

May 1st, 2016

Great & Holy Pascha

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 1:1-8. The Gospel Reading is John 1:1-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1261 & 1236 in the Holy Bible or on pages 45-46 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Holy Pascha, “Feast of Lights”; Jeremiah the Prophet; Righteous Euthymios and Ignatios, Martyrs; Akakios the Younger, Martyr; Righteous Bishops Nikephoros and Panaretos; Righteous Isidora.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their grandsons, Christopher & Peter Makres, on the occasion of their birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *for special blessings & the health and welfare of* our Pastor, Rev. Louis J. Noplos, our Assistant Pastor, Fr. Karl Kish, our Saint Demetrios Parish Council, Saint Demetrios Church School, Pre-School & Greek School Faculty, our Adult and Junior Choirs, our Psalti, George Chrisovergis, our Sexton, Samuel Karavedas and the entire Saint Demetrios Family.
- Presvytera Alice, Katrina, Dimitri & Greg Noplos *in honor of* Father Lou’s 60th birthday, for his continued good health.
- Basil & Margo Lambros *in honor of and beseeching God’s blessings* for their mother, Effie Bourdosis, on the occasion of her 97th birthday.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread for the following services during Holy Week was prepared by: *Holy Thursday* ~ Flora Christ; *Holy Saturday and the Resurrection Service* ~ Maria Andreyev, Maria Antonakas, Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toula Stamas.

Anastasi Reception: Please join us after the Resurrection Service/Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center for a Community Anastasi Reception hosted by the Parish Council and their spouses. A special thank you to Lambros Venetos & Bob Brown for preparing the traditional Easter Magaritsa soup.

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

Special Collection: One offering tray will be presented for the General Treasury of the Church. We thank God for your generous gift, which you now return unto him.

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

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! We will resume on **Friday, May 6th at 9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Holy Week Books: Are available for purchase for \$30.00. Please stop by the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday. **Easter Offering** envelopes may be given to a Parish Council member at the Pangari or dropped off at the church office.

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.

General Assembly Meeting: There will be a General Assembly Meeting on **Sunday, May 15th**, 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.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 10th**. 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.

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 / painterkatart@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Library News: Many of my friends ask me why we celebrate Easter at a different time. The full moon does not correspond to any astronomical event but is instead the fourteenth day of the lunar month determined from tables which may differ by two days. Easter for those following the Georgian calendar varies from **March 22nd - April 25th**. Easter Christianity basis it's calculations on the Julian calendar whose **March 21st** corresponds during the twenty-first century to **April 3rd** in the Georgian calendar. Therefore Easter varies between **April 4th and May 8th**. From the staff of the Library **CHRISTOS ANESTI ~ CHRIST HAS RISEN ~ TRULY HE HAS RISEN. Happy Easter to everyone.**

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.

United Chios Societies of Baltimore Scholarship: For over 50 years the United Chios Societies of Baltimore has awarded scholarships to young people within our community. Selection is determined by scholastic achievement and financial need. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of church affiliation or regional heritage. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. Application deadline is **July 17th, 2016**.

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**.

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 21st, 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.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church will be hosting a **Bull & Oyster Roast on Sunday, May 15th from 2pm-6pm** on the church grounds at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD. 21030. This is primarily an indoor event, with some outdoor activities and games. Tickets (\$40 for 12yr. and older, \$20 under 12yr. no cost for children under 5yr.) include food and drinks, entrance to live and silent auctions, DJ music and dancing. Bring and donate your loose change to earn a chance to win a prize. To reserve tickets, please contact Melissa at churchsecretary777@gmail.com or at (410) 785-0909 ideally by **May 9th**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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	\$279,089	\$133,753	363
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$271,119	\$136,522	353

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, May 2nd</u> Bright Monday Greek School Closed Office Closed Pre-School Closed Home School, 9:00am (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm (P)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, May 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, May 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Philoptochos Basket Bingo, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 8th</u> Sunday of Thomas Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Mother’s Day Mother-of-the-Year Church School, 9:55am</p>
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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

Xristos Anesti!

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!! PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ Saturday June 4th, 8am to 10am, Applebee's on Joppa Road Towson. Take DAD out for an early Father's Day breakfast or just kick off summer with a friends and family breakfast before you head off to start your day!!! Tickets are \$8 per person. Children 6 and under are only \$6. Proceeds benefit the charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. See Lisa Jones for tickets at coffee hour or call 410-529-9428 or email Presvytera Alice (anoplos@comcast.net).

Easter Bread ~ Thank you to Georgia Kerasiotes and Dottie Ganer and all the ladies that helped with the baking! The Tsourekia are amazing!

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.

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.

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.

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 12th**. 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 8th**. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at j.sfika@comcast.net.

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!!)

