

**April 24, 2016**

**Palm Sunday**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Philippians 4:4-9. The Gospel Reading is John 12:1-18. These Readings may be found on pages 1341 & 1250 in the Holy Bible or on pages 145-147 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Palm Sunday; Righteous Elizabeth, Wonderworker; Sabbas the Commander, Martyr Felix, Furtunatos, and Achilles, Holymartyrs: Loukas, Akyline, Nicholas and George; Neomartyrs: Righteous Doukas of Mytilene.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Irene Peltsems & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Paris, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Peltsems & Family *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & great grandfather, James Filipidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 29 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Tina Chuvala *in loving memory of* her parents, James & Mary Kakos and her husband, George Chuvala. May their memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Elaine & Jerry Sackleh & Family *in loving memory of* her mother & their grandmother, Florence Stefanou, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Basil & Margo Lambros *beseaching God's Blessing for Good Health* for their mother, Effie Bourdosis. May He watch over her.
- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Gus and daughter, sister & aunt, Gina. May their memory be eternal.
- Violette & Harry Cocoros *in loving memory of* their beloved mother, Koula Hondros, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Anna, Nico & Linda Leventis & Family *in loving memory of* their grandmother, Koula Hondros, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

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

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour is sponsored and served today by the Philoptochos Ladies in Christ's love and service, wishing everyone a Blessed Palm Sunday and a "Kali Anastasi" as we journey through Holy Week toward our Lord's Resurrection.

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

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**Special Collection:** There will be one tray passed today. Please be as generous as possible.

**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.

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**Orthodox Studies: Please remember! Orthodox Studies will not be held on Holy Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

**General Assembly Meeting:** There will be a General Assembly Meeting on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of 40 Stewards in good standing is required and voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their Stewardship Commitment for 2016.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Classes will resume on **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**Mother's Day Brunch:** GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

**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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**CYC Camp 2016:** Campers and Volunteers wanted!! Save the date: July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, at scenic Camp Wo.Me.To in Jarresttsville, Md. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 for children ages 5-7. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

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

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**Library News:** Holy Week is here and we will be lighting candles. Ever wonder why candles are very important in the Orthodox Church? Two types of candles are used. The pure beeswax candle made from combs of beehives. The second is paraffin wax made from petroleum. When the fathers are speaking of candles they are referring to the beeswax candles. The symbolism of the candles are as follows:

1. As the candle is pure so should your heart be pure.
2. As the pure candle is supple, so should our souls be supple until we make it straight and firm from the gospel.
3. As the pure candle is from the pollen of a flower and sweet scent so should our souls.
4. As the candle burns mixes with the and feeds the flame so should we struggle to achieve theosis.
5. As the burning candles illuminate the darkness so must the light of Christ, within us shine before man.
6. The melting wax symbolizes the flame of our love for fellow man.

Our library has many new books and DVD's. We have this book called *The Miracle of the Red Egg* and many more are available at our library. We have cookbooks and spiritual books to guide you through Holy Week. The color red symbolizes the blood that Christ shed. Second Mary Magdalene set off to tell Emperor Tiberius of Christ's resurrection. He told Mary that he did not believe her. Tiberius noticed a man holding a basket of white eggs. He held one up and said if this is true then let these eggs turn red. The emperor sat down and put his head in his hands. The emperor's guest left in awe and fear. Mary Magdalene stayed behind and carefully picked up the precious egg. As she turned to leave she said "Christ is Risen." This is why we dye red eggs and say "Christ is Risen."

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### 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](mailto: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<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Scholarship recipients will be determined by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**.

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**The Hellenic Heritage Museum and Archives of Maryland** is planning a bus trip to visit the exhibition, *"GODS and MORTALS at OLYMPUS: ANCIENT DION, CITY of ZEUS"* at the Onassis Cultural Center in NYC, **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. Please contact Stacy Kosmides at 410-560-1095, for more information. The price for the trip and dinner is \$135 per person (excluding bar items). Make checks payable to **'HHMAM' (Onassis)** and mail them, with your phone number, to: Stacy Kosmides, 11936 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21093.

## 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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$278,629	\$130,348	360
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$266,249	\$130,656	342

\*In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bright Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Office, Pre-School, Greek School Closed*
- Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm
- Philoptochos Basket Bingo ~ May 6<sup>th</sup>*
- Mother's Day ~ May 8<sup>th</sup>*
- Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm
- Pre-School Planning Meeting ~ May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm
- Book / Knitting Club ~ May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am
- Ecclesiastical Art Committee Meeting ~ May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm
- CYC Meeting ~ May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm
- Home School End-of-Year Event ~ May 12<sup>th</sup>*

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**Mortgage Update** – As you may recall in 2013 Saint Demetrios started a challenge to the community to pay off our mortgage in 10 years. How would we do this, by making contributions to the building fund which would be used for additional principal payments above and beyond our monthly scheduled payment. So where are we, without the additional mortgage payments we would still owe \$833,701 but we are down to \$742,984. *All of this through the use of our Pay Down the Debt Mortgage Box and Memorial Donations made to the fund!* Let's keep the momentum going and help reduce our mortgage debt!

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

*We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community) or give the gift of a year membership to someone special.*

- ~ 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.

**Bingo:** A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (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, 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](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com).

**My Ladies Luncheon:** A big "Thank you" to Denise Poletis, Stephanie Apostolou and Presvytera Alice for a beautiful event. Special thanks to Tina Pedrick for being our guest speaker . . . we are blessed to have you!

**Easter Candy:** Thank you to Presvytera Alice and her candy making crew for all the delicious candy!

**Reminder to those with upcoming Spring graduations ~ Graduate Sunday Booklet information needed.** The Ladies Philoptochos Society is putting together the booklet recognizing our graduating class of 2016 (high school, college and advanced degree candidates included) for Graduate Sunday to be held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms can be found on the Narthex Table and should be filled out and returned to Church, no later than Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at [j.sfika@comcast.net](mailto:j.sfika@comcast.net).



### *Holy Week Schedule 2016*



#### *Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Saturday of Lazarus*

*Divine Liturgy* 10:00 am  
*Palm Making* following Liturgy

#### *Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday*

*Matins* 8:45 am  
*Divine Liturgy* 10:00 am  
*Bridegroom Service* 7:00 pm

#### *Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Monday*

*Bridegroom Service* 7:00 pm

#### *Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Tuesday*

*Bridegroom Service and  
The Hymn of Kassiani* 7:00 pm

#### *Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Wednesday*

*Pre-Sanctified Liturgy* 9:00 am  
*1<sup>st</sup> Holy Unction Service* 4:00 pm  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Unction Service* 7:00 pm

#### *Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Thursday*

*Divine Liturgy* 10:00 am  
*Service of the Twelve Gospels* 7:00 pm  
*All Night Vigil* 10:30 pm

#### *Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Friday*

*Service of the Royal Hours* 9:00 am  
*Apokathelosis* 3:30 pm  
*Lamentation Service* 7:00 pm

#### *Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Saturday*

*Divine Liturgy* 10:00 am  
*Easter Vigil / Resurrection /  
Divine Liturgy* 11:00 pm

#### *Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Easter Sunday*

*Agape Service and  
Hope/Joy Easter Egg Hunt* 1:00 pm