

March 29th, 2015

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The **Epistle Reading** is Hebrews 9:11-14. The **Gospel Reading** is Mark 10:32-45. These Readings may be found on pages 1364 & 1191-1192 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 143-145 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Fifth Sunday of Lent, commemorating Mary of Egypt; Mark, Bishop of Arethusion in Syria; Deacon Cyril, Jonah, and Barachios, Martyrs; Bishop Eustathios, Confessor.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, George Kontoyianis, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Lambros & Lisa Venetos & the entire Saint Demetrios Community *in loving memory of* our dearly departed Psalti, Sotirios Georgios Mitilineos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. 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.
- The family of Yianni Liadakis *for continued prayers* for his health & welfare, wishing him a speedy recovery and safe travels.
- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Dimitrios Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dr. Andrew & Sophia Vendelis & Family *in loving memory of* their Thea, Julia Polemis, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vasilias Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her Thea, Julia Polemis, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vasilias Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Anastasia Maggelakis, on the occasion of her birthday. May her memory be eternal.
- Dr. Andrew & Sophia Vendelis & Family *in loving memory of* the birthday of her mother, Anastasia Maggelakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The **Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Sotirios Georgios Mitilineos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and *in loving memory of* Dimitrios Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memory be eternal.

The **Altar Bread** was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored by The family of Demetrios Pappas and The Ladies of Philoptochos along with family & friends of Sotirios Mitilineos and served by the Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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 Regis & Kegel *for the health & welfare of* the Kegel, Clancy, Cocoros, West & Meyer families. May God continue to bless them and grant them many years of health & happiness.

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

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.

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on **Saturday, April 4th**, directly after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes Center. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided. *See flyer in today's bulletin.*

Orthodox Studies: During this Lenten season make your spiritual journey more meaningful; learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, April 3rd**, at 9:30 am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy. Also, please join us the Coffee Hour downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

Orthodox Christian Way Program: The remaining session will take place on **Tuesday, March 31st** when Fr. John Touloumes of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh will speak about the Second Coming of Christ. After group discussion, there will be a question and answer session for the panel of clergy. A Lenten supper begins at 6:15 pm, followed by the presentation at 7:00 pm. The evening will conclude at 8:30 pm. Call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202 for more information.

Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th 9 am-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 Saint 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 Kelly at 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.

Greek Parade: The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on **April 19th at 2:00 pm** on Eastern Avenue in Baltimore's Greektown. Additional information and registration for participation can be found on the parade's website: www.greekparade.com or call the parade hot line at 443.267.4735.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, April 14th, 2015** at 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The book of choice is *The Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim. All are welcome to join our group. Experience is not necessary, as we will teach you how to knit or crochet.

Library News: There are many great women in the Bible. One of those women is St. Mary of Egypt. Mary of Egypt escaped the unnatural life of sin. For seventeen years she lived in affliction of the devil. She was in Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross and out of curiosity she wanted to enter the church. As she tried to enter she could not get in, it was like there was an invisible door blocking her entrance. She begged the Panagia promising to change her ways if she could enter the church. She kept her promise. The war of evil had stopped and she began to climb spiritually. When her life was ending and St. Zoimos came to commune her, he saw a face bright and angelic. She died on Holy Thursday. According to the Orthodox teachings there are three crosses: 1. Various incidents of life, such as temptations and tribulations, 2. The struggle for transformations of the Passions and 3. Is the visions of God, which is the taste of real life.

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.458.1589 or ltrinda28@gmail.com. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2015 scholarship, application packets will be available shortly. **PLEASE NOTE:** A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance/of good standing, and recommendations from the Parish Priest and **two faculty members under whom you have studied** must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted. If you have any questions, please call Lou.

The AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30, and the Daughters of Penelope Alcmene Chapter #27, will host the annual District 3 Convention in Baltimore from **May 15-17, 2015**. This is the first time we will be including District 4 Chapters from Pennsylvania, in addition to our own District 3 Chapters from Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina. This is a great opportunity for AHEPANs, Maids of Athena, Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles to become re-engaged in Hellenic life and the positive impact they make on our community and our culture. Activities will include a crab feast at Jimmy's Seafood **May 15th**, and a banquet at Columbus Gardens on **May 16th**. For details, call Peter Sourlis, 410.967.0053 or Bill Bond 410.913.2350.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, April 1st at 6:00 pm
Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, April 4th at 10:00 am
Palm Making Saturday, April 4th following Liturgy
Palm Sunday, April 5th at 10:00 am; Bridegroom Service, 7:00 pm
Holy Monday, Bridegroom Service, April 6th at 7:00 pm
Holy Tuesday, Bridegroom Service & Hymn of Kassiani, April 7th at 7:00 pm
Holy Wednesday, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, April 8th at 9:00 am; 1st Holy Unction 4:00 pm;
2nd Holy Unction, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday, Divine Liturgy, April 9th at 10:00 am, The Passion of our Lord, 7:00 pm,
All Night-vigil, 10:30 am
Holy Friday, Royal Hours, 9:00 am; Apokathelosis, 3:30 pm; Lamentation Service, 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am; Easter Vigil/Resurrection & Divine Liturgy, 10:00 pm
Easter Sunday, Agape Service, 12:00 pm; Hope/Joy Easter Egg Hunt (following Liturgy)

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.

Are you actively serving God and sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before use. If we do this humble 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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$264,965	\$113,134	381
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$261,524	\$100,011	326

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><u>Monday, March 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School, 9:00 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Sweet Adelines</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm</i> GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G) Parish Council Executive Board Mtg. 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Friday, April 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, March 31st</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) The Way, 6:15 p.m. (H)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, April 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Pre-School Bull Roast Mtg., 6:30 pm (B) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 4th</u> <i>Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> <i>Palm Making (following Liturgy)</i></p>
		<p><u>Sunday, April 5th</u> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Matins, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> No Church School <i>Bridegroom Service, 7:00 pm</i></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



Easter Bread ~ The Easter breads are ready for pick up. If you preordered breads, please stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or contact Georgia Kerasiotes, 410.821.9545



Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale ~ Now taking orders for the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale. All orders must be received by **Sunday, Marcy 29th, 2015**. Easter Candy order form can be found on the insert in today's bulletin, fill in your order, make check payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and return form to Presvytera Alice. Order pick-up will be **Sunday, March 29th** and **Sunday, April 5th**. The proceeds from the Easter Candy Sales go to benefit the many charities of Philoptochos, including the Benevolent Fund, school children in need, Ronald McDonald House and Beans and Bread.



Easter Flower Donations ~ Envelopes are available in the basket on the Narthex table. Please return all donations to the church office.



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!



Easter baskets aren't just for kids! Grown-ups like them too . . . especially when they have something like a cookbook in them to keep and use for many years to come. We're featuring an Easter basket filled our newest cookbook, Kali Orexi IV and coordinating apron. Purchase something special for someone special! See us in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.



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. The 2015 active membership enrollment will continue through the month of April. 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.



Save the date ~ Friday, May 15th Philoptochos' Annual Bingo Night! Vounteers and donations wanted. To offer your help and for more information about donation opportunities, please contact Mary Tsakiris via email at tsakisa@comcast.net or by phone, 410.245.1291.



Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero ~ We are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. Our second installment will soon be due in April. Each Philoptochos member is asked to contribute \$100 per person, in a single check or over the course of several months, whichever fits your budget. Your contribution will help to achieve a total Philoptochos commitment of more \$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. Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this important Christian Orthodox project!



Graduate Sunday Booklet information needed ~ Reminder to those with upcoming spring graduations. The Ladies Philoptochos Society is putting together the booklet recognizing our graduating class of 2015 (high school, college and advanced degree candidates included) for Graduate Sunday to be held on **Sunday, June 14th**. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms are on the Narthex Table and should be filled out and returned to Church no later than **Sunday, May 24th**. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at j.sfika@comcast.net



2:00 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015
ON EASTERN AVE. IN BALTIMORE'S GREEKTOWN

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