

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Palm Sunday**

The **Epistle Reading** is Philippians 4:4-9. **The Gospel Reading** is John 12:1-18. These Readings may be found on pages 1341 & 1250 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 145-147 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

**Today we remember:** Claudius. Didymos, Diodoros, Nikephoros and their associates, Martyrs; George of Ephesos, Neomartyr; Righteous Theodora of Thessalonike; Presbyter Mark of Trache.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Anthe, Maria & Chrisanthe Papapavlou *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pavlos Papapavlou, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years 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.
- Irene Eliou & Family; Angelo & Emmanuel Toutsis & families *in loving memory of* their parents, grandparents & great grandparents, Stavros & Harikleia Toutsis. May their memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias & Maria Rallis; brother, Tony and nieces, Maria & Jeannette *in loving memory of* Anastasios Rallis, on the occasion of his name day, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Jim, Stefany & Elena Goffredi *in honor of* sister & Godmother, Paula Skleres, on the occasion of her birthday. With lots of love.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Gus Courtalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago and daughter, sister & aunt, Gina Courtalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 23 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Anthe Papapavlou & Mary Karavedas.

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to the coffee hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. The coffee hour will be served by the Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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

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**Special Collection:** There will be one tray passed today. Please be as generous as possible.

**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.

**Anastasi Reception:** Please plan on joining us after the Resurrection Service/Divine Liturgy on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center for a Community Anastasi Reception hosted by, the Parish Council and their spouses.

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**Orthodox Studies:** Please remember **Orthodox Studies will not be held on Holy Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Instead we ask that you please join us for the **Royal Hours Service at 9:00am**. We will resume on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

**Church School:** Our Church School **will not be in session Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Event:** The HOPE & JOY Annual Easter Event will be held on Easter Sunday directly after the Agape Service. The Agape Service will begin at 12:00 pm. All youth from the ages of 6-12 years of age are invited to attend.

**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.

**One-Call:** We have a system here at Saint Demetrios that notifies its parishioners when there is an upcoming event, a date or time change, or a cancellation (due to inclement weather). This system is called **The One Call or Robo-Call**. If you do not receive these automated phone calls and you would like to be added to the list, please email your name, address and phone number to Mark Alberding at [alberding@comcast.net](mailto:alberding@comcast.net).

**Bull Roast/Silent Auction: Come and support our children!!!** The Saint Demetrios Pre-School will hold its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast/Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 12:00pm until 5:00pm in our Hermes Rafailides Center**. Catering provided by: Double T Diner. Ticket prices are \$40.00 per adult, children 5-12 are \$10.00 and children under 5 are free. For tickets, reservations or more information, please call Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or via email at [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net) or pick-up an order form from the Narthex table.

**Spirit:** If you have anything that you would like to share with the community, please email your news to [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net) on/or before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm 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 Drive, 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** on Eastern Avenue in Baltimore's Greektown. Additional information and registration for participation can be found on the parade's website [www.greekparade.com](http://www.greekparade.com) or call the parade hot line at 443.267.4735.

**Mother's Day Brunch:** GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

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**Library News:** Ever wonder why we dye our Easter Eggs Red? The color red symbolizes the blood that Christ shed. Mary Magdalene set off to tell Emperor Tiberius of Christ's resurrection. He told Mary that he did not believe her. Tiberius noticed a man holding a basket of white eggs. He held one egg up and said if this is true then let these eggs turn red. The emperor sat down and put his head in his hands. The emperor's guest left in awe and fear. Mary Magdalene stayed behind and carefully picked up the precious egg. As she turned to leave she said, "Christ is Risen". This is why we dye eggs red and say "Christ is Risen". The book called "*The Miracle of the Red Egg*" and many more are available at our library. We also have cookbooks and spiritual books to guide you through Holy Week. Come check us out!!

**The Book and Knitting Club** will meet on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00am to 11:30am. 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.

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.458.1589 or [ltrinda28@gmail.com](mailto:ltrinda28@gmail.com). If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2015 scholarship, *application packets are available now and can be found on the Narthex table or by contacting the Church office at 410.661.1090*. **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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**, and a banquet at Columbus Gardens on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. For details, call Peter Sourlis, 410.967.0053 or Bill Bond 410.913.2350.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pre-School resumes ~ April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am
- Book/Knitting Club ~ April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am
- Philoptochos General Meeting ~ April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm
- Greek School resumes ~ April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm
- GOYA Basketball ~ April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Men's Basketball ~ April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Orthodox Studies ~ April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
- District Oratorical Festival (St. Theodore) ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Saint Demetrios Pre-School Bull Roast/Silent Auction ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**
- Sunday of Thomas ~ April 19<sup>th</sup>**
- Saint Demetrios Church School resumes ~ April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:55 am**
- Parish Council Meeting ~ April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm
- GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

## 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*

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 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 |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>2014</b> | \$392,000         | \$693,000                       | \$268,910                 | \$121,649           | 388           |
| <b>2015</b> | \$395,000         | \$612,300                       | \$263,294                 | \$107,838           | 331           |

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



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



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| <p><b>Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Holy Monday</i><br/><i>Bridegroom Service, 7:00 pm</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Holy Tuesday</i><br/><i>Bridegroom Service and Hymn of Kassiani, 7:00 pm</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Holy Wednesday</i><br/><i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 9:00 am</i><br/><i>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Unction, 4:00 pm</i><br/><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Unction, 7:00 pm</i></p> | <p><b>Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Holy Thursday</i><br/><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i><br/><i>The Passion of Our Lord, 7:00 pm</i><br/><i>All Night Vigil, 10:30 pm</i></p> <p><b>Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Holy Friday</i><br/><i>Royal Hours, 9:00 am</i><br/><i>Apokathelosis, 3:30 pm</i><br/><i>The Lamentations, 7:00 pm</i></p> | <p><b>Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Holy Saturday</i><br/><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i><br/><i>Easter Vigil/Resurrection &amp; Divine Liturgy, 11:00 pm</i></p> <p><b>Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Easter Sunday</i><br/><i>Agape Service, 12:00 pm</i><br/><i>Easter Egg Hunt (after service)</i></p> <p><b>Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b><br/><i>Bright Monday</i><br/><i>Office Closed</i></p> |
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**The Hellenic Heritage Museum and Archives of Maryland, Inc.** proudly presents the second in its series of Hellenic Heritage speakers on Sunday, May 3, 2015; featuring Tony Pann, Meteorologist with Hearst WBAL-TV, his topic will be "*Growing Up a Greek Weather Geek.*" A luncheon will be served by Zeffert & Gold Caterers at the Preston Hall of The Annunciation Orthodox Center, 25 West Preston Street at 12:30 pm. A portion of the cost, \$30 per person, is a tax deductible donation. For more information, please contact Stacy Kosmides, 410.560.1095 or [skosmides@msn.com](mailto:skosmides@msn.com). Deadline for reservation and payment is Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



**Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale** ~ Stop by the Easter Candy display today to pick up your pre-ordered Easter candy. A limited amount of chocolate filled Easter Eggs and Chocolate Bunny Lollipops will also be available for sale.



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



**Easter baskets aren't just for kids!** Grown-ups like them to . . . 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 with 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 at 410.528.1589.



**Thank you for your generous donations to the "Food Baskets for Friends" ~ Easter Food Drive and to our "Last Call for Chocolate" ~ Military Support Drive.** We delivered to families of our adopted Elementary school, children and other families in need, food in cloth reusable grocery bags, and to military members, chocolates & peeps, cases of snacks, extra meals, socks, books, and personal hygiene items. Thank you to all who dropped off items and made monetary donations for these projects. Reusable cloth grocery bags have been a success to use, should you have any extras, you may drop them off in the Blue Philoptochos Bin at any time to be used for future projects.



**\*\* 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.



**\*\*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 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. Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this important Christian Orthodox project!



**Save the date ~ Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Philoptochos' Annual Bingo Night!** Doors open at 6 pm; First game begins at 7pm. Purchase your tickets (\$15 pre-sale; \$20 at the door), volunteers and donations wanted. To offer your help and for more information about donation opportunities, please stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or contact Mary Tsakiris via email at [tsakisa@comcast.net](mailto:tsakisa@comcast.net) or by phone, 410.245.1291.



**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 14<sup>th</sup>. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms are on the Narthex Table and should be filled out and returned to Church no later than Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at [j.sfika@comcast.net](mailto:j.sfika@comcast.net).



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

**GREEK  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY PARADE**

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS'  
SACRIFICES TO PRESERVE THE IDEALS  
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