

The Annunciator



WELCOMING THE NON-ORTHODOX

Father Jim Kordaris



The adult inquirer has begun the journey to Orthodox Christianity long before entering the doors of our parish. It may begin with a sense of emptiness or a feeling that there exists something more than they are finding in their current faith tradition. Inquirers may come to the Orthodox Church from a faith tradition that has disappointed



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them in some way. More and more, inquirers are coming to the Orthodox Church through intermarriage. Though our responsibility as a Church is first of all to support marriages, whether spouses are of one faith tradition or two, we are always glad to welcome the non-Orthodox Christian spouse that chooses to become Orthodox.

As the visible presence of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, each parish is called to witness to those within and those outside the community of believers. If we believe that in Orthodoxy we have the fullness of the Truth, then we have the great responsibility to share it with all people. Bringing people to Christ and strengthening their faith is a person-to-person process.

In the early days of the Church, people became Christians **not** because of what they read in the Bible – there was no Bible to read. People became Christians because of what they experienced in the Christian community. People will come through the doors of our parish for a variety of reasons. Their first impression is critical to their decision to come back. Will we be ready for them? We need to ask ourselves, if ours was the only Orthodox Church a person ever visited, or if I were the only Orthodox Christian that a person ever met, would that person want to become Orthodox?

Because the Orthodox Christian worship experience is so unique – it fills the five senses – it may seem foreign to the inquirer. Reaching out to those who enter our doors with a sincere handshake, greeting and a welcoming smile could be the most important missionary work we do. Friendliness can have eternal implications. Remember

that Zacchaeus was converted merely by Christ's acceptance of him.

In reaching out to inquirers, it is helpful to find those aspects of faith that we share. One Jewish inquirer meeting with the priest to find if she would be able to reconcile her faith with that of her Greek Orthodox fiancé was visibly moved when the priest turned to his bookshelf and took down a copy of the Tanakh (Sacred Writings of Judaism). She gradually came to accept that these sacred writings, which make up what we call the Old Testament, are the foundation upon which Christianity rests. Over a year later she was baptized into the Greek Orthodox Church.

In all discussions, we must show respect for the individual inquirers and their faith, culture and tradition. Though they may choose to become Orthodox Christians, their faith, culture and tradition are an integral part of who they are. They will also have family and friends who remain faithful to their previous traditions. We bring others to Orthodoxy, not by criticizing their faith tradition, but by respecting that which is good in it, and pointing out those aspects of faith that we share.

A good priest once asked "Doesn't renewal have to come first before we can evangelize others? Don't we have to be infected with Christ before we can be contagious?" This is why education is the key to bringing others to Orthodoxy – education of faithful Orthodox and education of the inquirer.

Education leads to a more personal participation in worship, a more

personal faith and ongoing development toward theosis. Many of the actions we take to reach out to inactive Orthodox Christians and inquirers are also effective in revitalizing the faith of our active Orthodox.

Forty days after His Resurrection, at the time of His Ascension, Jesus gathered His disciples with Him and promised that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit. He called upon them to be His witnesses. This same calling is directed to each one of us. The front lines of Jesus' army today are faithful men and women who live ordinary lives in the world, attending school, making a living, raising families, participating in the daily life of our society.

In Acts 2 we read, "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." If we do the work of ministry, reflecting the light and the love of Christ, others will come. As He called upon His disciples on the day of His Ascension, He has also called upon each one of us to be His witnesses "*...in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*"

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PRACTICAL RESOURCES FOR PARISH MINISTRY

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The Widow of Nain

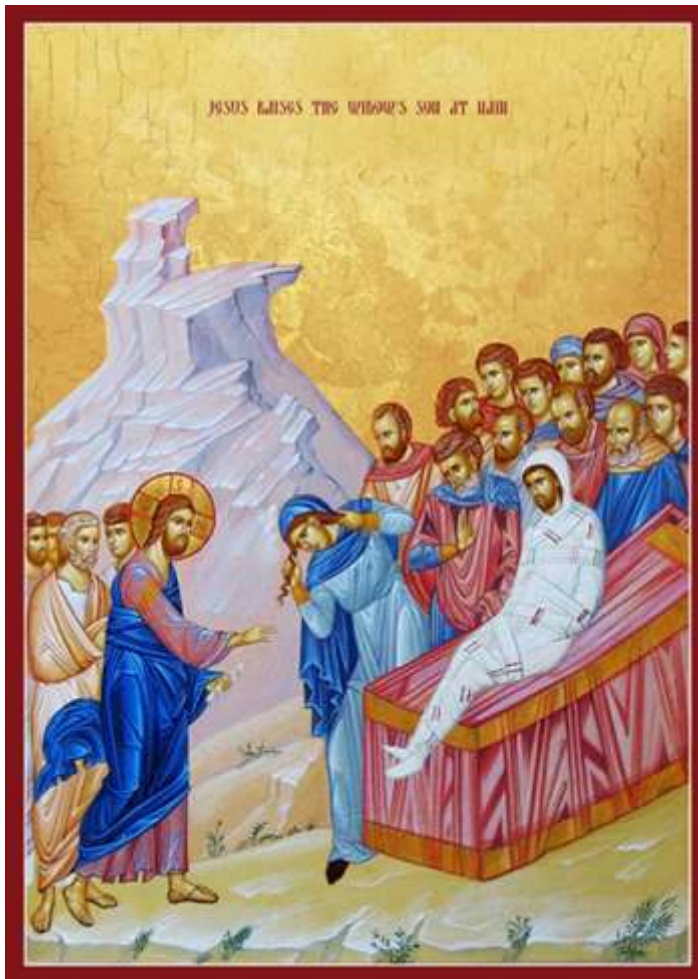
By Rev. Fr. Christos P. Mars

"At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" (Lk. 7:11-16)

These few words, "Do not weep," encompass the whole purpose of Christ's coming to the world. The Gospel passage that is read on the 3rd Sunday of Luke

is a moving gospel that reminds us that Jesus came to wipe away our tears, to soften our pain, and to lighten the burden of life. One can only imagine how painful must have been the grief of the widow on her way to the cemetery to bury her only child—a son. Saint Luke tells us that a

"large crowd from the city was with her," but no matter how many people around her, she was now alone and aware only of her pain and grief. In the beautiful city of Nain in the region of Galilee, all she could see was two graves—that of her husband and now that of her only son. Now we might hastily think that this is simply the tragic story of one woman. But isn't it really everyone's story? Life can be beautiful for a while, but inevitably the day comes when it is no longer so. There is suffering; there is trouble; there is war; there is death. The result of all this is grief—an utterly painful experience that all of us must at some point in life come to terms with.



But how does one handle grief effectively? In the twentieth-first century we live in an age of miracle drugs. There are few pains which science today cannot lessen or eliminate completely with medication. Yet there is no pill or sedative that can ease the anguish, loneliness and suffering of a grieving and broken heart.

Medical authorities tell us that the mismanagement of grief causes all sorts of illnesses from ulcers to psychosis. It may even lead to suicide. Now some people feel that the

greatest cure for grief is time. Yet time alone will not heal grief completely. Time can do terrible things to grief. It can turn it into bitter resentment which can poison the body and the mind. If we are to cure grief, we must co-operate with time in ways which are constructive.



One of the most serious mistakes we can make is to refuse to express our grief or to keep it bottled up. It is such unexpressed grief that causes all sorts of physical and mental ailments. Modern psychiatry has emphasized that when the eyes refuse to cry, other organs in the body will begin to cry with all kinds of illnesses resulting. Thus, a very constructive way of expressing grief is to let the tears flow.

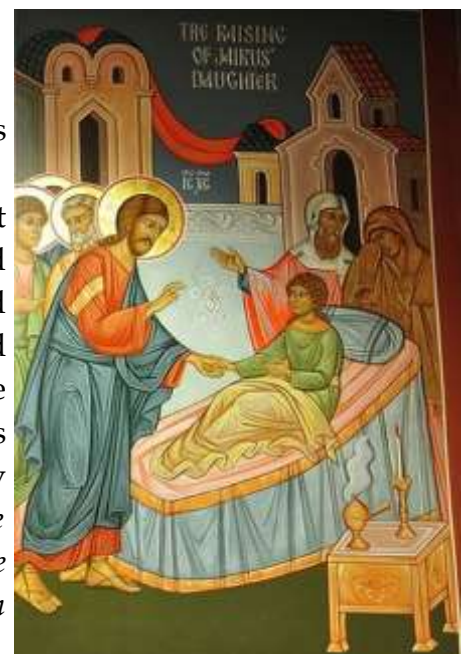
Unfortunately, in our culture we often equate tears with weakness. We even say, "If that person had enough faith as a Christian they would not cry." Yet tears have nothing to do with weakness or lack of faith. When Lazarus died, Saint John clearly tells us that "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). And the next verse says very simply but

profoundly; "And the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him.'" The fact that Jesus wept teaches us that sorrow is natural. Jesus wept even though he is the Source of life. Tears are an expression of love. Even the sure knowledge of eternal life will not take all the grief out of the human heart when we lose a loved one. Saint Paul says in his first letter to the Thessalonians, "Do not grieve as others who have no hope." He is not saying that we should not grieve, but that we should grieve with Christian hope.

To facilitate the healthy expression of grief, our Church conducts memorial services on specific Saturdays throughout the year and on anniversaries of our loved ones' passing. The Church has always realized that in many ways a grieving person is like a steam engine. Unless the steam can escape in a controlled way, pressure will build up and the boiler will explode.

In this Gospel passage we saw the widow walking behind her son's coffin on the way to the cemetery. Her hopes, her aspirations, her dreams were being buried in that coffin. The procession of death was making its way through the city gates.

But there was another procession that day: Jesus and His disciples and a great crowd with Him. The two processions met at the city gate. "When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on



her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin...And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And he who was dead sat up and began to speak" (vs.13-15).

There were two processions that day! At the head of one was a corpse—symbolizing despair, grief, sorrow, the helplessness and hopelessness of mankind. But at the head of the other was Christ, the Eternal, the Savior, sent to stop mankind's tragic journey to the grave and to offer hope, peace, salvation and eternal life. Saint Luke then continues by telling us that after the dead man sat up and began to speak, Jesus "gave him to his mother" (v.15). We notice here that the gospel says, "gave him" and not "restored him." Jesus, in raising the young man, had acquired a special right of possession over him, and it is a gracious gift that He now made to the mother.

This gospel passage shows us Jesus' compassion triumphing over death, and it is one of the three gospel accounts where He was seen to raise a dead person. The other two accounts involved the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the raising of Lazarus. In each of the three cases it seems that it is the compassion that Jesus felt for the sorrowing relatives which was the foremost cause of the miracle (We note that Jesus did not even ask the widow to express her faith—as He had done before performing other miracles—but merely acted in response to her grief).

Now if this element of compassion is the first to be emphasized, it cannot be ignored that the miracles of resurrection have another cause also: they demonstrate that Jesus has all power over life and death. Some details of passage throw light on this power: there is the authority with which Jesus (by a sign) stopped the procession; then the solemn and imperative form of the

words, "I say to you, arise;" and the fact that Saint Luke, who in the first verses of the same chapter speaks simply of "Jesus," now uses the word "Lord," for this was an encounter in which the Lord of life confronted death and human grief.

We also notice that the three cases of resurrection reported in the gospels cover all the successive physical aspects of death. Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus when she was still lying on her bed, He raised the son of the widow of Nain while he was being carried out in a coffin, and He raised Lazarus who was already buried and decomposing. Jesus' power over death is absolute. This applies just as much to different degrees of spiritual death as it does to different degrees of physical death, and the gospel accounts of resurrection indicate symbolically how Jesus restores life to sinners. Saint John said it best in his gospel "I am the Resurrection and the Life," said Jesus. "Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). Amen.



HOPE & JOY

Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education & Junior Orthodox Youth

2023-2024 SCHEDULE

THEME: LITURGICAL ITEMS

August 13 "I love the smell of prayer in the morning"...The censor



September 10 "Setting the table for a very special meal"...The Chalice and Paten (Outdoor Picnic)



September 22-24



October 1 "I'm sick"...Visitation of the sick



November 12 "The staff of power and other cool things"...What the Bishop holds



November 25 Sandwich Making for Soup Kitchen



December 2 Breakfast with St. Nicholas with Christmas Party hosted by GOYA



January 14 "Bath time for all Orthodox"...the Baptismal Font



February 11 "What to wear today?...Orthodox Vestments



March 10 "Not Heinz 57, but the same number of ingredients"...Holy Chrism



April 14 "It's three clothes in one!"...The Antimension



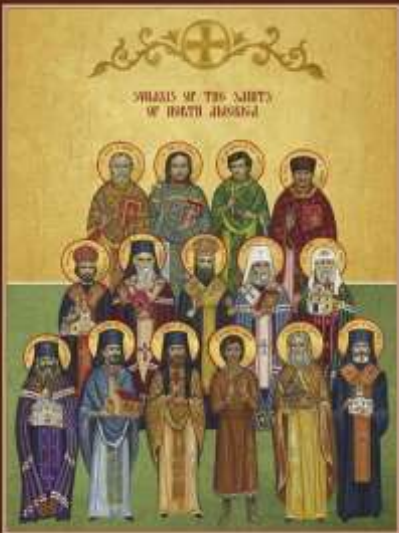
May 5 Easter



May 19 "The Priest plays with water"...Rosewater Sprinkler



Wednesday “NITE” Life



Wednesday “NITE” Life classes will take place via Zoom . This course is designed to explore the various Saints of North America, and to have a better understanding of these local Saints who help shaped the Orthodox Church in North America. The classes are facilitated by Rev. Fr. Paul A. Kaplanis & Rev. Fr. Christos P. Mars

Classes are on Wednesday, from 6:00–7:00PM

- **October 11**
- **October 18**
- **October 25**
- **NO CLASS on November 1st (National Clergy Retreat)**
- **November 8**
- **November 15**
- **NO CLASS on November 22nd (Thanksgiving Preparation)**
- **November 29**
- **December 6**
- **December 13**
- **December 20, The Sacrament of Holy Unction in the Cathedral. This is the last day that all classes meet for the semester**

Saint Lazarus Bereavement Ministry

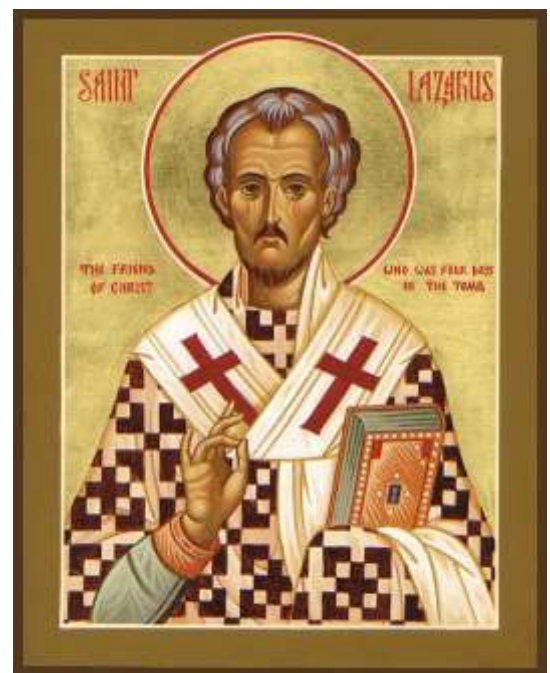
Saint Lazarus Bereavement Ministry is an eight-session course based upon the book *Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians* by Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli and published by Ancient Faith Publishing.

Participants in this class are asked to purchase and read the book and will be working with a carefully designed bereavement curriculum designed by Dr. Byrne-Martelli.

The session dates are as follows:

- ◆ **Session 1: September 6**
- ◆ **Session 2: September 13**
- ◆ **Session 3: September 27**
- ◆ **Session 4: October 4**
- ◆ **Session 5: October 11**
- ◆ **Session 6: October 18**
- ◆ **Session 7: November 1**
- ◆ **Session 8: November 8**

Saint Lazarus Bereavement Ministry is held, in person, on **Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00PM** at the Cathedral Kafenion. Facilitated by Dr. Nickitas Demos, DMA



Road to Orthodoxy

Road to Orthodoxy is designed for those who are interested in embracing the Orthodox Faith as well as for those who would like to “brush up” on their rudimentary knowledge of the Orthodox faith.

Classes are facilitated by Mr. Scott Davenport

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Golden Group

Please join us for our first luncheon of the new ecclesiastical year on Thursday, October 12, at 10:30 am in Kartos Ballroom. Fr. Paul will speak about the significance of the Holy Icon of the Melismos and the Liturgical Saints that will be depicted in this Holy Icon above the Holy Altar. Mary Anne Chanos, Elaine Tissura, and Christine Mannas are hosting the luncheon in loving memory of their parents, James and Violet Petrakos.

If you haven't signed up for our trip to the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville on Tuesday, October 17, it's not too late. Please call Mary Anne Chanos (404-556-8619) by Oct. 12 to reserve your place for this fun-filled excursion. The cost of the trip is \$20 (not including lunch) and is payable by cash or check to Golden Group by October 12th at the luncheon. On the day of our outing please park in the lower parking lot (by the ballroom and gym) and meet in front of the atrium doors by 9:15 am so we can hit the road. Whether you are a serious car collector, a car enthusiast, or a tourist who wants to join the fun, don't miss this opportunity to see classic cars of the past that may spark a memory or two. On our drive back we will stop at Yeero Village in Roswell for lunch.

Save the date for our luncheon on November 9th at 10:30 in Kartos Ballroom. Vietnam veteran, Ed Nash, will be our honored speaker. AHEPA will host the luncheon in celebration of Veterans Day.

Buckle up for our trip on November 14th to Buc-ee's in Adairsville, Georgia. Have you heard people talk about Buc-ee's and wondered what makes this 24/7 travel center a bustling tourist destination? Is it the t-shirts, the BBQ, the Beaver nuggets, or the cleanest restrooms in America? Please check the weekly bulletin for further information and call Mary Alice George (678-521-4147) to reserve your place.

Check this Annunciator for a complete listing of all of our luncheon dates for the 2023-24 year. We look forward to seeing you!



*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
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SATURDAY OF SERVICE
Saturday, October 14, 2023

The best gift a person can give to another is their "Time". Join family and friends to volunteer your service at one of the great six

organizations listed below! There is a variety available for all ages!!

- ♥ Volunteer registration on our Annunciation Cathedral's website atlgoc.org
- ♥ Volunteers will meet at our Cathedral's Carlos Hall for a Prayer Breakfast the morning of Saturday of Service
- ♥ Each organization has an assigned SPOM Captain, who will contact Volunteers & will be your point of contact; They will assist in all details required of you & answer questions for your respective Organization*
- ♥ If you have any questions on Saturday of Service, please contact vickieklemis@gmail.com

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| <p>Helping Mamas (9am-12pm) 447 Park Drive – Norcross, GA 30093 (Captain: Vickie Klemis*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Volunteers: 15 • Age Limit: 8 years up • Waiver: Yes (Adult & Child – included on link) • Assist with Mobile Drive-Up; inventory, organize donations, sort clothing & baby supplies • Warehouse, dress for weather; closed-toe | <p>The Farm @ Good Samaritan Health Ctr (9-11am) 1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW - Atlanta, GA 30318 (Captain: Linda Grivas*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Volunteers: 10 • Age Limit: 12 years up • Waiver: No • Planting & Mulching • Closed-toe shoes; recommends long sleeves. |
| <p>Hope Lodge (9-11am) (American Cancer Society - Richard M. Shulze Family Foundation) 1552 Shoup Ct – Decatur, GA 30033 (Captain: Argie Simans*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Volunteers: 6 • Age Limit: 14 years up • Waiver: No • Prepare & serve lite breakfast; visit with patients & caregivers; clean kitchen • Mask required during visit | <p>Nicholas House (9:30am-12pm) 830 Boulevard – Atlanta, GA 30312 (Captain: Tula Blackwelder*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of Volunteers: 10 • Age Limit: 9-15 years; 8 years & below with parent • Waiver: Yes, completed upon arrival • Decorate Foyer & Cafeteria in Autumn-theme; Indoor activities with young children up to teens; Welcome to bring cards, board games to play & donate. |
| <p>FODAC Thrift Store (9:30am -1pm) (Friends of Disabled Adults & Children) 4000 Lewis Rd. – Tucker, GA 30083 (Co-Captains: Shelly Sudla & Vickie Klemis*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Volunteers: 6-25 • Age Limit: 14 years up (consent form from Parent) • Waiver: Yes • Processing donations; clean, prepare & stock; • Assist Staff at Thrift Store; • Dress: Jeans, tennis shoes, light jacket | <p>ReStore – Habitat for Humanity (10am 1:30 pm) 271 Chester Ave, SE – Atlanta, GA 30316 (Captain: Ginnie Roglin*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Volunteers: 5 • Age Limit: 16 years up • Waiver: Yes (Included on link) • Sign in at 9:45am with other groups • LAST DAY TO REGISTER – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH Merchandising, greet customers, product testing items stock shelves, some physical |

Sharing Our *Daily Bread*

October, 2023 is one of the months of the year with five Sundays and thus we call upon our faithful to "Share their Daily Bread", by purchasing Gift Cards in \$25 increments from Kroger, Walmart, or QuikTrip.

To donate, click [HERE](#), or drop gift cards & checks (please indicate "Sharing Our Daily Bread") in the box in the Narthex

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ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HONORS 2023



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-Sixth Annual Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Program

November 11 - 12, 2023

Honors Banquet & Program

**Saturday, November 11, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM
Kartos Ballroom**

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

**Sunday, November 12, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM
Cathedral of the Annunciation**

Fellowship will follow in Annunciation Cathedral ~ Carlos Hall

We Congratulate our Cathedral Honorees:

**Susan Marinos
Greg Koutrelakos**

*For tickets and more information, please call the Metropolis, 404-634-9345
Deadline: Friday, October 27th*



ANNUNCIATION DAY SCHOOL

Centered in Christ, Children and Community

Greetings Cathedral Parish Family:

ADS started their 21st school year with 170 students across Preschool - 8th grade. The school has set their sights on growing a legacy for ADS & the Cathedral as they embark on a capital campaign to add to the existing school building and renovate Carlos Hall. Due to the ever growing demand for seats at ADS, their hope is to double in size offering one extra class per grade from K-8th. The annual school Gala: *Building a Legacy*, set for March 8th, will be the impetus to fundraise for this imperative school initiative.

The school continues to excel in academics ranking in the top 14% nationally on Iowa standardized testing, and in sports where the boys soccer and girls volleyball teams are advancing to the playoffs later this month. The curriculum also expanded to executive functioning where teachers use the SMARTS Executive Function (EF) strategies. SMARTS empowers students by helping them understand their strengths and weaknesses and teaching them critically important executive function strategies.

With the recent rise in school shootings over these last few years, the school invested close to \$200,000 in campus security with high-tech cameras, on-site armed police officers each day, and soon to be installed bullet resistant doors & windows.

ADS most recently had the honor of welcoming Mr. Dimitri Psillakis, CEO & President of Mercedes-Benz, North America to their campus. He spoke and answered questions from Middle School students regarding his career and rise to his current role at Mercedes-Benz. ADS will be hosting him as a guest at this year's Gala.

Things to come this year! Parishioners invited to attend!:

- * Nov. 6 - 10: Book Fair
- * Nov. 14, 5:30pm: OPEN HOUSE
- * Dec. 9: 5K Run/Jingle Jog (Santa will also be there for Christmas photos!). Register today at www.adsatlanta.org.
- * Jan. 30, 6:00pm: International Night (Kartos Ballroom)
- * March 8: Gala, *Building a Legacy* (Tickets on sale in January)

Want to learn more about ADS? Register for our Open House or schedule a private tour by emailing marketing@adsatlanta.org. You will not find a better return on your investment, so come be a part of this thriving ADS Spartan community!



K-8th & PreSchool OPEN HOUSE



NOV. 14th: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



ANNUNCIATION DAY SCHOOL

Centered in Christ, Children and Community



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AnnunciationDaySchool.org

Or Scan this QR code to RSVP directly!





BUILDING A LEGACY **GALA 2024**

Proceeds to benefit Cathedral & School Renovations
& Construction of an Additional School Building

Friday, March 8, 2024

Kartos Ballroom | 7:00pm

HONOREES:

St. Kosmas of Aetolia Award: Ron & Vicki Canakarlis

ADS Volunteer Award: Connie Mondore

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Philoptochos

October, 2023

Our Cathedral Philoptochos started its new year off with a positive and well attended Wine and Cheese meeting. As always our upcoming year promises to be an active one, filled with activities and opportunities for all to participate in serving, caring and elevating those in need!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER!! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

“COMEDY NIGHT”

Starring New York City comedian ELLEN KARIS, the Greek Goddess of Comedy
A fabulous Philoptochos event that includes live bouzouki music, mezethakia and a cash bar!

Who doesn't need a night of laughter, food and great para?

It's going to be a wonderful time! Don't miss out!

Go to atlgoc.org and click on Comedy event

All proceeds support Philoptochos philanthropy and outreach.

Recent Cathedral Philoptochos Donations

\$1,000 to National Philoptochos Maui Relief Fund

\$500 to “Helping Mamas” for the purchase of diapers

\$500 Program Sponsorship to the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

Three \$2,000 college scholarships to 3 Annunciation Cathedral college students

\$1,000 Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary to help with the student debt loans of HCHC students from the Metropolis of Atlanta

\$1,000 to the Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon in Houston Tx

UPCOMING – Many hands needed!!

On Tuesday, October 24th - Kartos Ballroom 7:00 pm. General meeting
Members will be prepare 500 Health Kits that will be shipped to International Orthodox Charities for distribution around the world to assist victims of disaster.

2. “Toys for Tots” Toy Collection In November and December. Watch for details.
3. Annual Christmas Charity Coffee – Proceeds will go to a local Atlanta Charity.
4. Annual Community Christmas Card – Send your Christmas greetings to your fellow parishioners.

Daughters of Penelope

Daughters of Penelope #53

It's been a busy start to the year for the Daughters of the Penelope with a packed kickoff meeting on Aug. 29 where we shared an update from the Supreme AHEPA Family Convention in July, and initiated two new members and reinstated a former member into our chapter. We also donated \$400 to Saint Basil's Academy to support school supplies and back-to-school shopping for the children.

We had a wonderful time at the movies on Sept. 10 as fellow Daughters, AHEPANs, family and friends from our community enjoyed the 3rd installment of the "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" film starring Nia Vardalos and featuring the Portokalos family as they traveled to Greece. Nearly 60 people joined us for the event, and

we took a few group photos -- complete with a Greek flag to show our pride! Thanks to all who attended.

The Daughters also recently hosted our annual wine and cheese party/wine and spirits raffle which serves as our major scholarship fundraiser, with a festive crowd of Daughters and AHEPANs and a fun evening of fellowship. This year was our biggest fundraiser yet, with near-



ly 50 bottles of wine and spirits raffled off to some lucky winners. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles or who purchased a raffle ticket for this important fundraiser. On Oct. 14, we will be attending the AHEPA Family Testimonial Dinner for Sons of Pericles Supreme President Ryan Marinos – congratulations, Ryan!

This month we are also collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, volunteering with the Saint Photini Outreach Ministry and Saturday of Service project at Helping Mamas, and sponsoring the annual turkey drive for St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church to help families in need during the holidays – with the goal of donating 40 turkeys. If you would like to assist with this fundraiser, each turkey is \$30 and checks can be made payable to Daughters of Penelope and mailed to Sister Sherry Kliossis at 2105 Briarwillow Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30345, or credit card payments via Square by calling Sister Mary Alice George at (678) 521-4147 or PayPal to @Daughters53.

Coming up, we are making plans for our Founder's Day event in November. We're also getting ready for our annual Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale in December – with pre-order pastry sales back again this year. Please consider purchasing our beautifully packaged sweet treats for your friends, family members, teachers and neighbors – stay tuned for more details!



FAMILY PHOTOS OCTOBER 14-15

15 MIN | \$50 |
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Friday, November 10, 2023

7:00 pm ~ Atrium Reception
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November 5, 2023

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(Through October 1st)

Baptisms

Parents: Annalisa & Theodore Skarvelis

Baby: Mikaila

Godparents: Melissa Strong & James Skarvelis

Parents: Lauren & Constantine Daniels

Baby: Constantine

Godparent: Marina Daniels

Parents: Leah & James Economos

Baby: Michael

Godparents: Kari Dunn & Michael Abdalla

Parents: Valerie & George Tene

Baby: Marina

Godparents: Donna & William Bacon

Parents: Crystal & James Vlahos Jr.

Baby: Iakovos

Godparent: Giovanni Paul Ray

Parents: Angela & William Reid

Baby: Andrew

Godparent: Eugene Edwin Reid

Parents: Marie & Benjamin Stewart

Baby: Calliope

Godparent: Eleni Motz

Parents: Alyssa & Elias Chininis

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Birth

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