

March 18, 2018

Sunday of Saint John Climacus

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 6:13-20. The Gospel Reading is Mark 9:17-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1362 & 1189 in the Holy Bible or on pages 141-143 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: *St. Basil Liturgy.* Fourth Sunday of Lent, commemorating John Climacus, author of “*Steps of Virtue;*” Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem, Martyr; Trophimos, Eukarpion and 10,000 others Martyred with them.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, George Kontoyianis. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* their granddaughter, Aristeia (Tea) Matos, on the occasion of her 17th birthday. May God bless her with many more.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Nielson will present their 1st child, a son, Elias John Nielson for the traditional 40-day blessing today. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Kotholiki Trintis

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour this week due to The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos *My Ladies Luncheon* which is being held in our Hermes Rafailides Center.

Flowers for the Virgin Mary: The basket of flowers gracing the Icon of the Virgin Mary for the Salutations to the Theotokos was donated by: The Pentikis Family *in loving memory of* Elizabeth Pentikis and Rev. Anthony Pentikis.

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

Orthodox Studies: Now that Lent is underway, there is no better time than right now to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! We love new members! Join us on **Friday, March 23rd** at 9:30am in the board room. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Akathyst Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos: This Friday, **March 23rd**, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary at the fifth and final Salutations titled the **Akathyst Hymn**. The service will begin at 7:00pm in the church. This is a beautiful service and all are encouraged to attend.

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated on the first four Sunday's during Lent. The books for this Liturgy can be found in the book rack on the back of the pews.

Holy Week Books: Are available for purchase for \$30.00. Please stop by the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday. **Holy Week Schedules** are available on the Narthex table. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. **Philoptochos Easter Flower Donations** may be dropped off in the basket on the Narthex table and the **Easter Offering** envelopes may be given to a Parish Council member at the Pangari or dropped off at the church office.

Church School: Saint Demetrios Church School will **NOT** be in session on: **Palm Sunday ~ April 1st** or **Easter Sunday ~ April 8th**.

The Orthodox Christian Way: You are invited to attend our fourth and final session on **Tuesday, March 20th** ~ with Father Karl Kish sharing his journey as an Orthodox Christian Chaplain. A light supper will be served at 6:15pm. Presentation will begin at 7:00pm. You can call the church office at 410.661.1090, if you want to add your name to the registration.

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on **Saturday, March 31st** directly after the **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided.

Father Ernest Arambiges Library: The Library will have a contest for the month of March ~ Guess How Many Jelly Beans are in the jar. The winner will be selected on **Tuesday, March 27th, 2018**, the winner will be notified by phone and their name will be in that Sunday's bulletin.

Pre-School: We invite you to visit our Excellent Early Education Program during our **OPEN HOUSE** week ~ **Monday, March 19th - Friday, March 23rd** 9:00am -3:00pm. Special Guest Performer: Pam the Kindersinger **Tuesday, March 20th @ 11:4am**. You & Your child are welcome to join us! Our Pre-School is an outstanding early education program providing children with multidimensional opportunities that develop his/her intellectual, social, spiritual, emotional, and physical skills. We believe in active, hands-on learning that is systematic and effective. Our goal is for each child to be **Kindergarten ready** when he/she graduates from our pre-school. For more information please contact Betty Boteler, *Pre-School Director* at 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

Pre-School Paint Night ~ COOKIES 'N CANVAS ~ March 27th, 2018 ~ 6:30-9:00pm. Join is in the Hermes Rafailides Center as we paint a floral picture. This will be a guided painting tutorial (paints, brushes, and canvas provided) for all abilities & ages 10-110 invited! Come have FUN PAINTING THE NIGHT AWAY (while creating a MASTERPIECE!) Please purchase or reserve your tickets by **Sunday, March 25th**. For more information contact Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School (Babylon) will be held, **Monday, June 18th - Friday June 22nd 9am-12pm**. Ages 4 to 5th grade. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin shortly. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 26th @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Call for Play Producer: This call is placed in consideration of all Parish members and their talents to ensure the longevity of our long-standing Suburban Players Production. You can be an instrumental partner in bringing the 2019 play to fruition in the producer role. If interested, please contact Peter Georgelakos by **April 1st** at 443-677-4707 or petergstdemetrios@gmail.com.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on **July 16th - 20th, 2018** at Camp Wo Me To, in scenic Rocks State Park. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 19th, 2018**. To register for Camp, Day Camp, Staff, or volunteer, please visit: www.goannun.org Hurry, space is limited and Camp fills up quickly!! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2018 scholarship, applications packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance, letter of good standing, and recommendations for the Parish Priest and two faculty members under whom you have studied must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted.

All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Church office by **Monday, June 4th, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2018** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22nd, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com.

Order of AHEPA ~ Capital District #3: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **April 16, 2018**.

Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **June 30th, 2018**.

KORITSIA NEWS

Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser: Gift Cards make great Easter Gifts! Use the order forms on the table in the Narthex to order gift cards from more than 700 stores. For example: a \$100 gift card to Target costs you \$100 and can be used the same as cash. Make checks payable to St Demetrios. 100% of the proceeds go to pay down the mortgage. Any questions contact Maria Angelos (443) 280-2690 or mvailas@aol.com.

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, the donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom, which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is **May 18th**. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

Saint Demetrios presents an evening at **Boordy Vinyards ~ Friday, April 20th, 2018 ~ 6:00-9:30pm**. Live music by: Jimmy Solesky. Take-a-Chance Raffle; Vendors: Mr. Souvlaki, Prigel Family Creamery & Painter Kate. Admission: \$20 per-sale (\$25 at the door) ~ Cash bar with Boordy Wine. For tickets contact Monica Makrodimitris via email at: mneell@comcast.net. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table and share it with your friends and neighbors.

A MONTH OF THE GREEKS AT UNCLE'S: Please join us every Monday in April from 4-9pm at Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz; located at 2315 Belair Road, Suite 2B, Fallston, Maryland, 10% of All Sales will be given back to Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. All proceeds will go toward paying down our Mortgage. Thank you for your support. Flyers located on Narthex Table.

Spring Clean-Up Day: On **Saturday, April 14th**, we will be having a Parish Clean up day where we will be picking up trash around the Church, soccer field, and surrounding areas. Please call if you would like to join us for a fun Saturday of volunteering to make our Church even more beautiful. If you can join us, please call Mark Alberding at 410.790.7523 or the Church office at 410.661.1090. Thank you!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

General Meeting: April 16th at 6:30pm

Easter Candy Sale: The Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale is underway! Pick up an order form on the Narthex table or during coffee hour at the Philoptochos table. Orders must be received by **Sunday, March 25th**. Please contact Presvytera Alice for more information 410-817-9651.

Save the Dates! Coming in March ~ Easter Bread Baking Crews, Thursday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 31st. Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! This time we are offering two baking dates! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Easter bread. Look for more details as we get closer. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia 410.821.9545 or Elaine 410.472.3458. To place your order for breads, call Dottie 410.870.3372. (All orders must be paid in full when ordering) Final order day is today, **Sunday, March 18th**.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: On **May 20th** all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet. Please have graduates you know fill out a biography form on the narthex table and submit it along with both a baby and senior photo for inclusion in this year's booklet. We don't want to miss recognizing any graduate. **Sunday, April 22nd** is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at colossalcare@gmail.com. If you have any questions or need a form emailed to you, please email or call Maria Stamas, 443-253-2561.

MEMBERSHIP: We share love and fellowship year 'round in Philoptochos and invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community) ** Membership is open to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. When considering your stewardship donation, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects. Philoptochos is ~ **PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION!** For more information about joining the team of fun loving, hardworking members spreading the joy to those in need of a kind word, smile and encouragement, please contact Elaine 410.472.3458 or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies ~ March 21st @ 6:00pm

Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 23rd @ 7:00pm

50th Anniversary Meeting ~ March 26th

Pre-School Paint Night ~ March 27th

Western Good Friday ~ Pre-School Closed ~ March 30th

*Saturday of Lazarus ~ March 31st @ 10:00am *** (Please note time change) ****

Palm Making ~ Saturday, March 31st (following Liturgy)

Greek Independence Day Parade: Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 25th at 2pm** in Baltimore's historic Greek Town! The parade will showcase ethnic, cultural, religious and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states, with continuous music by the Hellenic Philharmonic Society of New York. Visit www.greekparade.com to register to participate as a marching group, to donate to the parade or for more information.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

In every Liturgy God brings words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion, He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He is able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life considering these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully the body of Christ will function to its full potential.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$252,367	\$87,167	287
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$249,759	\$89,598	286

**Our goal as Christian Stewards is to fund 100% of the Church operating budget*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 20th</u> <i>1st Day of Spring</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School ~ Pam the Kindersinger, 11:45am The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> GOYA Basketball, 7:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 22nd</u> <i>Easter Bread Baking</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Salutations to the Virgin Mary,</i> 7:00pm GOYA New York / Boston Trip</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 24th</u> <i>Great Vespers at the Annunciation,</i> 5:00pm GOYA New York / Boston Trip</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 25th</u> <i>Greek Independence Day</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Greek Independence Parade GOYA New York / Boston Trip</p>
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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)