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# Press Release

## Two new Orthodox parishes to open in Baltimore

*Parishes to bring ancient liturgy experience to southeast Baltimore*

**Baltimore, MD** [June 25, 2008] Today, the North American Old Catholic Church announced the opening of two Orthodox Catholic parishes in the southeast section of Baltimore, with a specific mission to reach out to younger unchurched, and to older, traditional Catholics. Both churches are staffed by the clerics at Holy Cross Monastery.

"There seems to be a rather strange disconnect between many modern churches and the needs of the people in our society," commented Father Daniel Garguillio, abbot of the monastery. "Many churches, in an attempt to modernize and supposedly attract more young people to their congregation, replace time honored ancient liturgical worship, replacing it with flashy 'events' that look more like *American Idol* than the prayer and worship of God."

Father continued, "In society, we see many young people are going to "Goth" night clubs, wearing medievalist attire, and even listening to Gregorian Chant CDs! It is obvious that the ancient music, dress, and the mysticism that it represents still reaches into the hearts and minds of the young, as well as the young at heart. There is a need, an aching, for prayer in the ancient tradition which many of today's churches are increasingly ignoring. By offering our worship through the ancient liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, we hope to fulfill that longing."

The parishes are:

Beginning on Sunday, June 29, 2008, *Saint Andrew the First Called Orthodox Church* will offer Mass in the chapel at Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Avenue. Liturgy will be offered every Sunday at 3:00 PM.

Beginning on Saturday, July 5, 2008, *Most Holy Theotokos Orthodox Church* will offer Mass and services to the residents at and surrounding neighborhood of FutureCare NorthPoint Nursing Home, 1046 Old North Point Road. Liturgy will be offered every Saturday at 10:30 AM.

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*Media Advisory: reporters and television crews are welcome to attend either parish's opening liturgy.*

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