our chairmen, Callie Corley callie.corley@gmail.com & Jerry Odenwelder jerry.odenwelder@gmail.com. Registration must be completed online, and the chairmen will send you that link.

February 18th - Sights & Sounds Projects on display

Walk through and look at our students' many works of art. It will be a "Vision of Our Faith" on display.

PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Philoptochos Ypapanti Chapter has two \$2000 scholarships (Anna Mae Livaditis Memorial and Philoptochos) dedicated to promote, encourage, and advance education. These scholarships are limited to high school seniors and undergraduate college students who are members of the Cathedral. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need foremost as well as academic achievement and involvement in the church & community. Students who have not previously received the scholarship are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available on the Cathedral Website or by emailing Claire Gilmore at gilmore11@comcast.net.

The deadline to submit the application is April 20th

All information is held in strict confidence.

HOPE & JOY

UPCOMING GATHERING

February 11th

Holy Icons (make your own Icons)

CATHEDRAL DANCE MINISTRY

Contact danceministry@atlgoc.org

SCHEDULE:

Zouzounia - Kindergarten

Mondays - 6:15pm - 6:45pm

Instructors:

Kiki Papadimitriou & Yeoryia Vastakis

Arkoudakia - 1st - 2nd Grade

Mondays - 6:45pm - 7:30pm

Instructors:

Elizabeth Zervakos & Katerina Theodore

Pyrotechnimata - 3rd-5th Grade

Mondays - 6:45pm - 8pm

Instructors:

Ryan Marinos, John Caras & Bess McClure

Asteria - 6th - 9th Grade - Mondays - 6:45pm - 8pm

Instructors:

Kiki Papadimitriou & Chris Kanelos

Yi Anemos Kai Fotia - 10th - 12th Grade

Mondays - 6:30pm - 8pm

Instructors:

Errica Patellis & Yianna Pappas

Palioparea - Adult Dance Group

Instructor: Dimitri Papadimitriou

Contact Dimitri for practice dates and times at djpgreek@yahoo.com

ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21st	Orthros in Cathedral	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy in Cathedral	9:30 am
Wednesday, January 24th	Orthros in Metropolis Chapel	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy in Metropolis Chapel	9:00 am
Thursday, January 25th <i>St. Gregory the Theologian</i>	Orthros in Metropolis Chapel	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy in Metropolis Chapel	9:00 am
Sunday, January 28th <i>Triodion Begins</i>	Orthros in Cathedral	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy in Cathedral	9:30 am

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 23rd	Outreach Committee Meeting in Zakas Conference Room	6:00 pm
	Philoptochos General Meeting in Kafenion	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 24th	Wednesday “NITE” Life Refreshments in Atrium	6:30 pm
	Classes in Various Rooms of Hellenic Center	7:00 pm
Sunday, January 28th	Stewardship “Kick-Off” Brunch in Kartos Ballroom following Divine Liturgy	

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21st	GOYA Girls Basketball Trophy Presentation in Cathedral following Divine Liturgy	
	College Outreach Luncheon in Kafenion following Divine Liturgy	
	HOPE & JOY Gathering in Gym following Sunday School	
	Youth Basketball League Practices in GYM	1:30 pm
Monday, January 22nd	Annunciation Day School	8:30 am
	Greek School Classes	5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 23rd	Annunciation Day School	8:30 am
Wednesday, January 24th	Annunciation Day School	8:30 am
	Greek School Classes	5:00 pm
Thursday, January 25th	Annunciation Day School	8:30 am
Friday, January 26th	Annunciation Day School	8:30 am
Saturday, January 27th	Youth Basketball League Games in GYM	
Sunday, January 28th	Youth Basketball League Practices in GYM	1:00 pm

Stay in touch by following us on



& our website