

February 15, 2015

Meatfare Sunday

The **Epistle Reading** is I Corinthians 8:8-9:2. The **Gospel Reading** is Matthew 25:31-46. These Readings may be found on pages 1313 & 1174-1175 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 132-134 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Meatfare Sunday, Recognition of the Lord's Second Coming; Onesimos of the 70 Apostles; Righteous Eusebios; Maior, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *in loving memory of* our dearly departed Psalti, Sotirios Mitilineos. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Church School Staff *in loving memory of* Joan Sayers, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Chris Spanos & Family *for the continued health & welfare of* her husband, their father and grandfather, Jimmy Spanos.
- The family & friends of Basilios A. Trintis, for his *continued health & welfare*. May God continue to bless him.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Pedrick *in honor of* their Godchildren, Joseph Alberding & Sarah Garrish. May God continue to bless them and their families always.
- The Macrides & Kramer Families *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Peter Macrides, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Stavrakis & Lekakis Families *in loving memory of* son, brother & uncle, Demetrios Lekakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mikail & Penny Makris *in loving memory of* her parents, Harilaos Koutrakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago and Anastasia Koutrakos who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- John Koutrakos *in loving memory of* his parents, Harilaos Koutrakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago and Anastasia Koutrakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- The Triandafilou Family *in loving memory of* their father, grandfather & great grandfather, Louis Triandafilou, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Peter Courtalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis *in loving memory of* parents Theofilios & Antonia. May their memory be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis *in loving memory of* her loved ones Nick & Eugenia, Gus, Gina, Manuel, Jimmy & George. May their memory be eternal.
- Georgia Eliopoulos *in loving memory of* her brother, Peter Courtalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Peter Macrides, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamando Sargianis

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour will be hosted by the family of Peter Macrides, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. Coffee Hour is served by the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society.

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

Holy Unction: Lent begins on Monday, February 23rd and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00 pm

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning February 27th, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary. It has been a tradition here at Saint Demetrios to adorn the Icon of the Panaghia with a flower arrangement each Friday. If you are interested in donating one of these arrangements, (there are 2 arrangements left), please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Orthodox Studies: Want to learn more about your Orthodox Faith? Join us on Friday, February 20th at 9:30 am 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 410.692.7590.

Godparent/Godchildren Sunday: Godparent's Sunday will be observed on the following date in the following church. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

- Sunday, February 22nd ~ SS. Mary Magdelene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE and are going fast for the Suburban Players 40th Production ~ "**Shrek The Musical**". Show dates are **February 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2015**. Tickets are \$45/pp. See Harriet Hatzidimitriou in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call her at 410.248.0582 to purchase your tickets. Don't miss out on this fantastic show and a wonderful meal!

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015, in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm. There will be four evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, followed by group discussion and a question and answer session with the panel of clergy and lay presenters. Presentations will begin at 7:00 pm, following a light supper. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. Please note that we will not meet on March 24th, due to the Annunciation Vespers at the Cathedral.

The topics for this session are:

- March 3rd ~ Coming to Orthodoxy / Personal Journeys
- March 10th ~ Resurrection and Immortality
- March 17th ~ Forgiveness
- March 31st ~ The Season Coming of Christ

Call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 for more information.

Religious Educators Seminar: Our annual Religious Educators Seminar will be held on **Saturday, February 28th, 2015** following the Divine Liturgy, our seminar will commence at 10:30am in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The theme this year will be "Sowing Seeds." Admission is free and a luncheon will be served. Clergy and Church School Religious Educations are encouraged to attend this Christ-centered, interactive, enlightening symposium. Parents and parishioners are also welcome. For more information please call George Zaverdinos, Church School Director at 410.638.2637.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 9:00am - 11:30am, with lunch to follow at 510 Johnny's in Bel Air. The book of choice for this month is "**The Witness**" by Nora Roberts. All knitters and crocheters are welcomed. Experience not necessary we will teach you.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2014-2015 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (age 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact Kiria Betty at 410.661.1090 x204 or sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Library News: Mardi Grade is French for Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. Tsiknopemti or Burnt Thursday, or Charred, or Smokey Thursday. Tsikno is the Greek word for Smoked or grilled and pemti is the Greek word for Thursday. Tsiknopemti is celebrated eleven days before Lent. People visit one another and grill or barbecue their meat, allowing some of the fat drippings to create smoke. The term burnt is referred to the meat for that day and the weekend of celebrations. This Sunday is the last Sunday that meat can be eaten. We have a lot of books that explain the Orthodox traditions. Stop by the Library and see what we have to offer as the Lenten season approaches.

The Craig Arambiges Lecture: Please plan to attend this year's library lecture on Saturday, March 7th, "Living in the Scriptures: the Orthodox Story," presented by Elissa Bjeletich. Ms. Bjeletich is the author of the popular Ancient Faith Radio podcast, Raising Saints: Educating Our Youth in the Orthodox Faith, Both at Home and in the Parish, and the book, "In God's Hands: A Mother's Journey through her infant's critical illness" published by Ancient Faith Publishing in 2013. She currently serves as the Sunday School Director at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Austin, TX.

Ms. Bjeletich is also the speaker for "My Ladies Luncheon," the annual Philoptochos event the following day, when she will speak on a related, but different topic, "The Life Giving Cross." The morning will begin with a light breakfast at 9:30am, and Ms. Bjeletich's presentation will begin at 10:00am. Following the lecture, lunch will be provided. This event is free and good will donations will be accepted. Register after the liturgy today or call Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.

The American College of Greece (ACG) is accepting applications for **Heritage Greece 2015**, an experiential educational and cultural program for college-aged, Greek-American students. Developed by the National Hellenic Society (NHS) and hosted by The American College of Greece (ACG), Heritage Greece is an unforgettable opportunity for young people to explore their Greek heritage. This year, the Heritage Greece Program will run from **June 11th – 28th, 2015**. Participant will attend a four-credit Greek language and culture course and will travel to the Greek Islands, traditional villages, and archaeological sites. They will have the opportunity to take a Greek cooking class, learn Greek dancing, and experience an insider's tour of the Acropolis museum. ACG is accepting application through **March 27th, 2015**. We are seeking Greek-American college students who have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and have never or seldom been to Greece. We invite you to visit our website at: <http://www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/apply-heritage-greece>, where you can apply as well as learn more details about this year's program.

Pan Hellenic Scholarship Foundation, is now accepting applications for this unique study abroad program through March 27, 2015. If you are a college student of Hellenic descent **who has never been to Greece** apply today to participate in Hellenic Birthright. This summer's program takes place from June 19th through July 19th, 2015. Hellenic Birthright is a four week program that enables students to experience the history, culture and everyday life of Greece. Offered in collaboration with the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT), the program includes a rigorous academic schedule combined with excursions throughout historic sites of Greece. Students will also earn three transferable college credits. For more information or download an application, please visit our website at: <http://panhellenicscholarships.org>.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: "TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE"

If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the *Pangari*. For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes can also be found at the *Pangari*.

Dear Stewards, remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask you to include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Your Stewardship Dollars at Work: As you think about your Stewardship commitment, remember that our monthly building & grounds maintenance averages **\$2,667**.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ walked among us for 33 years. Could you add 33 cents a day to your pledge to help maintain His home at Saint Demetrios? That would be an additional \$9 a month to your pledge. Think of what you have, and remember what He gave up for you.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$214,730	\$53,893	271
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$222,629	\$59,646	260

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><u>Monday, February 16th</u> President's Day Office, Closed Pre-School, Closed Home School, Closed Greek School, Closed No Sweet Adelines</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Knitter's Club, 9:00 am (L) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C)</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Pre-School Parent Forum (STEM), 6:30 pm (C) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, February 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B) SHREK The Musical Dinner, 6:30 pm Show, 8:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 21st</u> 2nd Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am SHREK The Musical Matinee @ 110:00 am Dinner, 5:30 pm Show, 7:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 22nd</u> Cheese Sunday Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Church School, 9:55 am Godparents Sunday at Ss. Mary & Markella SHREK The Musical Dinner, 4:30 pm Show: 6:00 pm</p>
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***In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



**** We hope the women of our community enjoy the special flowers today.** We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community). Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to the church office. Attention 'Philoptochos Membership' on the envelope. Remember that \$22 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. Please specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. For more information contact the Membership Committee, Thorina Trintis 410.866.2127 or Violette Cocoros 410.256.6283.

Save The Dates ~ Lenten Speaker Series with special guest Elissa Bjeletich, Sunday School Director, Author & mother of five, sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Library Ministry and the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos:

****Saturday, March 7th ~ The Craig John Arambiges Memorial Lecture**, beginning at 9:30a in the Hermes Rafailides Center, Elissa's presentation: "Living in the Scriptures, The Orthodox Story". For more lecture information, please contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.

****Sunday, March 8th ~ Father Lou Noplos invites you to join him for 'My Ladies Luncheon'** Elissa will present, "The Life Giving Cross ~ Youth, Marriage, Parenting & Caregiving", sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society and held at the Towson Country Club. For more luncheon information and tickets (\$35pp includes lunch and presentation), call Denise Poletis 443.841.2833.



****Charity Initiative:** Health supplies are low- please help replenish for our adopted schools. Kleenex tissues, hand sanitizers (it's cold and flu season) and baggies - sandwich, quart and gallon sizes. Please drop off the items into the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building.



****Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero ~** Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this important Christian Orthodox project! Our first installment has been sent for our chapter from member contributions and we are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. National Philoptochos is asking each of the 27,000 Philoptochos members along with our family and friends, to contribute \$100 per person, to make a total Philoptochos commitment of more than \$2 million towards this worthy project. Please direct your donation to 'Saint Demetrios Philoptochos' and specify in the memo line on the check to earmark for the 'Saint Nicholas Shrine'. The chapter liaison to National Philoptochos for this project is Margo Lambros, our Assistant Treasurer. When making your donation please put "attention: Margo Lambros" on the envelope. Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be the only religious structure at Ground Zero and it will be ORTHODOX.



SAVE THE DATE: The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade: The Annual Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 19th, 2015. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Lent Begins ~ February 23rd*
- *Holy Unction, Divine Liturgy ~ Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm*
- *1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm*
- Men's Basketball ~ Thursday, February 26th at 6:00 pm
- Pre-School Bull Roast Meeting ~ Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 pm
- *1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ Friday, February 27th at 7:00 pm*
- *3rd Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday, February 28th at 9:00 am*
- Religious Education Seminar ~ Saturday, February 28th (following Liturgy)

Please join us for a Lenten Retreat, sponsored by the Twenty-first Annual "Growing in Faith" Bible Study in conjunction with Greater Baltimore Orthodox Clergy Associates. To topic is: **Do You Believe in Miracles?** The retreat master is the Very Reverend Protospesbyter Mark Leasure. Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 pm at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, located at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley/Cockeysville, MD. 21030. Cost is \$30.00. For more information please go to www.goannun.org and click on "2015 Retreat" or www.huntvalleyorthodox.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Growing with God at

Saint Demetrios Pre-School

The Pre-School is a Ministry of the Church, is approved by
The Archdiocese of America, The Greek Embassy,
and The Maryland State Department of Education – Office of Child Care.

We offer a flexible weekly schedule with Extended Day and After Care as needed

Now Enrolling for the 2015 – 2016 School Year

Space is still available for this school year in the Pre-School and Pre-K classes

Open Houses

Sunday – February 15 – Noon – 2pm
Friday – March 13 – 9:30am – 12:30pm
Friday – April 24 – 9:30am – 12:30pm
Saturday – May 16 – 9am – 2pm

For more information about our school,
for an application, and/or to visit
Contact Betty Boteler, Director
410-661-1090 x204 / sdpreschool@comcast.net

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