

April 3, 2016

Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 4:14-5:6. The Gospel Reading is Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1361 & 1189 in the Holy Bible or on page 140-141 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Saint Basil Liturgy. Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; Righteous Niketas, Confessor; Joseph the Hymnographer; Paul the Russian and John, Neomartyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Toutsis, Eliou, and Schwanke families *in loving memory of* parents and grandparents Stavros (10 years) and Harikleia (6 years) Toutsis. 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.
- John and Sophia Andreadakis *in honor of* their granddaughter Penelope Joy, the 1st daughter of Matt and Christina Pandullo on her 40-Day Blessing.
- Anthoula Chakales *for the health and welfare* and the successful treatment and recovery of her son-in-law Chuck Alexander
- Kiki, John, and Maggie Alexander *for the health and welfare* and the successful treatment and recovery of their husband and father Chuck Alexander.

40-Day Blessings Mr. and Mrs. Nick Moshoniotis will present their 1st child, a son, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Pandullo will present their 1st child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-Day Blessing today.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Georgia Kerasiotes and Dimitra Psihopedas.

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 Stephen and Chrisoula Kucharski *for the health and welfare* of the Kakavas and Kucharski families and *in loving memory of* Sotirios Mitilineos.

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 8th**, 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 23rd**, 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 continue to 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 1st** 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 ~ April 5th. "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 has reviewed the questions and prepared answers to as many as there is time for. The session will 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, 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.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/stdemetriosmd>

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 21st, 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 today, **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.

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.

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	\$263,294	\$107,838	331
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

<p><u>Monday, April 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:00 AM (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G) Pre School Board Mtg. (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) “The Way”, 6:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, April 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 6th (cont'd)</u> <i>4th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G) Parish Council Executive Board Mtg. 7:00 PM (B)</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men’s Basketball 6:00 PM (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, April 8th</u> Pre-School 8:45 AM Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>4th Salutation to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Saturday, April 9th</u> Craig Jon Arambiges Lecture, 9:30 AM (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 10th</u> <i>Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Bell Choir (following liturgy) Greek Independence Day Parade</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.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel: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.

**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 by 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

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm

Philoptochos General Meeting: Monday, April 18th 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.

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 17th 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 6th (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.

School Food Drive:

Philoptochos continues to help the less fortunate. 24 bags of food were distributed to students at Pleasant Plains, and 7 families (30 people total) were adopted at Martin Blvd Elementary School in Middle River area and were provided food baskets for Easter dinner and spring break time. Many thanks to everyone that helped with these projects, and to Elaine Sackleh, Mary Triandafilou and Lisa Jones for coordinating the effort.

Computer Recycling Day: Thanks to all who brought in their retired computer equipment for our computer drive. We will have a full carload to take to Project Reboot when we visit on March 29. Don't forget that we have a bin in the hall near the bridge that you can use to donate equipment that you may still have or will have in the future. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords.

If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives

of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ April 13th @ 6:00pm

5th Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ April 15th @ 7:00pm

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The Akathyst Hymn ~ April 15th @ 7:00pm

My Ladies Luncheon~Sunday, April 10th

Pre School Pancake Breakfast~April 17th following Divine Liturgy

Saturday of Lazarus ~ April 23rd @ 10:00am

Palm Sunday ~ April 24th @ 10:00am

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>

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