

April 12th, 2015

Great & Holy Pascha

The **Epistle Reading** is Acts 1:1-8. **The Gospel Reading** is John 1:1-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1261 & 1236 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 45-46 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Holy Pascha, “Feast of Lights”; Basil, Bishop of Parion, Confessor; Righteous Anthonia of Constantinople; Righteous Akakios the Kausokalyvites; Righteous Athanasia, Wonder-worker.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Carolyn Pulianas *for the health & welfare of* her son, Michael. May God continue to watch over & protect him.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *for special blessings & the health and welfare of* our Pastor, Rev. Louis J. Noplos, our Assistant Pastor, Fr. Karl Kish, our Saint Demetrios Parish Council, Saint Demetrios Church School, Pre-School & Greek School Faculty, our Adult and Junior Choirs, our Psalti, George Chrisovergis, our Sexton, Samuel Karavedas and the entire Saint Demetrios Family.
- 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 Altar Bread for the following services during Holy Week was prepared by: *Holy Thursday* ~ Flora Christ; *Holy Saturday and the Resurrection Service* ~ Maria Andreyev, Maria Antonakas, Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toulia Stamas.

Anastasi Reception: Please join us after the Resurrection Service/Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center for a Community Anastasi Reception hosted by the Parish Council and their spouses. A special thank You to Lambros Venetos for preparing the traditional Easter Magaritsa soup.

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

Special Collection: One offering tray will be presented this evening for the General Treasury of the Church. We thank God for your generous gift, which you now return unto him.

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

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! We will resume on Friday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the board room. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Holy Week Books: Are available for purchase for \$25.00. Please stop by the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday. **Easter Offering** envelopes may be given to a Parish Council member at the Pangari or dropped off at the church office.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Annual Hope/Joy Family Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday directly following the Agape Service. The Agape Service will begin at 12:00 pm. All youth up to age 12, are invited to participate.

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.

Bull Roast/Silent Auction: Come and support our children!!! The Saint Demetrios Pre-School will hold its 9th Annual Bull Roast/Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 18th, 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 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 on/or before the April 15th deadline.

Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th 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 19th 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 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 10th. 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.

Library News: Many of my friends ask me why we celebrate Easter on a different day. The full moon does not correspond to any astronomical event, but is instead the fourteenth day of the lunar month, determined from tables which may differ by two days. Easter for the following the Georgian Calendar varies from March 22nd – April 25th. Easter Christianity basis it’s calculations on the Julian Calendar whose March 21st corresponds during the twenty-first century to April 3rd in the Georgian calendar. Therefore Easter varies between April 4th and March 8th. **From the staff of the Arambiges Library CHRISTOS ANESTI ~ CHRIST HAS RISEN ~ TRULY HE HAS RISEN. Happy Easter to everyone.**

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles is on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you.

The AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30, and the Daughters of Penelope Alcmena 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.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.458.1589 or ltriana28@gmail.com. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2015 scholarship, **application packets are now available 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. **Scholarship Sunday will be July 19th, 2015.**

Order of AHEPA ~ Lord Baltimore #364: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2015-2016 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **May 1, 2015.**

2015-2016 Scholarship Applications: Applications & instructions for scholarships administered by the Chancellor’s Office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are now available on-line at: www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/2015. Application deadline is **April 27TH, 2015.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Festival Meeting ~ April 16th at 7:00 pm
 District Oratorical Festival (St. Theodore) ~ April 18th at 10:00 am
Saint Demetrios Pre-School Bull Roast/Silent Auction ~ April 18th at 12:00 pm
Sunday of Thomas ~ April 19th
Saint Demetrios Church School resumes ~ April 19th at 9:55 am
 Parish Council Meeting ~ April 21st at 7:00 pm
GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ April 24th, 25th & 26th
Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers ~ April 26th
Memorial Sunday ~ April 26th
Demetrakia Dance 1 ~ April 22nd & 29th at 7:00 pm

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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$277,923	\$131,159	398
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$273,924	\$120,163	347

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, April 13th</u> Bright Monday Office Closed Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School, 9:00 am (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G) Ronald McDonald House</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00 am (L) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:45 pm (P)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Festival Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p> <p><u>Friday, April 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 18th</u> Pre-School Bull Road, 12:00 pm (H/G) District Oratorical Festival, 10:00 am (St. Theodore, Lanham)</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 19th</u> Sunday of Thomas Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Church School, 9:55 am Hall Rental, 2:00 pm</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. Deadline for reservation and payment is Thursday, April 30th, 2015.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Christos Anesti to the Saint Demetrios community. May God's blessings continue to fill our hearts with faith and love.



****We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community) and encourage current members to renew their 2014 commitment by Sunday, April 26th.** 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.



April showers bring May flowers...and Spring weddings! Help the bride and groom start their culinary adventure off right with over 200 recipes from 90 people who shared their favorite and best recipes in our **Kali Orexi IV cookbook**. **Purchase a copy for only \$20. Add the Kali Orexi apron for \$15** and you'll be giving the perfect gift! See us in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or contact Mary Triandafilou, [410.528.1589](tel:410.528.1589).



****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 is due this week. 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!



Save the date - Friday, May 15th Philoptochos' Annual Bingo Night! "MyBig Fat Greek Bingo" night is just around the corner and tables are filling up fast. Purchase your tickets (\$15 pre-sale; \$20 at the door). Doors open at 6 pm; First game begins at 7 pm. Committee volunteers, prize and food donations needed. 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 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 14th. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms are on the Narthex Table. **Please complete form and return 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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