

March 5, 2017

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40. The Gospel Reading is John I:43-51. These Readings may be found on pages 1367 & 1237 in the Holy Bible or on pages 136-137 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: *St. Basil Liturgy:* First Sunday in Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy: Triumph of the Icons; The “Murdered” Righteous Martyrs of the Monastery of St. Sabbas; Myron of Crete, Neomartyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Leonidas Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Joan Jasman *in loving memory of* her uncle, Algernon Ellien, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

Memorial Service: The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Leonidas Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center and is sponsored and 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 The Fourtianskis, Karagiorgis & Ankiterdis Families *in loving memory of* Isidoros Mavis.

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, **March 10th**, 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 **March 31st**. It is a beautiful service and all are invited to attend.

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated on Sunday's during Lent. The books for this Liturgy can be found in the book rack on the back of the pews.

Holy Week Books: Holy Week Books are available to purchase for \$30.00 each. Please stop by the Church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday.

Orthodox Studies: Lent is fast approaching and now is a wonderful time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! We love new members! Join us on **Friday, March 10th** 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.

Welcome: If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, we welcome you and 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 (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door. Please also join us downstairs in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 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.

Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: Will be held today, **Sunday, March 5th at 1:00pm**, the annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held in the Church Nave. As this is a Greek Orthodox Archdiocese sponsored Religious Education Program, we ask that parents support Fr. Lou and our Church School Staff by enthusiastically encouraging their children who attend Grades 4-12 to prepare for, and participate in this most rewarding Orthodox Faith based event. For further information, please see our Church School Director, Mr. George or your children's teacher(s).

Orthodox Christian Way: Registration has begun for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, March 7th**, in the Hermes Rafailidis Center. The programs will be:

- ♦ **March 7th** ~ **“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.
- ♦ **March 14th** ~ **“The Role of Women in the Church,”** presented by Abbess Aemiliane of the Sacred Monastery of Saint Nina, located in Union Bridge, Maryland.
- ♦ **March 21st** ~ **“A Week in the Life of a Monastic,”** presented by Abbess Aemiliane.
- ♦ **March 28th** ~ **“Q/A from Your Heart,”** presented by Reverend Father Louis J. Noplos.

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 all 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Registration after the Liturgy on Sunday, or by calling 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

Saint Demetrios' 50th Anniversary: November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. A special planning meeting to establish the committee and lay the groundwork for a multitude of celebratory plans will take place on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Board Room. We need you...Hearts and Hands Together... to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927.

The Koritsia of St. Demetrios is a growing ministry of young women working together toward the mission of building community through events that also contribute to the financial support of the church. On Sunday, February 12th, 2017, the Koritsia hosted the community's first Godparents' Sunday luncheon in the Hermes Rafailides Center. With nearly 250 guests in attendance, the event was a joyous opportunity for Godparents, Godchildren, and families to gather. The Koritsia are currently planning a wine night and silent auction at Boordy Vineyards on **April 28th, 2017**. For those interested in participating in this ministry, please join us **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**, directly after Divine Liturgy for a meeting during which we will consider the calendar of events for the upcoming year. Please contact, Simone Volikas (strintis@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Gavrilis (spadousis@hotmail.com) for more information.

Make Fun Factory VBS Sign up NOW! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a> ~ June 19th-23rd 9am-12 pm. All children 4yrs.-12yrs. welcome. Cost per participant is \$20 (before June 1st) \$25 (after June 1st) Checks made payable to Saint Demetrios Church. Please log on to sign up for participating/volunteering. Please contact Kelly MacDonnell (kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) for more information

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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at 410.661.1090 x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

Order of AHEPA ~ Lord Baltimore #364: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2017-2018 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **April 30th, 2017**.

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.

UPCOMING NEWS

2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, March 8th @ 6:00pm
Pre-School Cookies & Canvas Paint Night, March 9th @ 6:30pm
2nd Salutation to the Virgin Mary, March 10th @ 7:00pm
Easter Candy Pre-Sale Begins, March 12th
3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, March 15th @ 6:00pm
3rd Salutation to the Virgin Mary, March 17th @ 7:00pm
Pre-School Lenten Pancake Breakfast, March 19th
4th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, March 22nd @ 6:00pm
4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary, March 24th @ 7:00pm
My Ladies Luncheon, March 26th
5th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, March 29th @ 6:00pm
Akathist Hymn, March 31st @ 7:00pm

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting – March 6th 6:30pm
Philoptochos General Meeting & Membership Event– March 15th 7:00pm immediately following church service.

Sunday, March 5th - Celebrate with us -GO RED SUNDAY!
All members are encouraged to wear red and join together as we recognize Heart Health Month.

Philoptochos will take a collection today, for the New Jersey Metropolis Philoptochos, to aid in the Emergency Social Service Fund. Please give from your heart to help those less fortunate.

March 15th, 7:00pm (after church service)-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 12:30 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 at 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.

Membership: 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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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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	\$234,769	\$83,954	285
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$248,212	\$75,869	279

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) <i>Pre-School Cookies & Canvas Paint Night, 6:30pm (H/G)</i></p>	<p><u>Friday, March 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Saturday, March 11th</u> Saint Demetrios Cleaning Day, 9:00am</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 12th</u> <i>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Easter Candy Pre-Sale Begins</i></p>
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Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos

Easter Food Basket Collection

This year our Easter Food Basket Drive will run **Sunday, March 5th** through **Sunday, April 2nd**.

“SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED FOR FAMILIES”

Canned Cranberry Sauce
Cold or Hot Cereal
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Pasta / Noodles / Rice
Dessert Mix / Cookies
Spaghetti Sauce

Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter / Jelly
Chili Sauce

Canned Soup
Stuffing
Canned Vegetables
Jello / Pudding Boxes
Fruit Juices
Biscuit / muffin mixes

Gift card to grocery store for perishable goods: milk, ham, eggs, turkey, butter

BAGGED OR BOXED GOODS PREFERRED
PLEASE SHOP FOR SMALL SIZES

Drop off food in the Philoptochos blue bin on Sunday or during regular church office hours, Monday - Friday.

For questions please contact Lisa Jones Venetos ~ 443.621.6805
or Mary Tsakiris ~ 410.245.1291

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~ May God Bless you and your loved ones during this Lenten season ~

Paint Night

Cookies 'N Canvas

Saint Demetrios Pre-School

March 9th, 2017 ~ 6:30-9:00pm ~ \$25.00

Join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center, as we each paint a ***Beach Scene***.

This will be a guided painting tutorial (paints, brushes & canvas provided).

For all abilities ~ ages 10-110 invited!

Come, have FUN PAINTING THE NIGHT AWAY, and create a MASTERPIECE!

Please purchase or reserve your ticket by ***Sunday, March 5th***.

For more information contact: KELLYMACDONNELL@HOTMAIL.COM

Or call 410.661.1090 ext. 204