

March 13th, 2016

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

The Epistle Reading is: Roman 13:11-14:4. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 6:14-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1152 in the Holy Bible or on page 134-135 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Commemorating the Expulsion of Adam and Eve, the First Created, from Paradise; Removal of the Sacred Relics of St. Nikephoros, Patriarch of Constantinople; Poplios and Markos, Bishops of Athens, Holymartyrs; Christina of Persia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their parents, James & Sevasti Makres and John & Olga Livanion, and their brothers, William Makres & Steve and his wife, Edith Makres. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* her parents, Demetri Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 46 years ago & Eleni Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 32 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Gus, Patricia & James Galanakis *in loving memory of* their cousin, Michael Pulianas, on his 6-month memorial. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Despina Pulianas & her son, Alec *in loving memory of* husband & father, Michael Pulianas on his 6-month memorial. May his memory be eternal.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* their sister, Maria Toth, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Ioanna Manolis & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, Konstantinos Manolis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Cathy Xanthakos *in loving memory of* her mother, Cleo Xanthakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Tsakiris & George *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Pandelis Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir *in memory of* Calliope Hagepanos, mother of Chris and Kallie Hagepanos, who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.

40 Day Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Gyr will present their 2nd child, a daughter for the traditional 40-Day Baby Blessing.

Memorial Service: The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Maria Toth, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Michael Pulianas, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago; Konstantinos Manolis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago; Cleo Xanthakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago and Pandelis Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 36 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

Memorial Coffee Hour is being sponsored, by the wife and son of Michael Pulianas, in his memory. It will be held in the Parish Council Board Room and served by the Ladies of Philoptochos.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the coffee hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. Coffee hour is sponsored and served by the Saint Demetrios GOYAn's.

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

Holy Unction: Lent begins on **Monday, March 14th** and **Holy Unction** will be offered at 7:00pm.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: Beginning on Friday, March 18th, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary at the *Salutations to the Virgin Mary Service* beginning at 7:00pm in the church. Salutations to the Virgin Mary will continue each Friday until April 15th. It is a beautiful service and all are invited to attend.

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 18th** at 9:30am in the boardroom. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Orthodox Christian WAY Program: begins its spring session this Tuesday, March 15th with Father Duane Johnson as our first presenter. Father Duane graduated from Saint Vladimir's Seminary in 1997 and joined the Cathedral of the Annunciation in November of 2010. His Ohio State University M.A. (1995) was in Anthropology with a Middle Eastern specialty. He studied Arabic, Turkish, as well as Islam and the Qur'an. To quote Father Duane, "This reflects my life-long interest in the region, its history, culture, politics and its RELIGIONS. It is now more important than ever that Americans know as much as they can about Islam given the way that the world is changing. Basic information is crucial to the shape of any understanding." We are looking forward to Father Duane's presentation for the next two Tuesdays – Part I & 2 "An Orthodox Christian Perspective on Islam". Light fare begins at 6:15pm, the presentation will begin at 7:00pm and will conclude promptly at 8:30pm. Registration will be held at the end of the bridge hall before you reach the Board Room following Liturgy.

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 27th**. See flyer in today's bulletin.

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.

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

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. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2016 scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. **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. All applications must be **postmarked or hand delivered** to the Church office by **June 6, 2016**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1, 2016** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, August 7, 2016**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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

The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd, 2016** on Eastern Avenue in Baltimore's Greektown. For more information, please go to 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 23rd 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 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 25th, 2016**. For more information and to apply online, please go to www.hellenext.org.

**Haven't been to the Rev. Father Ernest Arambiges Library in a while?
Here is a sampling of what you have been missing...**

For Adults and Young Adults:

Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer: Experiencing the Presence of God and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of an Ancient Spirituality by Norris J. Chumley, with a foreword by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." The Jesus Prayer, simple and beautiful, is examined and revered throughout this uplifting book. It is a travel book as well, with photos and interviews with monks from monasteries and Orthodox churches in places where access is normally denied. Author Chumley makes one feel the awesomeness of communing with God through this prayer.

When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You through the Power of Coincidence by Squire Rushnell

We have all had instances where we have been spared from danger, just in the nick of time, and we know that God is watching over us, but how about the coincidences of every day that make our lives easier? Squire Rushnell calls these occurrences, "Godwinks," and he makes it clear that through these times, God is making His presence known to us for our comfort and joy. Read this book and you will bring yourself ever-closer to God by remembering all the times when He has held you in the palm of His Hand.

What Do You Stand For? For Teens: A guide to Building Character by Barbara A. Lewis

In today's confusing era, which often blurs the line between right and wrong, this book helps teens and their parents clarify the values that mark a person of good character. Each chapter highlights a different value, from courage to internet etiquette, giving book recommendations and websites that are helpful. A useful starting point for discussions with teens, where parents can add Orthodox Church teachings to drive home the importance of integrity.

For younger readers:

Minuk: Ashes in the Pathway by Kirkpatrick Hill

A novel from the *American Girl* collection, is the story of the mingling of European culture and the native culture of the Yup'ik people of Alaska, told through the eyes of a young girl in the 1890's.

My Brother, My Sister, and Me: A First Look at Sibling Rivalry by Pat Thomas

This book provides help for young children learning to live with a sibling in a loving and realistic way. It reassures little ones who have conflicting feelings about their brother or sister that, even in trying times, love will win out. With engaging illustrations and language, it is an appealing choice for preschoolers, and its recommendations for parents make it a family winner.

I Love You More by Laura Duksta

Perfect for the youngest child, this book in simple verse and illustration, is all about love. Read it one way and the parent's love is described. Flip it over, and the child gets his say. A warm and fuzzy and fun way to end the day at bedtime.

Stop in after the Liturgy today for these and many more to make this Lent the best spiritual experience of your life.

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
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$255,234	\$91,234	311
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$238,719	\$90,377	292

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines <i>Holy Unction, 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> Parish Council Mtg, 7:00pm (B) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, March 18th</u> Pre-School Closed Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>1st Salutation to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday, March 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) "The Way", 6:15pm (G/H)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, March 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 19th</u> <i>3rd Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></p>
		<p><u>Sunday, March 20th</u> <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am D4 Practice, 12:00pm (C)</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

Philoptochos General Meeting, Monday, March 21st 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 10th** 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. 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. Tickets must be purchased by **March 28th**.

Community Computer Recycling Day: Philoptochos is sponsoring Computer Recycling Day, **Sunday, March 20th** before and after the Liturgy until 3pm in the Hermes Rafailides Hall, as part of the "Bridging the Digital Divide" chapter challenge project. Now is the time to get those retired laptops, computer towers, keyboards, printers, speakers, mice and power cords out of your basement and into the hands of those who can use them! Need help getting your equipment to us? 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

- Lent Begins ~ March, 14th*
- Holy Unction ~ March 14th @ 7:00pm*
- 1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, ~ March 16th @ 6:00pm*
- 1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 18th at 7:00pm*
- 2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 23rd @ 6:00pm*
- 2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 25th @ 7:00pm*
- 3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 30th @ 6:00pm*
- Play Wrap-Up Meeting ~ March 30th @ 7:00pm*
- Pre-School Greek Independence Celebration ~ March 31st @ 6:00pm*
- 3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ April 1st @ 7:00pm*
- 4th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ April 6th @ 6:00pm*
- 4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ April 8th @ 7:00pm*
- 5th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ April 13th @ 6:00pm*
- The Akathyst Hymn ~ April 15th @ 7:00pm*
- Saturday of Lazarus ~ April 23rd @ 8:00am*

Youth Bell Choir

All Youth from ages 5-15 are Invited

To perform on

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2016

*Rehearsals to begin on Sunday, March 27th directly
after the Divine Liturgy in the Music Room*

*For more information, please contact Jennie Kegel at
410-661-1090*

*Come and begin the beautiful journey of Holy Week by
"Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!!"*

