

March 12, 2017

Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 1:10-2:3. The Gospel Reading is Mark 2:1-12. These Readings may be found on pages 1359 & 1181 in the Holy Bible or on pages 138-139 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: *Saint Basil Liturgy:* Second Sunday in Lent, Commemorating St. Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Righteous Confessor Theophanes; St. Gregory the Dialogos and Pope of Rome; Symeon the Younger, Theologian; Phinees the Just.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Elaine & Jerry Sackleh & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Florence Stefanou, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* her parents, Dimitri Theodosios (47 years) and Eleni Theodosios (33 years). May their memories be eternal.
- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their parents, James & Sevasti Makres and John & Olga Livanion, and their brothers, William Makres and Steve Makres and his wife, Edith. May their memories be eternal.
- Virginia Papavasiliou *in loving memory of* her beloved husband, Tharrenos “Hank” Papavasiliou, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Papavasiliou & Yospe families *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Tharrenos “Hank” Papavasiliou, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pete & Anna Sorvalis *for the health & welfare of* their daughter, Marialena Sorvalis. May God watch over & protect her.
- The family of Fotis Zografos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Penny Karas & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Angela Scaljon, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Ioanna Morolis & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, Konstantinos Manolis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Curtis Sayers & Family *in loving memory of* his wife, their mother & grandmother, Joan Sayers, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas, Alex Levas & Mary Thompson *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Mathildi Zografos, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* granddaughter, niece & cousin, Aristeia Matos, on the occasion of her 16th birthday. May God grant her many more.

40-Day Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Roros will present their 2nd child, a son, for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please pray that God watch over and bless this family.

Memorial Service: The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Angela Scaljon, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Fotis Zografos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Konstantinos Manolis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Joan Sayers, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago and Mathildi Zografos, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored, *in loving memory of*, by the family of Angela Scaljon 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 Stephen & Chrisoula Kucharski *for the health & welfare of* the Kakavas & Kucharski Families and *in loving memory of* Sotirios Mitilineos.

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 17th**, 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: 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 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided.

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 17th** at 9:30am in the board room.

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.

Orthodox Christian Way: Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30pm. 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.

- ♦ **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.

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.

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 (stintis@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Gavrilis (spadousis@hotmail.com) for more information.

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.

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.

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Services: Orthodox faithful are warmly encouraged to attend special Pan-Orthodox services throughout Great Lent. 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.

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**.

UPCOMING NEWS

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 General Meeting & Membership Event– March 15th 7:00pm immediately following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

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.

Easter Candy Sale: The Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale is underway! Pick up an order form on the Narthex table or during coffee hour at the Philoptochos table. Orders must be received by Sunday, March 26th. Please contact Presvytera Alice for more information 410-817-9651.

Easter Bread: Order your Easter Bread during coffee hour starting March 12th. Pick up for your Easter Bread order will be on Sunday, April 2nd. Please call Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545 or Dottie Ganer at 410-866-7336 to order your breads or if you can help with the baking which will be on Thursday March 30th starting at 8:00am.

Bingo: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night....Join us on Friday, May 5th (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 Ronald McDonald House and 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.

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	\$238,719	\$90,377	292
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$249,237	\$79,915	281

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 14th</u> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> re-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy,</i> <i>6:00pm</i> Philoptochos General/Membership Mtg., 6:30pm (P) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Parent Conferences, 4:00-7:00pm (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Friday, March 17th</u> <i>Pre-School Closed</i> Pre-School Parent Conferences, 9:00am-1:00pm (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary,</i> <i>7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, March 19th</u> <i>Sunday of the Holy Cross</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Pre-School Lenten Pancake Breakfast</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 PERFERRED

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 ~

Saint Demetrios Pre-School LENTEN PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sunday, March 19th ♦ \$5.00 per person
(following Divine Liturgy)



Pancakes
Coffee / Juice
Cinnamon
Apples
Bagels
Eggs



For more information please contact Betty Boteler, Director
410.661.1090 ext. 204