

April 17, 2016

Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 9:11-14. The Gospel Reading is Mark 10:32-45. These Readings may be found on pages 1364 & 1191 in the Holy Bible or on page 143-145 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Fifth Sunday of Lent, commemorating Mary of Egypt; Holymartyr Simeon, Bishop of Persia; Hadrian, Martyr; Agapetos I, Pope of Rome; Makarios, Archbishop of Corinth; Righteous Martyrs of Artis, Theocharos and Apostle.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Anastasia (Evangelia) Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos *in loving memory of* Peter Emmanuel Teris (nephew of Christina Kakoullis) and *continued prayers* for the peace and comfort of his parents.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Mary Antonas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis & Toula Woods.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today, instead please join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center for the Pre-School Pancake Breakfast. Help support our school and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

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 Regis & Jennie Kegel *for the Glory of God* and *for the health & welfare of* the Kegel, Clancy, Cocoros, West and Myer families.

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

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 10:00am Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided. *See flyer in today's bulletin.*

Orthodox Studies: During this Lenten season make your spiritual journey more meaningful; learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, April 22nd** at 9:30am 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.

Trays: At Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday. We ask that stewards include tray contributions in their annual commitment. For the convenience of visitors, a pink envelope is provided in the pews if you wish to contribute to our parish.

Church School: Our Church School will not be in session **Easter Sunday, May 1st**. Classes will resume on **Sunday, May 8th**.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Annual Hope/Joy Family Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday directly following the Agape Service. The Agape Service will begin at 1:00pm. All youth up to age 12 years old, are invited to participate.

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.

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.

Calling all kids ~ the Library is sponsoring a jelly bean guessing contest! Come and see our giant jar of jelly beans and guess how many there are in it. The closest guessers will win a prize. EVERYONE is a winner when you check out books and DVD's from our library. We have more books than we do jelly beans and there is a special one just for you. Let us help you find the one that will become your favorite. Contest ends April 17th and winners will be called after that. Stop in today!! **Come guess how many Jelly Beans are in the Jar and YOU WIN A PRIZE. Yes, today is the final day you can guess. The drawing will be held today after church. Good luck to all who participated.**

Library News: There are many great women in the bible. One of those women is St. Mary of Egypt. Mary of Egypt escaped the unnatural life of sin. For seventeen years she lived in affliction of the devil. She was in Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross and out of curiosity she wanted to enter the church. As she tried to enter she could not get in, it was like there was an invisible door blocking her entrance. She begged the Panagia promising to change her ways if she could enter the church. She kept her promise. The war of evil had stopped and she began to climb spiritually. When her life was ending and St. Zoimos came to commune her he saw a face bright and angelic. She died on Holy Thursday. According to the Orthodox teachings there are three crosses: 1. Various incidents of life such as temptations and tribulations. 2. The struggle for transformations of the passions and 3. The visions of God; which is the taste of real life.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday May 10th, 2016** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is *The Rainbow's End* by Irene Hannon. All are welcomed to join us whether you knit, crochet, embroider or sew. We have a fun group and look forward to meeting you.

SAVE THE DATE! Hope/Joy Zumba Event: Our Hope/Joy ministry will be holding a Zumba Event on **Friday, May 27th**. For more information or to register, please contact Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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	\$273,924	\$120,163	347
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$257,869	\$119,331	322

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, April 18th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:00am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 19th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B) GOYA Boys Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 20th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p>Thursday, April 21st Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men's Basketball 6:00 PM (H/G)</p> <p>Friday, April 22nd Pre-School 8:45 AM Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Lock-In</p>	<p>Saturday, April 23rd <i>Saturday of Lazarus</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Palm Making (following Liturgy)</i></p> <p>Sunday, April 24th <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Matins, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm</i></p> <p>~ <i>See Holy Week Schedule</i> <i>insert in today's bulletin!</i></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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy ~ April 23rd @ 10:00am
Palm Sunday ~ April 24th @ 10:00am
Bridegroom Service ~ April 24th @ 7:00pm

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 6th, 2016**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2016** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, August 7th, 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**.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Pancake Brunch

Today ~ Sunday, April 17th, 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 ~

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

*******Special guests at the April 18 Philoptochos General Meeting:** Please join us to hear how our Chapter Challenge project, "Bridging the Digital Divide" is helping poor families in the Baltimore area. Ms. Rachael Neill, director of GEDCO Cares at St. Mary's Church in Baltimore and Ms. Suzanne Lawson, Project Director, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Family and Children's Services in Baltimore will join us to share their mission and how we are greatly improving the lives of their clients. Their testimony and that of their clients will make you proud.

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: Don't forget to pick up your orders today during coffee hour.

Easter Candy: Delivery dates are **April 17th and April 24th** for pre-orders. See Presvytera Alice at coffee hour after Liturgy.

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.

Chapter Challenge/Project Reboot: 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. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. 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.

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos
presents

A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night

To Benefit the many charities of the Philoptochos
including Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald
House, local school children & families in need

Friday, May 6th, 2016
St. Demetrios Hermes Rafailides Center
2504 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Tickets: \$15 in advance
\$20 at the door

Doors 6pm; First game at 7pm

Refreshments will be available

Extra cards and special games will be available

FOR TICKETS:

Please call Mary 410.245.1291
or the church office 410.661.1090

Join us for a fun evening and win great prizes for all
(Vera Bradley, Longaberger and more!!)

