

March 8th, 2015

Sunday of St. Gregory

The **Epistle Reading** is Hebrews 1:10-2:3. The **Gospel Reading** is Mark 2:1-12. These Readings may be found on pages 1359 & 1181 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 138-139 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Second Sunday in Lent, Commemorating St. Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Theophylaktos, Bishop of Nikomedia; Hermes the Apostle; Paul the Confessor; Dometios the Righteous.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their parents, James & Sevasti Makres and John & Olga Livanion. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *in loving memory of* our dearly departed Psalti, Sotirios Mitilineos. May his 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.
- Vangie Demetrakis, Maria & Bob, Cathy & Tom and Ana & Scott *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Ted Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Jane Morsberger & Family *in loving memory of* Ted Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Vangie Alexion & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Gus Alexion, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Vangie Alexion *in loving memory of* her parents, Kostas & Stella Maniatis. May their memory be eternal.
- Vangie Alexion *in loving memory of* her in-laws, Chris & Alice Alexion. May their memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Pandelis Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 35 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Anastasia Anastasiadis, Chris Anastasiadis & Family and Sevi Spanos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, John Anastasiadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Cathy Xanthakos *in loving memory of* her mother, Cleo Xanthakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. James Meyer & Family *in loving memory of* Harry & Marie Meyer, who fell asleep in the Lord. May their memory be eternal.
- Stephen, Eleni, Gianna & Sophia Libertini *in loving memory of* their Koumbara/Nouna, Kelly Komlas, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Elpida "Hope" Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Ted Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; *in loving memory of* Cleo Xanthakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; *in loving memory of* John Anastasiadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; *in loving memory of* Constantine Alexion, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago and *in loving memory of* Pandelis Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 35 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

Artoclasia: The Artoclasia is being offered by Irene Vavas *for the health & welfare of* her family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by the families of Ted Theodosios, John Anastasiadis. & Gus Alexion and served by the Philoptochos Ladies. Everyone is invited to the coffee hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy.

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 Stephen & Chrisoula Kucharski *for the health & welfare of* the Kakavas & Kucharski Families and *in loving memory of* Sandy Sarantinos & Sotirios Mitilineos.

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

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: This Friday, we will continue singing praises to the Virgin Mary at the *Salutations to the Virgin Mary Service* beginning at 7:00 pm in the church. Salutations to the Virgin Mary will continue each Friday until March 27th. It is a beautiful service and all are invited to attend.

Holy Week Books: Are available for purchase for \$25.00. 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 white 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.

Orthodox Studies: During this Lenten season make your spiritual journey more meaningful; learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, March 13th**, 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.

District Oratorical Festival: Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Oratorical Festival will be held on Sunday, March 15th beginning at 1:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to research, reflect, study, and express their faith. Elementary Division ~ grades 4-6; Junior Division grades 7-9; and Senior Division ~ grades 10-12. Please come and offer your support.

Orthodox Christian Way Program ~ March 10th: Resurrection & Immortality. The second session of this season's Way program, "Resurrection and Immortality," will be held this **Tuesday, March 10th** in the Hermes Rafailides Center After group discussion, there will be a question and answer session for the panel of clergy. A Lenten supper begins at 6:15 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7:00 pm The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m.

The topics for the rest of this session are:

March 17th ~ Forgiveness

March 31st ~ The Second Coming of Christ

Please note that we will not meet on March 24th, due to the Annunciation Vespers at the Cathedral.

Register after the Liturgy today, or call the church office at 410 661-1090 x202 for more information.

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: Saint Gregory of Palmas was from Asia and raised in Constantinople. He was instructed in religious and secular wisdom. He left the imperial court and struggled with asceticism of Mt. Athos. In 1347 he became Metropolitan of Thessaloniki. In his twelve years he attended to his flock in the apostolic manner. He wrote many books, and treatises on our faith. He died at the age of 63. You can read about Saint Gregory and other Saints by visiting our library. We have a lot to offer with Lenten cookbooks and many books to guide you spiritually during lent.

The Book and Knitting club will meet on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. The book of choice is *The French Gardener*, by *Santa Montefiore*. Lunch to follow at 510 Johnny's in Bel Air, Maryland.

Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th 9am-12 pm Saint Demetrios Church. \$20 per child. Register online <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stdemetrios2015/gpgs/home.aspx> or return completed registration forms (include checks payable to St. Demetrios Church memo VBS) to Kelly MacDonnell 9404 Good Spring Dr. Perry Hall, MD 21128 or during Church Coffee Hour). For more information or questions call 410-256-4487.

The Play Committee: We have left-over **Frozen Uncooked full pan of Pastitsio**, \$30.00 for sale. If you are interested in this item listed, please contact Rena Makres at 410.823.4805 to make pick-up arrangements. We will also be selling this item after Church. Thank you for your support.

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>.

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.

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 Protopresbyter 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!



Holy Week Schedule 2015



Saturday, April 4th ~ Saturday of Lazarus

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Palm Making 12:00 pm

Sunday, April 5th ~ Palm Sunday

Matins 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Monday, April 6th ~ Holy Monday

Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th ~ Holy Tuesday

Bridegroom Service and
The Hymn of Kassiani 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8th ~ Holy Wednesday

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:00 am
1st Holy Unction Service 4:00 pm
2nd Holy Unction Service 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 9th ~ Holy Thursday

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
The Passion of our Lord 7:00 pm
All Night Vigil 10:30 pm

Friday, April 10th ~ Holy Friday

Service of the Holy Hours 9:00 am
Apokathelosis 3:30 pm
Lamentation Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 11th ~ Holy Saturday

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Easter Vigil/Resurrection and
Divine Liturgy 11:00 pm

Sunday, April 12th ~ Easter Sunday

Agape Service and 12:00 pm
Cherub/Hope/Joy Easter Egg Hunt

**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	\$245,227	\$94,094	348
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$252,064	\$86,007	306

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><u>Monday, March 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School, 9:00 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Exec. P/C & Home School Meeting, 6:00 pm (B) Sweet Adelines</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) 3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G) Philoptochos General Mtg., 7:15 pm (P)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 14th</u> <i>Home/Joy Event (Postponed)</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday, March 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) The Way, 6:15 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, March 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B) 3rd Salutation to the Virgin Mary, 7:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 15th</u> Sunday of the Holy Cross Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Church School, 9:55 am Parish Level Oratorical Festival, 1:00 pm No Dance Practices</p>

***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

2015

Today, Father Lou Noplos invites you to join him for 'MY LADIES LUNCHEON': special guest Elissa Bjeletich, Sunday School Director, Author & mother of five will present, "The Life Giving Cross ~ Youth, Marriage, Parenting & Caregiving", sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society and held beginning at 1:00 pm, Towson Golf & Country Club, 12801 Stone Hill Road, Phoenix, Md. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door (\$35pp lunch & presentation incl.).



The March Philoptochos Meeting: Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th** in attending the **3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6 pm** with a brief Philoptochos General meeting at 7:15 pm in the Philoptochos Room. Agenda items will include upcoming Easter preparations and spring activities. (Note: the meeting day has been changed this month to accommodate those wishing to participate in the Lenten WAY lecture series)



****Last Call for Chocolate!** And other needed items for our Military Personnel. The Ladies Philoptochos Society is currently collecting all types of chocolate and other items to send to our troops! Please bring in all types of chocolate, plain white socks (men's all sizes), tank tops (men's all sizes), marshmallow peeps, soups, snacks, etc. Collection will be through March 31st so that we can package everything to coincide with the Easter holiday. Items will be shipped to two different platoons. Philoptochos drop box locations: blue bin in Church building & at Coffee hour. Monetary donations accepted and will be used to purchase needed items. Questions can be sent to jones_lisa@bah.com or by calling Lisa Jones at 443.621.6805. We thank you for your support!



****LENTEN RECIPES** in the latest edition of our cookbook, Kali Oresi IV. Many recipes perfect for this time of year. You'll find new ideas for dinner and sweets that fit Lenten guidelines. Stop by our table in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589 for your copy of Kali Oresi IV.



****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. 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. 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, such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, School children's needs and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.



****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.