

The Annunciator

Remembering Kallistos Ware, Revered Orthodox Christian Theologian

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found liturgy — of Orthodox Christianity as a living and life-changing tradition.

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, without a doubt the most renowned and popular Orthodox Christian theologian of recent decades, died on Wednesday (Aug. 24) at 87. A convert to Orthodox faith, he became bishop of the see of Dikleia and was considered the most prolific and proficient communicator of patristic theology and Orthodox spirituality in our generation.

For more than 30 years until retiring in 2001, he taught at Oxford University in England (where I studied with him for three years) and was known as an assiduous scholar, punctilious [conscientious], lecturer and conscientious adviser. He also served as parish priest at the Oxford Orthodox community that housed the Greek and Russian congregations. Indeed, what drew many, including me, to Oxford was his rare combination of the scholarly and spiritual, academia and asceticism, of patristic literature and pro-

Born Timothy Ware in 1934, he came to Oxford to study classics and theology. He was received into the Orthodox faith in 1958, and after some years spent in monasteries in Canada and at the Monastery of St. John the Theologian on the island of Patmos, where the Book of Revelation was written, he was ordained a priest in 1966. He was elected to the rank of bishop in 1982,



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and later metropolitan, a title of higher distinction in the Eastern Orthodox Church. For the rest of his life he was an avid researcher, prolific writer, brilliant exponent and desired speaker.

He was a punctilious and measured man. The day we first met, in September 1980, we had lunch at his academic home, Oxford's Pembroke College. Ware brought along a stack of books for me, proposed an essay title and said he'd see me again in three weeks. Otherwise we talked about the menu of the dining hall. The next time we met at his parental home. Ware served me tea and a banana on a plate, with cutlery. He neatly peeled and sliced his banana; I obliged him by drinking the tea, but told him I preferred to take the fruit back to my room. For a young student accustomed to more casual ways in my native Australia and in Greece, it was a brusque awakening.

The world will remember Ware as the author of "The Orthodox Church," still the quintessential introduction to the Orthodox Church, and its companion, "The Orthodox Way." But for me he will always be first and foremost the translator, with Mother Mary of the Orthodox Monastery of the Holy Veil in France, of "The Festal Menaion" and "The Lenten Triodion," the core liturgical books of the Orthodox Church, completed in 1969 and 1977 respectively.

With Gerald Palmer and Philip Sherrard, he edited the complete text of "The Philokalia," a collection of writings by early church and Orthodox mystics. In 1995, Denise Sherrard wrote to tell me that her husband completed the draft of the translation only weeks prior to his repose. Ware, for his part, finished with the final proofs of the fifth and final volume just weeks before he died, attending to its index until his last breath.

Ware's unique and provocative combination of scholarship and spirituality was a powerful in-

fluence. Comfortable serving as a priest at Holy Trinity Church as he was researching in the Bodleian Library and chairing the faculty of theology, he spent countless hours visiting patients in hospitals and parishioners in restaurants or businesses. He was as much on fire delivering a lecture on the desert fathers or the Palamite controversy as he was delivering a sermon on a solemn Holy Week service or a regular Sunday liturgy — all with a distinctive and ingenious wit.

In his first sermon as bishop, in June of 1982, he suggested that the diverse lives of the saints reveal that each of us is a unique way of, and to, salvation. In his weekly sermons, he emphasized the power of the name of Jesus, the call to self-awareness, the expectation of trials and the primacy of thanksgiving. He underlined prayer as offering glory, instead of listing complaints, and interpreted liturgy as the occasion for the Lord to act rather than an opportunity for us to worship.

He kept track of these sermons: He once admitted that he was repeating a sermon from five years earlier, shrewdly observing that it was all right to repeat a sermon, so long as it wasn't a bad one the first time around.

But it is as a father confessor and spiritual guide that he may have made his most lasting mark. Arguably the most vivid image I have of Ware is the endless line of parishioners approaching the upper left corner of the nave at Holy Trinity at Great Vespers on Saturday Vigil. They came from many backgrounds, education levels and cultures, all there to offer a word of confession and receive a word of consolation.

Ware would exhort you to pay attention to little things: the icon you venerated, the person you encountered, the gift of the present. He was convinced of Christianity's constant surprise and limitless wonder; it could never be contained or

constricted to a stagnant past and stereotypical tradition. It found you where you are: To Ware, it made perfect sense that reorganizing one's index cards and filing system could be used as a prudent and beneficial Lenten discipline for the soul.

Ware will be remembered far beyond Oxford, or even Orthodoxy. He was as confident debating with Anglican and Catholic clerics or theologians as he was among Greek, Russian, Serbian or Romanian Orthodox thinkers. He was longtime editor (with George Every and John Seward) of the pioneering journal *Eastern Churches Review* and lifelong advocate (with the likes of the Rev. Lev Gillet) for the Anglican-Orthodox Ecumenical Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius. He served as joint president of the international commissions for Orthodox-Anglican and Orthodox-Roman Catholic dialogue, and despite concerns and reservations he promoted and participated in the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in 2016.

Thoroughly ecumenical, he was an English gentleman through and through. Orthodox to the bone, he nevertheless considered himself a perennial apprentice of the faith, once stating how he looked forward to browsing through heaven's library.

He never imagined himself contorting the Orthodox faith to personal conventions or apprehensions, but ever perceived himself as willing to be shaped, perhaps surprised by its newness. It is not coincidental that his personal memoir, "Journey to the Orthodox Church," appeared only a decade ago, when, as a mature critical thinker, he could discern how the church had changed over his lifetime. He emphasized the struggle to espouse the heart of the Orthodox faith as well as to embrace its paradoxes, antitheses and polarities.

In this way, he was capable of both informing and criticizing developments in the Orthodox Church, Greek and Russian alike. He was also humble enough to recognize his limitations and miscalculations. He admitted that the 2007 Document of Ravenna "on communion, conciliarity and authority", which concerned some theologians because it highlighted the authenticity of a universal primacy, was in fact sound. He encouraged discussion of women's ordination along with dispassionate conversation on gender and sexuality — both of course to the rancorous disapproval of the usual suspects. He endorsed an Orthodox ecological doctrine as fundamentally and essentially rooted in the dogma of creation and incarnation.

I never stopped being his student. He was supportive at every new dimension and turn of my ministry and teaching. He guided and read everything that I wrote over the last 30 years, which included preparing — when he was already quite ill — the foreword to my latest publication on the fifth-century elders from Gaza, Barsanuphius and John, whose letters he introduced me to as his student.

I was delighted to dedicate this book to him; and I was elated that he held it in his hands only days before surrendering his spirit to the Lord. I can imagine him right now waiting for the grandfather clock to strike with precision for the moment when he will open the door to his book-strewn heavenly library.

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A Brief Explanation of the Liturgy of Saint Iakovos (James) Brother of the Lord

By Rev. Fr. Christos P. Mars

The Divine Liturgy is the most significant ancient Christian service, having been put into practice immediately following the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples of Christ on the 50th day after His Resurrection.

The center of the inspiration for fledgling Christians, the Divine Liturgy, consisting of spontaneous hymns and prayers, was celebrated in upper rooms and catacombs long before the New Testament was written.

The institution of the Eucharist—the Mystical Supper—is recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke

and Paul. It took place following our Lord's "Last Supper" with His disciples.

Jesus, using His last moments of freedom on Earth, spoke to His disciples about His betrayal, arrest and crucifixion and instituted the Holy Eucharist, leaving His own Being to the Church. Christ said, "This is My Body" and "This is My Blood." The Church believes it and has practiced it ever since. To embody and enact the deep meaning and belief in the Holy Eucharist, the early Church assigned certain days and places, selected the bread and wine to be used, formulated prayers and hymns, determined the service order, the celebrants, and the communicants.

The most ancient description of the order and time of the Divine Liturgy is preserved in the 1st Apology by Justin the Martyr (138 AD).¹

Justin calls the traditional day of worship "the day of the sun" (the Lord's Day, the day of Kyrios, that is Kyriake, Sunday, the first day of the week in memory of the Lord's Resurrection). The order of the service that Justin Martyr lays out is as follows:

- The reading of the Scriptures
- The sermon by the lead celebrant
- The offering of prayers
- The offering of bread, wine and water
- The long, thanksgiving Eucharistic prayer of sanctification by the lead celebrant
- The partaking of Holy Communion
- The collection for charity



¹Justin Martyr (also known as Justin the Philosopher) was one of the earliest apologists for the Christian faith. A convert to Christianity, he produced a number of works during the middle of the second century, amongst them two *Apologies* addressed to the Roman emperors, defending and explaining Christianity as the true philosophy. The power of Justin's arguments was to earn him his martyrdom. His feast day is celebrated on June 1.

This is the same order followed by Saint Basil the Great and Saint John Chrysostom in their liturgies, which we still use today.

During the time of Justin Martyr, the meaning and significance of the Divine Liturgy had been determined as to the change of the elements of bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, but the prayers were recited freely and without construct, “by heart.”

It is hard to imagine that there were many liturgical forms that arose during the first centuries of Christianity, up until the adoption of the major Divine Liturgies.

A special field of study deals with the variety and development of these “structures,” mainly in the field called “liturgical theology.” The most well-known Liturgies among Greek Orthodox faithful are the following:

The Liturgy of Saint

John Chrysostom, which is celebrated for almost the entire Ecclesiastical year.

The Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great—from which the previous service was derived for the sake of brevity—is celebrated only 10 times per year.²

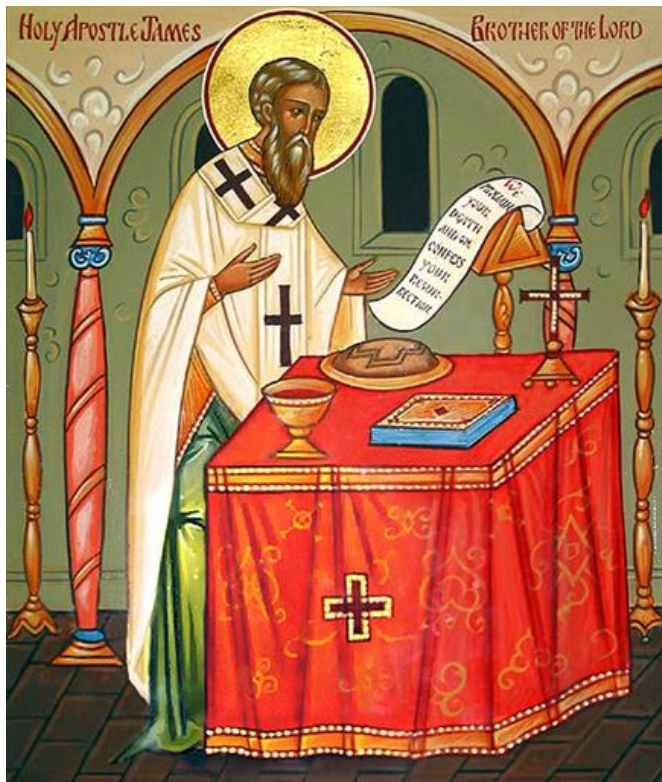
The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts—which is celebrated only during Great Lent.³

²Eve of Christmas and Theophany, Feast of Saint Basil, Each Sunday of Great Lent, Holy Thursday Morning and Great and Holy Saturday Morning.

³Traditionally Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is only celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent as well as certain feast days during that same period.

To the above mentioned three Liturgies, we must add the Liturgy of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of the Lord (often translated as “James” in the New Testament), which we celebrate on October 23rd, the saint’s feast day.

We will be celebrating this liturgy as a cathedral parish family and I wanted to comment more thoroughly on this very early form of Liturgy for two main reasons: first, because it is attributed to the first Bishop of Jerusalem, who bears the most



honorable title of “The Brother of the Lord!” Secondly, because it is certain that the ancient structure and language of this Service will console and support more deeply the Church-going faithful. The major features of this ‘prototype’ Liturgy are underlined.

It is important to remember that all traditional forms of the Divine Liturgy have, by definition, the same sacredness. Regardless of the name of the Saint or

Apostle whose names they bear, they are the necessary ‘framework’ and ‘environment’ (we could even say ‘biosphere’) for sanctification, in which the Holy Eucharist can be reverently conducted.

Given that the Holy Eucharist is the ‘foundational’ Sacrament of the Church, in the sense that it summarizes and seals conclusively all stages of the Divine Economy concerning the Incarnation of God the Logos (Word), it becomes clear that all things in the life of the Church have a eucharistic (literally, thanksgiving) root and complexions.



preventing him—in precisely the same way as Saint Paul—from having a leading role in the entire life of the early Church in Jerusalem.

As the one who ‘presided’ in the worshipping community, it was only natural that he combined both the austerity of the Law with the leniency of Grace in his purely pastoral care. If the two ‘tendencies’ of the general mission and journeys of the Apostles were represented by Peter on the one hand, and Paul on the other, the main role of Iakovos was centered around worship, which sanctifies life as a whole.

This was primarily due to the fact that Iakovos never left Jerusalem for missionary purposes. Therefore, what could be more natural than for the one who presided, as Bishop at the Eucharistic gathering, to formulate the ‘model’ of the initial Divine Liturgy!

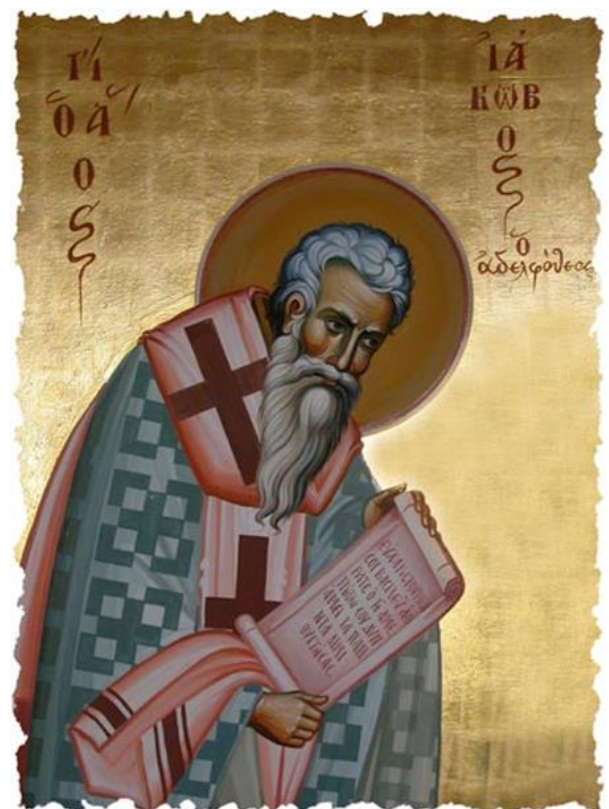
Such a model had to express very distinctly the main characteristics of the ‘eucharistic body’ of the faithful. The first presupposition for such ‘expression’ and ‘concelebration’ was the active

Consequently, it is not only that other Sacraments spring forth from—and are mystically nourished by—the Holy Eucharist, but also all ‘institutions,’ whether within or outside formal worship, lean towards it and are sanctified by it, to the degree that they affirm it without obstruction, *i.e.*, without overshadowing it.

With this last observation, we have already underlined the constant criterion according to which we shall evaluate the special significance and the obvious ‘advantages’ of the Divine Liturgy of Saint Iakovos. We shall therefore briefly look at each of the reasons for which it is distinct from the other established Liturgies of the East.

The authority and personality of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of the Lord

As we know, Saint Iakovos the ‘Brother of the Lord’ was not one of the Twelve. However, his presence and the authority of his personality, ‘surpassed’ this formal factor, without





liturgical language used—in conjunction with the corresponding gestures—in the prototypical Liturgy of the Bishop of Jerusalem, Iakovos the Brother of the Lord. That however is not the purpose of this article, nor would space permit it.

It needs to be pointed out, however, that based purely upon the prayers of the Celebrant and the relevant readings, one gains a sense of astonishing immediacy, not only from the precision of the vocabulary, but also from the

participation of all the members, which enables communion to be direct and unhindered, not only among each other (horizontally), but also with the Lord who is in their midst and ‘made present’ in the person of the Celebrant (vertically).

wonderful theological maturity that is expressed.

The simplicity of the liturgical ‘stage’ and the archaic quality of the rubrics

As the Liturgy is celebrated, with the Clergy who many times are turned *towards* the congregation, it is a clear expression of the preparation of the faithful, as well as their ‘expected’ direct attention and participation in the service.

Highly characteristic examples include the prayer of the Entrance of the Clergy when the presiding Celebrant prays for the “*sanctification of souls, bodies and spirits,*” as well as to “*direct our thoughts towards piety.*”⁴ There is also the image of unity of the entire body of the faithful, even during the commemoration of the Head of the local Church, who is not ‘segregated’ legalistically (in order to supposedly declare his privilege and right!). On the contrary, and as a celebratory confession of the prayerful ‘liturgical communion’ of all faithful, whether present or absent, the Deacon says: “*For salvation, peace, mercy, understanding and divine help upon our holy Archbishop Alexios, and all the righteous Archbishops and Bishops who throughout the Orthodox world rightly teaching the word of Your truth and all ecclesiastical orders.*”⁵ So together with the canonical commemoration of the Bishop who is first in seniority, it is not only the

In particular, it is noted that the face-to-face positioning of Clergy and Laity (which we know to be the only stance strictly portrayed by the sacred Icons according to Orthodox iconography) emphasizes in a very characteristic way the ‘communion’ which is sought through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

The simplicity and ancient quality of the language used

One could write an entire treatise on the theological importance and strength of the

⁴From the “Prayer of the Veil” found in the Liturgy of Saint Iakovos, Brother of the Lord.

⁵ From the petitions following the consecration of the Holy Gifts in the Liturgy of Saint Iakovos, brother of the Lord.

Celebrants in general who are commemorated, but rather all ranks of faithful!

In the same spirit of declaring the unbroken unity of all, there is also the greeting of peace and reconciliation. It is not restricted to the Celebrants, as is the case today. This is completely correct, as the Schisms had not yet arisen. Thus, the Deacon could invite all the faithful in attendance with the words: “Receive one another. Let us kiss one another with a holy kiss.”⁶ (and the greeting of course occurs according to the suggestion of the *Apostolic Rulings* and the *Canons* of the Council of Laodicea). The commemorations exclaimed by the Deacon in other parts of the Liturgy are even more extensive and moving.

In trying to conclude this article, an astounding detail concerns the mystery of the relationship of



⁶ During the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Iakovos, Brother of the Lord.

⁷ The Council of Laodicea was a regional synod of approximately thirty clerics from Asia Minor which assembled about 363–364 AD in Laodicea, Phrygia Pacatiana.

the ‘one’ with the ‘many’ within the One and indivisible Body of God incarnate:

At the commencement of the Liturgy, while the chanters chant the words “Behold now, what is so good or so pleasant as for brothers to dwell together in unity” (LXX Ps. 132), the people respond after every verse of the mentioned Psalm with “Remember *me*, Lord,” whereas it would have been more in keeping with the Psalm to have said “Remember *us*, Lord!”

Therefore, the God-given mystery of communion of the one God in the Holy Trinity, is chanted with compunction in this detail—a triumph of two natures of Christ (*i.e.*, divine, and human natures in Christ), as defined doctrinally by the 4th Ecumenical Council⁸ through the use of four adverbs to—describe the joining of the two natures:

unconfusedly—ἀσυγχύτως
unchangeably—ἀτρέπτως
indivisibly—ἀδιαίρετως
inseparably—ἀχωρίστως

It would be commendable if the Church decided, at some stage, to have liturgical ‘renewal’, in a spirit of honest purification, so as to return, in terms of duration and Christian simplicity, to the briefly presented incomparable ‘advantages’ of the truly Apostolic Divine Liturgy of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of the Lord.



⁸ Fourth Ecumenical Council, also known as the Council of Chalcedon, was held in Chalcedon (modern Kadiköy, Turkey) in 451. Convened by the emperor Marcian, it was attended by about 520 bishops or their representatives and was the largest and best documented of the early councils.

Fr. Nicola Yanney Apostle to the Plains

By Mr. Theodore Mantzikos

I have written a few articles about the lives of certain remarkable missionary saints forming Orthodox Christianity in North America thus far. St. Vladimir never stepped foot in North America but his evangelism was the basis for St. Herman of Alaska's mission and others like that of Sts. Innocent of Alaska and Raphael of Brooklyn. I emphasize in each of these articles that these saints are uniquely *American*. However, these saints hail from Greece, Russia, Serbia, the Middle East, and elsewhere. Almost none of them have Western surnames and I can safely assume that some were not versed in the English language. I like to think that they share a similar history with many of us here at Annunciation who are not American by blood, name, or even citizenship, but are American on account of residence and contribution to the prosperity of this nation.

The aforementioned saints are unmistakably American as they bear titles of American lands and are continuously remembered by church communities founded by them. They did not perform their work alone; Sts. Herman, Innocent, and Raphael are among others who are no less impressive though they are not officially recognized as saints—at least not yet.

the sacred episcopacy, St. Raphael of Brooklyn performed his first priestly ordination on April 3rd, 1904. The new ordained priest was Fr. Nicola Yanney—a young widower and Lebanese immigrant to the United States who lived with his surviving children on a farm in Nebraska.

Father Nicola was ordained for what was then the westernmost parish of St. Raphael's Diocese, St. George's Church in Kearney, Nebraska, but he was given pastoral responsibility for a much larger region. Fr. Nicola's new parish stretched from the Canadian border in the north, to the Mexican border in the south, and from the Mississippi River in the east, to the Rocky Mountains in the west. His parish territory was the foundation for what eventually became the Antiochian Diocese of Wichita and the Midwest in 2005.



Fr. Nicola Yanney

Shortly after his consecration to February 5. 1873 - October 29, 1918

Fr. Nicola took after St. Raphael's ministry, circulating around to the Christian households and communities in his parish region. He headquartered his parish in Kearney, Nebraska from where he visited Orthodox Christians in the scattered towns, villages and isolated farm lands throughout the Midwest. A partial list of Fr. Nicola's pastoral service can be deduced from his registry of sacraments. Fr. Nicola's records show that he performed dozens of baptisms in towns throughout Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Kentucky, and Illinois in 1904 alone. Fr. Nicola's records of 1905 baptisms are even more impressive as he visited several new cities. Fr. Nicola continued to travel serv-

ing the needs of the Orthodox Christians who needed him though he mourned the deaths of his wife and two of his five children, one of his daughters he buried himself as a priest in 1904.

Fr. Nicola is credited with performing at least 910 baptisms, 10 chrismations, 107 weddings, and 36 funerals as he made regular pastoral visits to over 100 Orthodox Christian communities in his 14 year ministry. Fr. Nicola's ministry ended with his death on October 29, 1918 of the Spanish Flu. He established a legacy of Orthodox Christianity still visible today. Parishes throughout the Midwest claim foundation or relation to him because of his missionary work.

These statistics should be surprising considering the size and expanse of Fr. Nicola's parish. Some priests do not perform nearly that many sacraments and none can say they did so on the road most of the year. Fr. Nicola's work is unimaginable to us today. Orthodox Christian churches are relatively accessible today when compared to Fr. Nicola's time. We are especially blessed in Atlanta where there are several churches within an hour's drive from one another.

It is difficult to imagine circumstances in which there are no Orthodox churches and maybe even no other Orthodox Christians nearby at all. Fr. Nicola's visits may have been the only occasion on which they received any sacraments, buried their dead, baptized their children, or had any company with another Orthodox Christian for months if not years. While some may be restricted by location or health from attending church services regularly, Orthodox Christianity is far more available now than it was for Fr. Nicola's parishioners.

October 29th, 2022 is the one hundred and fourth anniversary of Fr. Nicola's death. I summarize his life for the occasion of his death because he is one of the most remarkable clergy-

men and apostles in modern times, yet he is unknown by most of the Orthodox Christian population in North America. This lack of knowledge should be corrected because there is a very good chance that Fr. Nicola will be canonized in our lifetimes. Popular honor of Fr. Nicola is growing among Orthodox Christians in North America, especially in the Midwest where the product of his work is still visible. Fr. Nicola Yanney may be another saint of the Orthodox Church in North America ranked alongside Sts. Herman of Alaska, Innocent of Alaska, and Raphael of Brooklyn among others. We so often credit the establishment of Orthodox Christianity to our grandparents, parents, and ancestors who are benefactors of the church buildings we use today as the primary founders of our Church communities. We should honor their commitment to our churches, but we Orthodox Christians in the United States must also recognize that Orthodox Christianity is so accessible to us today because of the efforts of real apostles like Fr. Nicola. He may not have funded churches as others have, but his efforts are heroic. Fr. Nicola really is an apostle just like the other canonized apostles and equally worthy of honor among their company.



Fr. Nicola usually travelled within his parish boundaries outlined in this map, but he is recorded with making occasional visits to families in Texas, Colorado, Kentucky, and other states. Fr. Nicola, like his bishop St. Raphael, was known to literally and figuratively go the extra mile to visit with Orthodox Christians in need of a priest.

Youth Events

Upcoming Youth Events:

HOPE /JOY

Sunday November 13th at 12:00
Meeting/Activity in the GYM

GOYA

Sunday, November 6th
GOYA Board Meeting

Saturday, November 12th
GOYA Meeting in the GYM

Saturday, November 26th
Soup Kitchen Preparation

Escape Room Outing TBD

YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE



HTGOC YA RETREAT
November
11-13

Where: Diakonia Retreat Center
Cost: \$25

Includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on Saturday- Brunch on Sunday after Liturgy)

Friday Night: Wine and Cheese Tasting and Boardgames

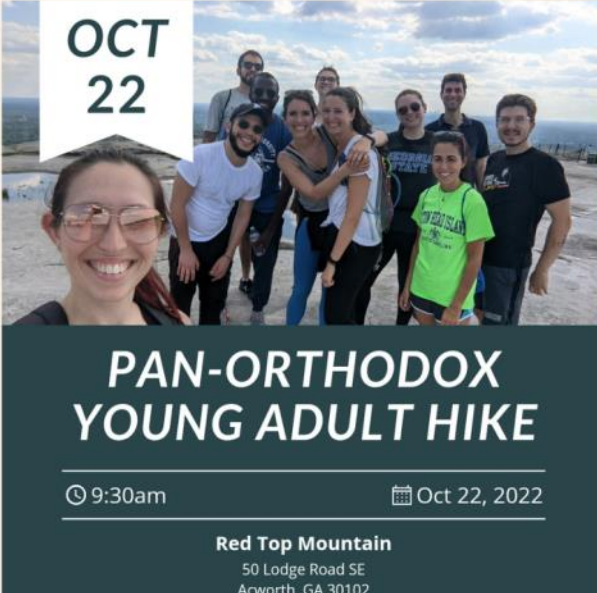
Saturday: Small service project, group discussion, canoeing, hiking, free time to explore, Vespers, bonfire with hot cocoa and dancing

Sunday: Divine Liturgy and Brunch

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- Fri 12/09: OOT - Shabbat Dinner w/ ACCESS (sharing holiday traditions)
- Jan 01/28: YAL Service Day



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SPEAKER & OUTREACH EVENT!

Homelessness and Hunger in Atlanta

St. Photini Outreach Ministry and Our Ladies Philoptochos Society jointly extend an invitation to all members of our Parish family to learn about homelessness and hunger in Atlanta, followed by an outreach activity making sandwiches to help feed Atlanta's homeless population!

Come listen as Katie Farmer from Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM) shares how their various programs serve and alleviate the growing situation of homelessness and hunger in Atlanta. Learn how our donations and pantry drives help those experiencing unfortunate situations. And what better way to complete this themed event, than by helping those experiencing hunger with making sandwiches, which will be donated to The Sandwich Project!

**TUESDAY – OCTOBER 25
HELLENIC CENTER BALLROOM**

Homelessness and Hunger in Atlanta

PROGRAM

6:00pm St. Photini Outreach Meeting

6:40pm Refreshments - Seating for Program Start

7:00pm Philoptochos General Meeting

Speaker from Intown Collaborative Ministries
- Katie Farmer (MSW, MRPL) Director, Development

All invited to assemble to make sandwiches for
The Sandwich Project

Both St. Photini Outreach Ministry (Board Room) & Our Ladies Philoptochos Society (Ballroom) meetings are open for those who wish to attend

Philoptochos News

November is always one of the busiest months on the Philoptochos calendar and November 2022 is no exception! From the beginning of October through November 10, 2022, Philoptochos is sponsoring its annual "Dining Out Drawing" fundraiser offering as prizes, ten \$100 gift cards to ten different Atlanta restaurants! All parishioners received 6 "Dining Out Drawing" tickets and the response has been great. Send in your check and ticket stubs to the Cathedral office by November 10th!

TOYS FOR TOTS DINNER – KARTOS BALLROOM

Thursday, November 10th – 6:30 p.m.

All guests are asked to bring new and unwrapped toy(s) that will be given to Atlanta children who otherwise might not receive Christmas gifts

RSVPS are a MUST! Dinner tickets are \$25.00 per person
RSVP info will be included in a forthcoming Toys For Tots flyer!
Winning tickets for the "Dining Out Drawing" will be pulled!
Net proceeds from all fundraisers support Philoptochos Outreach

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...the return of Athena's Marketplace!

Saturday, November 19th – 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Kartos Ballroom

DELICIOUS FOOD AND FABULOUS VENDORS!

Meals and pastries can be preordered online and picked up for your convenience
OR Stop by the Marketplace, eat your lunch there and do some holiday shopping with our fantastic vendors!



**PHILOPTOCHOS NEEDS
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PASTRY PREPARATION!
Scheduled work dates in the
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Sunday, October 23rd after
Liturgy, Lite lunch served.
November 17 & 18, packing
pastries & Marketplace set-up.

Thanks for your support!!



Golden Group

Our October Luncheon brought newcomers and regular Golden Group attendees together for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. We enjoyed a delicious dinner hosted and served by the Arcadian Society followed by several games of BINGO led by our expert callers, George Peppas and Manuel Petkas. We had multiple lucky winners, including Demetrios Hadjisimos. We were happy and thankful he was able to join us for our first luncheon of the season.

We have many activities planned for the year ahead. Please mark your calendar for the following events.

Join us on Thursday, November 3, for a scenic drive and lunch trip to the Montaluce Winery and Restaurant in Dahlonega, Georgia. The winery, inspired by the beauty of Tuscan architecture and landscaping, is set in the North Georgia Mountains. We will meet in front of the atrium of the Carlos Community Center so please park in the Gym parking lot, NOT in the back parking lot of the Cathedral. The church buses will depart promptly at 9:30 am to ensure our arrival in time for our lunch reservation. Transportation fees are \$10 per person, and lunch costs will be on our own. Seats are limited and are first-come, first-served. Please contact Bess Dimos at 404-261-0504 by Tuesday, November 1st to reserve your place.

Our Veteran's Day Luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 10th, at 10:30 am in the Kartos Ballroom. Lunch will be hosted in loving memory of Michael G. Vasilos by his family. More information will follow about our speaker and program for this special day.

We will gather on Thursday, December 8th, at 10:30 am in the Kartos Ballroom for our Christmas Luncheon sponsored by our Parish Council. We look forward to an entertaining performance by the children of Annunciation Day School. Of course, it's not our traditional Christmas luncheon without our annual gift exchange with other Golden Group attendees. Please bring a gift (about \$5 in value) if you would like to join the fun!

Victor and Theo Economy (& family) are once again busy decorating their yard and home for the Christmas season with festive arrays of sparkling lights and whimsical characters galore. Join us on Wednesday, December 14, to see their spectacular holiday presentation, "A Whole LOT of Christmas." They have graciously invited us inside for coffee and dessert afterwards. Look for more details in upcoming Weekly Bulletins.



PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2022

—for the annual festal celebration of the—

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. IAKOVOS

(James) Brother of the Lord



Orthros 7:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 9 AM

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

Epistle of James 1:16-18, NKJV

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HONORS 2022



The Archangel Michael Feast was prayerfully conceived by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios upon His arrival to Atlanta, as the annual double feast of the Metropolitan family. Since 1998, the Metropolitan family comes together in Atlanta on the weekend of, prior to, or following the November 8th Feast of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. It is to honor and celebrate our Patron Saint and the lives of one adult and one youth from each parish, who are the living examples of the Orthodox Christian life and journey to Theosis. By extension, this special Metropolis feast is also the annual Metropolitan celebration and thanks giving for all devout stewards of faith, time and talent, "Who first give themselves to the Lord by the will of God.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Program

November 12 - 13, 2022

Honors Banquet & Program

Saturday, November 12, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM

Kartos Ballroom

**Archieratical Divine Liturgy offered by
His Eminence Alexios I, Metropolitan of Atlanta**

Sunday, November 13, 2022 ~ 9:30 AM

Cathedral of the Annunciation

Fellowship will follow in Annunciation Cathedral ~ Carlos Hall

We Congratulate our Cathedral Honorees:

Constantine (Charlie) Nastopoulos

Christine Vallianatos

For tickets and more information, please call the Metropolis, 404-634-9345

Deadline: Friday, October 28th

Greek Festival



Thank you to all of our Festival volunteers. We appreciate the time, talents, & treasures that you shared with our Church & community. Thank you for helping to make our festival a success.



Daughters of Penelope

Menelaos Chapter 53

We would like to thank everyone who donated wine and purchased raffle tickets for our annual Wine Raffle! We were able to raise over \$2,000 dollars to help support the AHEPA Scholarship Foundation and other charities!

We are continuing to accept donations (\$30) for our annual Turkey Drive to support the ministries of St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church's Loaves and Fishes Ministries. Donations can be accepted as follows:

Checks to Sherry Kliosis at 2105 Briarwillow Dr. NE, Atlanta, Ga 30345

Credit Card payments to Mary Alice George at 678-521-4147

PayPal donations can be made to @Daughters53

Thank you for donating to this worthy cause!!

Pre-Order Pastry Sales are back again this year! Please consider purchasing our beautifully packaged sweet treats for your friends, family members, teachers and neighbors! Orders are due by November 25th. Pastries will be available for pickup at our bake sale in Carlos Hall on Sunday, December 4th.

Order forms can be mailed to Sherry Kliosis (see above) or texted 770-351-8054 or emailed to dopmenelaos53@gmail.com.

Checks, credit card payment and paypal will be accepted!

Please join us for our November 6th Founders Day Meeting in the Kafenion.

Save the Date

AHEPA Family Christmas Party

Hellenic Center

Tuesday, December 13th

6:30pm

***Evite to follow

SAINT PHOTINI OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Saint Photini Outreach Ministry (SPOM) is our Annunciation Cathedral's vessel which supports efforts that involve reaching out to those in need or who are suffering in other ways.

We are excited to share activities which support our St. Photini Outreach Ministry's mission to reach out and meet people where they are!



❖ **Hope Lodge** – On Saturday, October 15, a team of four SPOM members served breakfast to 56 cancer patients and their families, who traveled from all over to receive their treatments at Emory Hospital. (*Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the **Hope Lodge** program provides a free home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers. More than just a roof over their heads, it's a nurturing community that helps patients access the care they need.*) We will continue to sponsor various opportunities to support Hope House in the future!

❖ **Intown Collaborate Ministries (ICM)** – in the near future, teams of approximately ten will be able to serve on Saturday mornings by handing out Breakfast Bags to the homeless clients lined up in front of ICM to shop for their weekly needs. Another possible opportunity to serve on Christmas and New Year's eve mornings will be shared in the future.

❖ **Annunciation Cathedral's Philanthropic Ministries Homelessness and Hunger in Atlanta (Tuesday, October 25)**. Our St. Photini Outreach Ministry and Ladies Philoptochos Society combined their business meetings for this great philanthropic event to learn more about homelessness and hunger and personally experience philanthropy! **Katie Farmer from Intown Collaborative Ministries** will speak to our Parish family on this subject. To complete the evening, all attendees will experience philanthropy by making 500 sandwiches, which will be donated to **The Sandwich Project**. (See flyer included in this issue of the *Annunciator*.)

❖ **Share Your Daily Bread – Fifth Sunday collection – Annunciation Cathedral's vessel offering immediate assistance to those in need. *Sunday, October 30th is the last Fifth Sunday collection for 2022!***



Thank you Parish family for your generosity and support given during the Fifth Sunday collection months of 2022. This added boost has been such a blessed source for our Cathedral to offer assistance to all who walk up or contact our Cathedral in their time of desperate need! The numbers of requests are increasing, and is certain to grow higher with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays taking place before the next Fifth Sunday scheduled for January 2023!

Your donations of gift cards for food, clothing, and on-line donations on Sunday, October 30th will help sustain what we are able to give out to those requesting assistance and hopefully bring relief to those who visit our Cathedral. Holidays unfortunately bring a greater need for assistance! Please offer prayers and support to those who are experiencing difficult times!

❖ **Volunteer List** - Our SPOM is currently developing a reference source linking our Cathedral members to volunteer opportunities available in our local area for all who wish to volunteer. Still a work in progress to be shared soon!

❖ **Visitation** - Visits to our Shut-Ins/homebound parishioners during the summer were completed and well received! For the Fall and Winter months, they will continue receiving cards from our SPOM ministry, as well as phone calls. Cards, filled with well-wishes, have been prepared by our own talented artist, Suzy Lamas, who has painted each one with a seasonal theme. Parishioners should call the **Cathedral office at 404-633-5870** to add a loved one to the Cathedral's Shut-ins/Homebound list.

We invite you to join and participate in the philanthropic and outreach events sponsored by our Annunciation Cathedral's Saint Photini Outreach Ministry. We welcome new ideas and fellowship! Contact vickieklemis@gmail.com to be added to our contact list for future meetings and activities.

"Just as Christ met St. Photini where she was in her life, our Annunciation Cathedral Saint Photini Outreach Ministry strives to follow the example of our patron saint to reach out and meet people where they are."



"Sharing Our Daily Bread"

Fifth Sunday of Giving – October 30, 2022

"And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never Hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

"Sharing Our Daily Bread" serves a Christ-centered purpose, offering each Parish member a way to participate and help those less fortunate who come to our Cathedral in need of food, clothing and shelter.

Our Cathedral has designated the **"fifth" Sunday** from the months with five Sundays to offer assistance to those experiencing temporary hardship.

We call on all to **share your daily bread** through the purchase of gift cards to Walmart, Kroger, or QuikTrip (\$25 increments) or through online or check donations to the Cathedral.

- Drop donations in the box located on a table at the Pangari, as you enter the Narthex;
- Donate online via our Cathedral's website for "Sharing Our Daily Bread";
- Mail checks payable to Annunciation GOC (earmark "Sharing Our Daily Bread")

We greatly appreciate your generous and continued support to assist the increasing numbers of those in need. God Bless and Thank You!!



ANNUNCIATION DAY SCHOOL

Centered in Christ, Children and Community

Annunciation Day School (ADS) made their television debut this month as Mrs. Sharon Lawson, Fox 5 Atlanta anchor, visited our campus! After visiting classrooms, she was able to see our current field and hear about the expansive renovation plans. She was thrilled to see what a thriving school community we have and excited for our plans for a state-of-the-art athletic field. She promoted our upcoming Gala, where Sharon will be this year's master of ceremonies, and Open House on her morning broadcast at Good Day Fox 5 Atlanta.

ADS parents and staff had a wonderful time volunteering at this year's Greek Festival. Face painting, arts & crafts, and school tours were all part of the Kid's tent this year with a long line of parents & children all weekend long!

ADS is crushing it once again in sports! The ADS Middle School boys soccer team will be competing in the MAAC league championship on October 20th and the Middle School girls will be competing for their MAAC league championship on October 18th.

ADS is excited for the next coming weeks and months as they have a bustling calendar of events:

- 1) Field of Dreams Gala: Friday, October 28th
- 2) Open House: Sunday, November 6th
- 3) Book Fair: November 7-11th
- 4) Turkey Trot: November 16th
- 5) Thanksgiving Performance: November 18th
- 6) Grandparent's Day: December 15th
- 7) Christmas Performance: December 15th

If you are a parishioner with school aged children from K-8th and/or Preschool, take the opportunity to learn more about ADS at their Open House on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00pm in Carlos Hall. Duly accredited by Cognia and GAC with an average class size of only 16 students. Your return on investment is exceptional as they offer one of the most affordable private school tuitions in Atlanta! Register for the Open House by visiting www.adsatlanta.org.

Happy holidays from our Spartan family to yours!



2022 GALA



FIELD of DREAMS

*Proceeds to Benefit Athletic Field Renovations
for Use by the Cathedral & School*

**ST. KOSMAS OF AETOLIA HONOREES:
IN MEMORY OF ANDREW & EULA CARLOS**

**ADS VOLUNTEER HONOREES:
VOULA GIANNAKOPOULOS & VASSIO GIANNAKOPOULOS**

OCTOBER 28TH

*CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION: 7PM • DINNER: 8PM
KARTOS BALLROOM | R.S.V.P. BY OCTOBER 20TH*

**FOR TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS:
WWW.ADSATLANTA.ORG**

Annunciation Choir

We thank our Annunciation Choir, for their dedicated service to our community.



THANK YOU!!

Congratulations



Aristeia-Kudos



Milestone Recognition: 25 Years

The Center for Hellenic Studies is delighted to announce that one of the Center's Executive Committee members, Dr. Kathryn A. Kozaitis, has recently been given the Milestone Recognition Award by the College of Arts and Sciences, in recognition of her twenty-five years of work of extraordinary service to Georgia State University. During her career at GSU, Dr. Kozaitis has been an exemplary professor, a groundbreaking researcher, an inspiring mentor, and an invaluable colleague. She also served for nine years as Chair of the Department of Anthropology, during which time the Department became an independent unit and grew to more than twice its original size. The Center for Hellenic Studies applauds Professor Kozaitis's remarkable record of institutional achievements, her commitment to higher education, as well as to the pursuit of knowledge through sophisticated and morally engaged ethnographic research.



Kathryn A. Kozaitis
Professor of Cultural Anthropology
GSU



Louis A. Ruprecht Jr.
Director
Center for Hellenic Studies
GSU

Golden Cross of the Order of the Phoenix

In the March of 2021, the Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies, Professor Louis A. Ruprecht Jr., was awarded the Golden Cross of the Order of the Phoenix by the President of the Hellenic Republic, Katerina Sakellariopoulou, in recognition of his artistic, cultural and scholarly engagements in the promotion of Hellenism. This award is offered primarily to Greek citizens and, very occasionally, to extraordinary foreign nationals in acknowledgement of their contributions to the promotion of Greek culture beyond the borders of the Greek state. The medal ceremony has been postponed due to the COVID pandemic.

Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement

Louis A. Ruprecht Jr., Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies, has received the prestigious Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement from Georgia State University. This award is given annually to a GSU faculty member who has an exemplary record of long-standing achievements in teaching, research and/or public service in the international arena. We are delighted to announce this recognition of the Center's work under Lou's leadership.



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An Evening of Greek Cypriot Food, Wine and Music



- Cocktails & Appetizers 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Dinner begins at 6:00pm
Includes Leg of Lamb, Baked Chicken, Lemon Potatoes, Green Beans and Greek Salad – all served family-style; plus Cypriot desserts & coffee
- One free glass of Cypriot wine or soft drink included with your dinner ticket;
- Additional purchases available by the glass or bottle
- Music by DJ Chris Sarris; Dancing from app. 7:30PM - 10PM
- Program book advertisements and sponsorships available

Tickets on sale now:

Dinner Tickets (sold online only):

Individual Tickets: \$75

Table of 10: \$700

Dance only tickets (sold online and at the door): \$25

*Scan this QR Code
to purchase tickets*

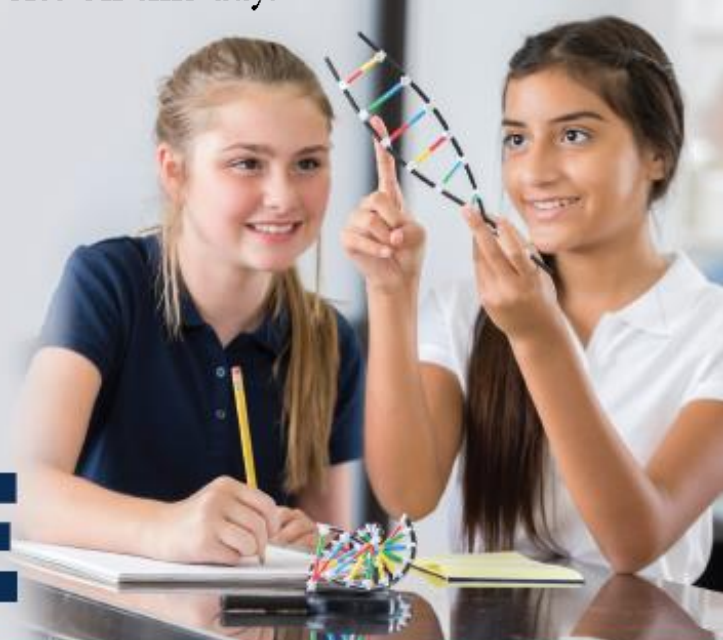


For more information, visit: www.friendsofkyprususa.org

Questions? Email info@friendsofkyprususa.org

We encourage parishioners to come to the ADS Open House to see and hear how much the school has grown and developed over these last 20 years! K-8 Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will also be accessible on the school's website on this day.

K-8th & PreSchool OPEN HOUSE



NOV. 6th • 2pm



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RSVP to Sophla Tslotlas at
marketing@adsatlanta.org or call 404-565-2850.

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AnnunciationDaySchool.org

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January 7, 2023 Tribute Journal
St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine
41 Saint George Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
www.stphotios.org

September 16, 2022

Beloved in the Lord,

On behalf of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Chairman; His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, President; His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, our Hierarchal Proistamenos; and the Trustees of the Saint Photios Foundation, I invite you to be included in the *Tribute to the Dedication of St. Photios National Shrine Album*.

This album will document the activities celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of our National Shrine and the 100th anniversary of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. A special focus will be on the work of Executive Director *Emeritus*, His Grace Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos, the Shrine architect Ted Pappas, Shrine iconographer George Filippakis and First Vice President Archon Dr. Manuel N Tissura.

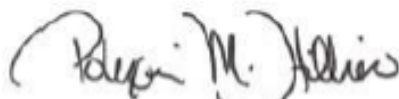
Tribute to the Dedication of St. Photios National Shrine presents a unique opportunity to support the first national shrine of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and its ministries. Please complete the attached sponsor form or by [clicking here](#). Album messages need to be in PDF format, and any images in jpeg format. Album ad must be emailed to info@stphotios.com by October 28, 2022.

Contributors attending our Pilgrimage Gala (January 7, 2023) at the Casa Monica Hotel will receive a copy of the album at the event. Those unable to attend will receive a copy of the album by mail. If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Shrine Manager, Gina Bingman at churchsupplies@stphotios.com.

If you would prefer to make a tax-deductible donation to support the St. Photios Pilgrimage without being included in the *Tribute to the Dedication of St. Photios National Shrine Album*, then you may do so by writing "NSD" on the form.

Thank you for celebrating our beloved Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine. We are grateful for your contribution.

Sincerely,



Polixeni Maouris Hillier
Executive Director

Enclosure

40th ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE ALBUM CONTRACT

ST PHOTIOS GREEK ORTHODOX NATIONAL SHRINE

Deadline October 28, 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Please mail completed form with a check made payable to St. Photios National Shrine.

St. Photios National Shrine
P.O. Box 1960
St. Augustine, FL 32085

- All submissions must be sent digitally by email to: info@stphotios.com by October 28, 2022.
- Alternatively, form may be completed, and payment made at: www.stphotios.org. Follow the link to the 40th Anniversary Tribute Album.
- All submissions are subject to approval by the Tribute Album Committee and will remain property of St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine.

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***Tribute Album supporters who donate \$1,000 or greater will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Tribute Gala celebrated on January 7, 2023, at the Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine, FL.**

7th Annual Atlanta Greek Film Festival

After a hiatus of 2 years due to Covid-19, we happily announce our 7th annual Atlanta Greek Film Expo, to be held October 28-29-30, 2022 at the Regal Tara Theater at Cheshire Bridge Square. We believe that as Atlanta has become an international hub, Greek Cinema should be part of the city's cultural landscape. The feature films, documentaries and shorts made by Greek directors and those of Greek descent, promote the cultures of Greece and Cyprus in our area. We pick the best movies with the Atlanta audience in mind. See you at the movies!

7th ANNUAL
atlanta greek
FILM
EXPO

SATURDAY
OCT 29th
Smyrna, My Beloved
7:30 pm

SUNDAY
OCT 30th
Senior Citizen
2:30 pm

FRIDAY
OCT 28th
Tailor
7:30 pm

SUNDAY
OCT 30th
King Otto
5:00 pm

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Births

Baby girl born to Alexandra & Jacob Hoefler

Baptisms

Parents: Sara & Alexander Soloman

Baby: Alexander

Godparent: Yergalem Habte Abrahatsion

Parents: Pagona & Corey Alford

Baby: Eleni Christina

Godparent: Smaragda Economy

Parents: Kristina & Keenan Sealy

Baby: Sylvia

Godparent: Sophia Farah

Weddings

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Tamsin Smith & Nigel van der Woude

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