

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)**

**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 in the Holy Bible or on page 132-134 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** The Forty-two martyrs of Amorion, Martyred in Bagdad; Commemoration of the finding of the Venerable Cross and Nails by the Venerated Helen; Hesychios, Wonderworker.

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

- The family of Despina Panteloukas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be ever eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Regis & Jennie Kegel *in loving honor of* their granddaughter, Addison Marie Clancy, on the occasion of her baptism. May God grant her long life, health & happiness.
- The church office *wishing a speedy recovery to* Mary Karavedas.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Mercina Belios *in loving memory of* her husband, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus, Pete, Joanna, Anthony, Maria & Deanie Beleos *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Belios *in loving memory of* their father, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. George Makres, Jr., Christina & Cina *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Stephen & Stephanie Christ & Family *in loving memory of* Callie Hagepanos, mother of Chris & Kallie and grandmother of Michael & Maria Hagepanos, who recently fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.

**Memorial Service:** The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Despina Panteloukas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.

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

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored today by the family of Despina Panteloukas in her memory. It will be served by Violette Cocoros and Sophia Vendelis of our Philoptochos 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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**Holy Unction:** Lent begins on **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Holy Unction** will be offered at 7:00pm.

**Orthodox Studies:** Lent is fast approaching and now is a wonderful time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Upcoming topics will delve into study of Lenten appropriate topics such as Confession, Forgiveness, Fasting, Christ and the Cross. We love new members! Join us this **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the boardroom. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

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**Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival:** Will be held today, **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**, the annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held in the Church Nave. As this is a Greek Orthodox Archdiocese sponsored Religious Education Program, we ask that parents support Fr. Lou and our Church School Staff by enthusiastically encouraging their children who attend Grades 4-12 to prepare for and participate in this most rewarding Orthodox Faith based event. For further information, please see our Church School Director, Mr. George or your children's teacher(s).

**Calendar Correction:** Please note the following corrections to the March calendar that was sent home with the Stewardship Mailing. A corrected copy of the calendar can be found on the narthex Table. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

- **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
- **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday of Orthodoxy
- **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

**Orthodox Christian Way Program.** The Orthodox Christian Way returns on **Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The topic, **“Explore the Orthodox Christian Faith in a new way,”** will be presented by the Saint Demetrios community. Light fare begins at 6:15pm, the presentation will begin at 7:00pm and will conclude promptly at 8:30pm. Registration will be held during coffee hour today, in the Hermes Rafailides Center.

**The topics for this session are:**

- March 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Part I, “An Orthodox Christian Perspective on Islam”**
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Part II, “An Orthodox Christian Perspective on Islam”**
- March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ “The Orthodox Perspective on the Holy Trinity”**
- April 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Q/A from your Heart**

**Bell Choir:** All children ages 5-15 are invited to join the Bell Choir to perform on Palm Sunday. Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy beginning **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be coming.

**CYC Camp 2016:** Campers and Volunteers wanted!! Save the date: **July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**, at scenic Camp Wo.Me.To in Jarresttsville, Md. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016** for children ages 5-7. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkate@zoominternet.net.

**The Book and Knitting club** will meet on **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at 9:00am in the Craig Arambiges Library. If you are a knitter, or you like to sew or crochet, or just like some conversation, we would love for you to join us. The book of choice is *From Greece to America* by *Gabriel Pantelides*. This is an exceptional book of a young boy who had a dream and he had the perseverance to accomplish his dream.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 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 via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Save the Date:** Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held, **Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm**. Ages 4-11 yrs. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin February 2016. Email [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) for more information/to register/or to volunteer. Join the Saint Demetrios Joy/Hope Program Facebook page for updates.

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**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Church Office at 410.661.1090 x202 or [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net). If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2016 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 the church office.

**The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade** will be held on **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016** on Eastern Avenue in Baltimore's Greektown. For more information, please go to [www.greekparade.com](http://www.greekparade.com) or call the Parade Hotline at 443.267.4735. Please show your Hellenic spirit by attending the Parade.

**Join us for the Exclusive Pre-Screening of My Big Fat Greek Wedding II, Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the Landmark Theater Harbor East.** Tickets are \$25 each and include the movie and parking. Proceeds will benefit the Philoptochos of our sister churches: Annunciation, Saint Demetrios, St. Nicholas and Sts. Mary Magdeline and Markella. To purchase tickets call Eleni Roros 443-621-0587, Olga Paterakis at 410-491-4066 or email: [greekconcertbaltimore@verizon.net](mailto:greekconcertbaltimore@verizon.net) for more info. No tickets will be sold at the door. Limited seating available. Brought to you by the Axion Concerts Baltimore Committee.

**Archimedes Scholarship:** Applications are now being accepted for the Next Generation Initiative's Archimedes Award Scholarship, offered to outstanding high school seniors of Hellenic heritage intending to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related fields at a university in the United States. To be considered for a 2016-17 scholarship, please apply by **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. For more information and to apply online, please go to [www.hellenext.org](http://www.hellenext.org).

**The Christos & Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship Fund** was established in 2011 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and his brother, Prof. Antonios Trakatellis, in memory of their parents, Christos & Georgia. The fund offers fellowships to **graduates of Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology** to study Greek language, Hellenic culture and liturgical practice. These studies can take place in the United States or, preferably, in Greece or at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The study could be part of a free program, which should be well structured and clearly defined in view of the above stated purpose of the fund. Candidates shall be chosen based on merit and need. The amount of the fellowship is \$3,000 per semester for up to two semesters. One of more full or partial fellowship will be awarded annually. Instructions and applications can be downloaded from the Scholarship Web Page of the Archdiocese. Candidates can request more information via email: [scholarships@goarch.org](mailto:scholarships@goarch.org) or by calling 1.212.774.0283. The deadline for submitting an application for the fellowship is **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

**OCCM ~ Reach Youth Where Youth Ministry is Emerging:** Empower youth and teens in countries where youth ministry is emerging and opportunities for youth leadership exist. Orthodox Mission Teams to Alaska, Kenya, and Albania will offer programs for students and adult leaders, giving them the opportunity to develop vision for their youth groups, as well teach the Biblical basics of youth ministry and what it means to be a leader. These teams will model servant leadership by assisting small groups, recreation, and worship. OCCM invites you to join these opportunities in youth ministry. For more information, please visit [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org), e-mail [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org), or call 1.877.GO FORTH (ext. 141).

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

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today thank you for worshipping with us. We pray that your visit here is uplifting. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the pangari and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Are you actively serving God, 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>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$252,064	\$86,007	306
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$234,769	\$83,954	285

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <b>GOYA Basketball Tournament</b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare) Orthros, 9:00am</i> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> <b>Memorial Sunday</b> Church School, 9:55am <b>GOYA Basketball Tournament</b></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

Philoptochos Board Meeting is CANCELLED for Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and will not be rescheduled.

Philoptochos General Meeting, Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8PM

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.
- ~ Remember that \$22 of your donation will be sent to National and Metropolis, the rest will be used to support the various local charity projects.
- ~ For more information contact the Membership Committee, Elaine Sackleh 410.472.3458.

**My Ladies Luncheon:** ~ Want to enrich your Lenten season? Come to My Ladies Luncheon on **April 10<sup>th</sup>** at Towson Golf and Country Club. Our speaker this year will be our beloved Tina Pedrick. The topic is, "From the Raising of Lazarus to the Resurrection of Christ". Tina has spent many years studying and loves sharing her knowledge in an informative and engaging manner. Have you ever taken a church tour during the festival or sat in on her Church School class? You don't want to miss this opportunity. Tickets are \$35 and include your choice of crab cake or sautéed vegetables with linguine. See Denise Poletis during coffee hour, call her at [443-841-2833](tel:443-841-2833), or email [dpoletis@gmail.com](mailto:dpoletis@gmail.com). Tickets must be purchased by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Computer Recycling Day** ~ Philoptochos is sponsoring Computer Recycling Day, **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** before and after the Liturgy until 3pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center, as part of the "Bridging the Digital Divide" chapter challenge project. Now is the time to get those retired laptops, computer towers, keyboards, monitors, printers, speakers, mice and power cords out of your basement and into the hands of those who can use them. Please call Mary Triandafilou at 410-528-1589 and we will arrange to pick up your items. Don't put it off any longer ~ you know you can use that extra storage space!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ March 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am**

**Lent Begins ~ March, 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Unction ~ March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**Save the Date ~ "The Way" series will be returning on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, ~ March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**

**Pre-School Greek Independence Celebration ~ March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm**

*Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church*

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*Our Church School is proud to host a  
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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS SEMINAR

*Clergy, Church School Religious Educators, Parents and Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Christ-centered, interactive, enlightening symposium.*



**~ SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016 ~**

Following the  Divine Liturgy,  
our seminar will commence at 10:30A.M.  
in the  
Saint Demetrios Hermes Center

**Theme: "The Divine Liturgy"**

**ADMISSION IS FREE AND A LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED**

For more information please call:  
George Zaverdinos, Church School Director @ 410-638-2637

#### **'Liturgy' means work!**

Everyone — (men, women and children) must communally 'work' in Church to worship God Almighty and beseech His mercy, blessings and help. Guided throughout the Service by ordained Clergy members, this labor of worship is not easy as it requires an undistracted, pious discipline — and there are no cushy alternatives to being obedient and prayerfully devout.

Attending Services regularly and then partaking in its living Tradition, as well as understanding the Divine Liturgy of the Orthodox Church is how we can discover God — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just as they taught their congregations what Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit revealed to them, we should also willingly emulate the Apostles, and the early Christians who taught their children, and those children who instilled within their children — the Creed Orthodox Christians live today, as it is the True Faith of the Apostles which we inherited through our Holy Church.

Teaching children to be faithful Orthodox Christians and what that means in their everyday lives is an awesome responsibility that requires commitment and a continuous effort on the part of Parents, Grandparents, Godparents, and ALL concerned adults.