

March 20th, 2016

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40. The Gospel Reading is John 1:43-52. These Readings may be found on pages 1367 & 1237 in the Holy Bible or on page 136-138 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: First Sunday in Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy: Triumph of the Icons; The "Murdered" Righteous Martyrs of the Monastery of St. Sabbas; Myron of Crete, Neomartyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, George Kontoyianis. May his 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.
- Chryssi Karas & Sons *in loving memory of* husband & father, Stamati, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago and *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Leonida and sister-in-law & aunt, Eleni. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is sponsored today by the Ladies of Philoptochos and will be served by Sandy Dzwonczyk, Lucy Kosmas, and Vula Stamatopoulos.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Makres & Family *in loving memory of* Peter & Georgia Hodges.

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

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: This Friday, **March 25th**, 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.

Holy Week Books: Holy Week Books are available to purchase for \$30.00 each. Please stop by the Church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday.

Philoptochos will take a collection today, for the New Jersey Metropolis Philoptochos, to aid in the Emergency Social Service Fund. Please give from your heart to help those less fortunate.

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 25th** at 9:30am in the boardroom. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Orthodox Christian WAY Program ~ Tuesday, March 22, Father Duane Johnson will be presenting Part 2 of "An Orthodox Christian Perspective on Islam". You can register today in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy during Coffee Hour. Light fare begins at 6:15pm; the presentation will begin at 7:00pm and will conclude promptly at 8:30pm.

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.

"Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!!" ~ The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir is always looking for new members. All ages, voices, and ability levels are welcome. Many of our young singers began as young as 12 years of age. Every Sunday, several parishioners remark how they would love to join the Choir, but they can not read music. To join the Choir at Saint Demetrios, all you need is a love of God and music...and we will teach you the rest!! Also, there are former Choir members singing in the Congregation on Sundays, and we want to convince you to "return to us!" We meet weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and through hard work, we have a great deal of fun. If you are interested or for more information, please call Jennie at 443-610-7898.

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.

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 Magdalene 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.

Craig Jon Arambiges Memorial Lecture, Saturday, April 9th. Please plan to attend this year's library lecture, "*Fasting with the Fathers*," presented by Fr. Gregory Gilbert, Ph.D. Fr. Gregory is the pastor of the Saints Mary Magdalene and Markella Church in Darlington, MD. Raised in the Southern Baptist Church, Fr. Gregory's extensive studies in the Classics and Ancient Greek and Latin led him to the Orthodox Faith and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Fr. Gregory has specialized in the writings of the Church Fathers. He was an adjunct lecturer in Ancient Studies at UMBC and was ordained to the priesthood in October, 2015. The morning will begin with a light breakfast at 9:30am and Fr. Gregory's presentation will begin at 10:00am. Following the lecture, lunch will be provided. This event is free and good will donations will be accepted. Register after the liturgy today or call Mary Triandafilou at [410.528.1589](tel:410.528.1589).

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	\$257,019	\$95,021	316
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$242,079	\$94,338	299

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Sweet Adelines</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) “The Way”, 6:15pm (G/H)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) 2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 25th</u> Pre-School Closed Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) 2nd Salutation to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 26th</u> Regional Metropolitan Philoptochos Workshop, 8:00am (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 27th</u> Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am D4 Practice, 12:00pm (C) Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal</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 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. 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. Tickets must be purchased by March 28th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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*

Library News: WANT TO KNOW THE BEST KEPT SECRET? It's our LIBRARY. We have so much to offer; new books, Greek and English CDs, children's books, lots of books on family, fasting and Lent. Come and check us out. We have a Book and Knitting club that meets on the second Tues of each month. We also give scholarships in Memory of Craig Arambiges and we also have the Craig Arambiges Memorial Lecture every year. Our Library is the Best Kept Secret. Please come and check us out. If you have a few hours a month and you would like to volunteer come join us. No experience necessary. *The Library is having an Easter Activity:* Leave your name and number and how many jelly beans are in the jar and you will win a special prize. Contest is open to children from ages 4 to 17 ~ drawing to be held on **April 17th, 2016** after Liturgy.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on Tuesday March 22nd, 2016 at 9:00am - 10:45am. We will then go to the White Marsh Movie Theater to see the movie *Risen* and lunch /early dinner afterwards. Come and join us, all is welcomed.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

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.

Order of AHEPA ~ Lord Baltimore #364: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2016-2017 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than May 1st, 2016.

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.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Pancake Brunch

New Date Sunday, April 17, 2016
(following Divine Liturgy)



\$5.00 / per person
Bagels
Pancakes
Eggs
Cinnamon Apples
Juice / Coffee

For more information about our school, for an application, and/or to

Visit during our Open House ~ April 17th - 22nd

Please contact: Betty Boteler, Director

410.661.1090 ext. 204 / sdpreschool@comcast.net

or visit <http://www.stdemetriosmd.org>

An outstanding Early Education Program in a secure Christian Environment

~ All proceeds benefit Saint Demetrios Pre-School. Please come support our children ~

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.**