March 27th, 2016

Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 1:10-2:3. The Gospel Reading is Mark 2:1-12. These Readings may be found on pages 1359 & 1181 in the Holy Bible or on page 138-139 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Second Sunday in Lent, Commemorating St. Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Matrona of Thessalonika; Martyrs Philetos and Lydia; Righteous Paul, Bishop of Corinth; Righteous Eutychios; Prophet Hanani.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

• Jim & Stephanie & Goddaughter, Elena G. Godfredi with honor & love of Paula Skleres, on the occasion of her birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- The Vendelis Family *in loving memory of* their mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Anastasia Maggelkais, in remembrance of her birthday.
- Vasilia Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Anastasia Maggelakis, on the occasion of her birthday.
- The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir in memory of Florence Stefanou, mother of Elaine and Jerry Sackleh and grandmother of Nicholas, Sophia & Athena, who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.
- Thorina Trintis and family *for the health and welfare of* her mother, their grandmother & great-grandmother, Maritsa Kosmas.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Irene Peltsemes.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is sponsored & served by the Ladies of Philoptochos

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. Meno Meraklis *in loving memory of* their parents, Haralambos & Angelia and George & Christina.

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, **April 1st**, 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: Are available for purchase for \$30.00. 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.

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on **Saturday**, **April 23**rd, directly after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy *(Lazarus Saturday)*, for Palm Making in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided.

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.

Orthodox Studies: During this Lenten season make your spiritual journey more meaningful; learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday**, **April 1**st at 9:30 am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

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 at the Coffee Hour downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

The Orthodox Christian Way ~ March 29th. "The Orthodox Perspective on the Holy Trinity" The concept of the Holy Trinity is above and beyond human comprehension, as explained on the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese website. Only by faith can we begin to understand the complexity. Fr. Gregory Gilbert, pastor of Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella, will present the Orthodox teachings on this topic. Fr. Gregory has devoted much research to the writings of the Church Fathers, from which the Orthodox perspective of the Holy Trinity was first defined. He received an M.A. in Theology from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, and an M.A. in Classics and a Ph.D. in Greek and Latin from the Catholic University of America. He has spent several years teaching, and after ordination to the priesthood in 2015, he was assigned to Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella, his first parish assignment.

The Orthodox Christian Way ~ April 5^{th.} "Q/A from Your Heart" This session will be devoted to your questions about our Church and its teachings which have been submitted at the first three sessions. Father Lou will review the questions and prepare answers to as many as there is time for. PLEASE submit your questions to us in writing during the first three sessions or email them to the Church Office at saintdemetrios@comcast.net by March 30th. The sessions begin with a light supper at 6:15 pm, followed promptly at 7:00 by a live presentation. You are encouraged to bring your children as BABYSITTING will be provided at ALL sessions, and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30 pm. Cost is \$25 for all four sessions, or \$10 for individual sessions. Please call the church office to register, 410-661-1090, or stop by the registration table after the Liturgy.

"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.

REGISTRATION OPEN: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 20th – Friday, June 24th;** 9am - 12pm. Ages 4-11 yrs. \$20 per child. Volunteers Needed. Register online, visit the Hope/Joy bulletin board on the 2nd floor, or join the Saint Demetrios Joy/Hope Program Facebook page for information https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stdemetriosmd

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	\$261,524	\$100,011	326
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$247,639	\$98,874	304

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 28 th Pre-School, 8:45am No Home School Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines Tuesday, March 29 th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) "The Way", 6:15pm (G/H)	Wednesday, March 30 th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) 3 rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm GOYA Basketball,7:00pm (H/G) Thursday, March 31 st Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) No Men's Basketball Pre-School Greek Independence Celebration, 6:00pm (H/G)	Friday, April 1st Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) 3rd Salutation to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm Sunday, April 3rd Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am Greek Independence Day Parade
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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: Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm

Philoptochos General Meeting: Monday, April 18th at 6:30-8:00pm

The Philoptochos ladies are busy as ever! To see everything what we're currently involved in, please visit our bulletin board downstairs, located next to the Philoptochos room.

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 ~ Sunday, April 10th: Want to enrich your Lenten season? Come to My Ladies Luncheon on April 10th at Towson Golf and Country Club. Our speaker this year is our beloved Tina Pedrick. The topic is, "From the Raising of Lazarus to the Resurrection of Christ". Tina has spent most of her life studying orthodoxy and the saints within it 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, or email dpoletis@gmail.com. Tickets must be purchased by March 28th.

Easter Bread: Order your Easter Bread during coffee hour starting this week. Pick up for your Easter Bread order will be on Sunday, April 17th. Please call Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545 or Dottie Ganer at 410-866-7336 to order your breads or if you can help with the baking which will be on Thursday April 14th starting at 8:00am.

Easter Candy: The Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale is now underway. Order your Easter candy now! Your candy will be guaranteed fresh! **Delivery dates are April 17**th and April 24th for pre-orders. See Presvytera Alice at coffee hour after Liturgy to order.

Bingo: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on **Friday, May 6**th (doors open at 6pm) for a fun evening and win great prizes such as Vera Bradley, Longaberger Baskets, Ravens items and much more. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Proceeds benefit the many charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410-245-1291.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 @ 10:00am Palm Sunday ~ April 24th @ 10:00 am 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.

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.

Library News: St Gregory of Palmas was from Asia who was raised in Constantinople. He was instructed in religious and secular wisdom. He left the imperial court and struggled with asceticism of Mt. Athos. J 1347 he became Metropolitan of Thesaloniki. In his twelve years he attended to his flock in the apostolic manner. He wrote many books, and treaties on our faith. He died at the age of 63. You can read about St. Gregory and other saints by visiting our library. We have a lot to offer with Lenten cookbooks, and many books to guide you spiritually during lent. We have many new Lenten Cookbooks to help you with your fasting. Our Library has just received some Greek Music CD's and some books for Tweens and Teens.

The Library is having an Easter Activity. Come Guess how many Jelly Beans in the Jar and YOU WIN A PRIZE. Just leave your name and number and how many jelly beans are in the jar and you will win a special prize. Children 4-17 are welcome to participate.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. The book of choice is Orphan # 8 by Kim van Alkemade. All is welcomed whether you knit, crochet, embroider or sew. We are a fun group and we look forward to meeting you.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Church Office at 410.661.1090 x202 or saint-left. 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 \sim **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.

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 / <u>sdpreschool@comcast.net</u> or visit <u>http://www.stdemetriosmd.org</u>

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"GODS and MORTALS at OLYMPUS: ANCIENT DION, CITY of ZEUS"
The Hellenic Heritage Museum and Archives of Maryland, Inc.
Present a Bus Tour
To the Onassis Cultural Center, New York City
Saturday, May 21st, 2016

This exhibition explores the relationship between the people who lived on the slopes of Mount Olympus near the first known altar to Zeus Olympus and Dion and the mythological Gods who lived atop it peak. Among the highlights are artifacts never before seen in the United States. The exhibition also explore the new divinities introduced b Alexander the Great during the Hellenistic period.

Leave from Cromwell Bridge Park and Ride lot at 8:00am and return approximately 9:30pm The price for the trip and dinner is \$135.00 per person (excluding bar items)

Please make checks payable to "HHMAM (Onassis)" and mail, along with your phone number to: Stacy Kosmides, 11936 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD. 21093 or call: 410.560.1095