

February 19, 2017

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 25:31-46. These Readings may be found on pages 1313 & 1174 in the Holy Bible or on pages 132-134 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Meatfare Sunday, Recognition of the Lord's Second Coming; Archippos, Philemon, and Apphias, of the 70 Apostles; Righteous Martyr Philothee of Athens; Holymartyr Niketas the Younger.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their granddaughter, Eleni Polites, on the occasion of her birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Helen Argis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Jack M. Argis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Foudos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Louis John Foudos.
- Antoula Chakales *for the health & welfare of* and *for the speedy recovery of* her granddaughter, Margaret Alexander. May God watch over her & keep her in His care.
- The Chakales Family *for the health & welfare of* and *for the speedy recovery of* Margaret Alexander. May God watch over her & keep her in His care.
- Mrs. Irene Cocoros *in loving memory of* her dear friend, Vilma Sniscak, who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.
- Regis & Jennie Kegel *in loving memory of* Vilma Sniscak, who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.
- The Cocoros, Kegel, West & Meyer families *in loving memory of* Stavroula "Coulie" Carellas, who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Jack M. Argis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and Marshall P. Kaputsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memory be eternal,

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored, *in loving memory by the family of Jack M. Argis*, and served by the Philoptochos Ladies. It will take place in the Parish Council Board room, due to the The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players production of "Beauty and the Beast" in our Hermes Rafailides Center.

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

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, February 24th** at 9:30am in the board room. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Holy Unction: Lent begins on **Monday, February 27th** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

Godparent/Godchildren Sunday: Godparent's Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 26th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 26th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

March 5th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **March 3rd**, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary. It has been a tradition here at Saint Demetrios to adorn the Icon of the Panaghia with a flower arrangement each Friday. If you are interested in donating one of these arrangements, (*only two left*); please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st** at 9:00am. If you are a knitter, or you like to sew or crochet, or just like some conversation we would love for you to join us.

Orthodox Christian Way Registration is underway for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, March 7th, 2017**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please join us for the presentation, "*Seven Steps to Improving Your Prayer Life*," presented by Fr. Jerome Sanderson. Fr. Jerome is a noted speaker, priest, author, iconographer, woodcarver, and senior pastor of Christ the Savior Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in Nashville, Indiana. His talk is sponsored by the Craig Jon Arambiges Memorial Lecture Fund. There will be three additional evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, **March 14th, 21st, and 28th**. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30pm, but the **March 7th** program will extend until 9:00pm Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Call the church office at 410 661-1090 for more information.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 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 us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Spring Clean-Up Day: An effort is underway to hold a Spring clean-up at the Church. The date is **Saturday, March 11th, at 9:00am**. We will be purging items throughout the building. For more information, please contact Pete Georgelakos at 410.583.1963 or via email: peter.georgelakos@ms.com

Greek Independence Day Parade: Colorful, traditional costumes and ethnic pride of both young and old will fill the streets of Baltimore on **Sunday, April 2nd 2017, at 2:00pm**, as the Greek-American Community commemorates Greek Independence Day with a festive parade in Baltimore's historic Greektown. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to [register online](#). For more information call the Parade Hotline at **443-267-4735**, email us at info@greekparade.com.

REGISTRATION OPEN: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 19th – Friday, June 23rd** 9am - 12pm. Ages 4-11 yrs. \$20 per child. Volunteers Needed. Register is now open! For more information / to register / or to volunteer please go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a>

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date: **July 17th – 21st**. Stay tuned for more details, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Festival Chairperson: If anyone is interested in chairing our 2017 Festival, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090, with your intentions, on/or before March 19th.

2017 Aris Anagnos Scholarship: The American Hellenic Council is happy to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2017 Aris Anagnos Scholarship! One deserving student will be rewarded \$5,000 at our Annual Awards Gala on April 1st and that student could be you (or a loved one). This year's deadline is **February 28th**. For more information and for an application, visit our website.: www.americanhellenic.org/aris-anagnos-scholarship.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting – March 6th 6:30pm

Philoptochos General Meeting & Membership Event– March 15th 6:30pm

March 15th, 6:30pm ~ Philoptochos Meeting and Membership Event: Please Join us for a short Philoptochos meeting and share in fellowship and refreshments as the Philoptochos Membership Committee will host Nancy Hotchkiss from Scrap B'More. Come and learn about this non-profit organization whose mission is to recycle and reuse ordinary household items, keeping them out of the landfills. Bring along items to be donated: Leftover fabric, yarns, buttons, greeting cards, pompoms, party supplies, gift bags, craft supplies, extra knobs and knick-knacks that can be used to create unique one of a kind projects. Best of all, after Nancy's talk she will lead the group in an environmentally friendly and easy craft project. Community Outreach, Creativity and Camaraderie at its best.

My Ladies Luncheon: Our 2017 My Ladies Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 12:30pm at Pappas Restaurant on 1725 Taylor Avenue. Our speaker will be Corina Mararu from the IOCC. Tickets will be available each Sunday during Coffee Hour, or you can email Cathy Xanthakos; cathy.xanthakos@yahoo.com or call her at 410.952.3576. Ticket price is \$38.00 per person. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 19th.

February is the month of love. We share love and fellowship year round in Philoptochos and invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community)** Membership is open to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table. Please return it to the church office and on the envelope please specify, Attention: 'Philoptochos Membership'. Membership questions may be answered by: Elaine 410.472.3458 or Mary 410.528.1589. Remember to specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. When considering your stewardship donation, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects, such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, School children's needs and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

Bridging the Digital Divide: 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.

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Services: Orthodox faithful are warmly encouraged to attend special Pan-Orthodox services throughout Great Lent. Great Vespers will be served at the Annunciation Cathedral on **Saturday, March 4th at 5:00pm** for Orthodoxy Sunday. Also, Lenten Sunday Vespers services will be conducted **5:00pm** at Holy Trinity on **March 12th** at Holy Cross on **March 19th** and at Saint Andrew's on **April 2nd**. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK

“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.

In every Liturgy God brings words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion, He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$224,085	\$64,923	270
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$239,242	\$62,891	267

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 20th</u> <i>President's Day</i> <i>Office ~ Pre-School ~</i> <i>Home Co-Op & Greek School,</i> <i>Closed</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book / Knitter's Club, 9:00am (L) Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, February 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Beauty & The Beast: Dinner: 6:30pm Show: 8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 25th</u> <i>Saturday of Souls, 10:00am</i> Beauty & The Beast: Dinner: 6:30pm Show: 8:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 26th</u> <i>Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Godparents Day at St. Nicholas</i> Beauty & The Beast: Dinner: 3:30pm Show: 5:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING NEWS

Presidents Day ~ February 20th Office, Pre-School, Home School Co-Op & Greek School will be closed
Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy ~ February 25th ~ March 4th

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

February 24th @ 6:30pm

February 25th @ 6:30pm

February 26th @ 3:30pm

Lent Begins ~ Holy Unction ~ February 27th