

**March 26, 2017**

## ***Sunday of St. John Climacus***

**The Epistle Reading is:** Hebrews 6:13-20. The Gospel Reading is Mark 9:17-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1362 & 1189-1190 in the Holy Bible or on pages 141-143 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember: *Saint Basil Liturgy:*** Fourth Sunday in Lent, commemorating John Climacus, author of “*Steps of Virtue*”; commemorating for the Archangel Gabriel; Stephen the Confessor; Malchos the monastic.

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

- Gus, Patricia & James Galanakis *in loving memory of* her Godparents, George & Angela Scaljon. May their memories be eternal.

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

- Vasiliki Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Anastasia Maggelakis and *in honor of* her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and nameday.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Dimitra Psihopedas & Georgia Kerasiotes.

**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: John Pentikis *in loving memory of* Elizabeth Pentikis & Rev. Anthony Pentikis.

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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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**Akathyst Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos:** This Friday, **March 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary at the fifth and final Salutations titled the **Akathyst Hymn**. The service will begin at 7:00pm in the church. This is a beautiful service and all are encouraged 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 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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:** During this Lenten season make your spiritual journey more meaningful; learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, at 9:30 am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

**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 is \$10 per session. Registration after the Liturgy on Sunday, or by calling the Church Office at 410-661-1090 for more information.

♦ **March 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ “*The Role of Women in the Church,*” presented by Abbess Aemiliane.

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

**Saint Demetrios' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. For those interested in participating in this ministry, please join us **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:stintis@hotmail.com)) or Stephanie Gavrilis ([spadousis@hotmail.com](mailto:spadousis@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Library:** St. John Climatus is celebrated today, because of his book, ***The Ladder of Divine Ascent***. This book was written by a great man who experienced all forms of monastic polity. This book teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of his or her passion. This book is held in high esteem and it is read entirely in monasteries during the Great Fast. Come and visit our library, we have this and many other books. We have a good collection of cookbooks to help you with your fast and spiritual books to feed your soul through this Lenten period.

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Craig Arambiges Library. The book of choice is ***The Red Tent*** by *Anita Diamant*. All are welcome, whether you knit, crochet, sew or would just like to join us in some good conversation.

**Make Fun Factory VBS Sign up NOW!** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a> ~ **June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com)) for more information

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

**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 Saint Andrew's on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

***Philoptochos Board Meeting: Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm***

***Re-Scheduled due to snow: Philoptochos General Meeting & Membership Event ~ April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm immediately following church service.***

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**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 5<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 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](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com).

**Greek Independence Day Parade:** Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm** in Baltimore's historic Greek Town! The parade will showcase ethnic, cultural, religious and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states, with continuous music by the Hellenic Philharmonic Society of New York. Visit [www.greekparade.com](http://www.greekparade.com) to register to participate as a marching group, to donate to the parade or for more information.

**IOCC:** You are invited to A Big Fat Greek Wedding Reception to benefit IOCC to be held in our very own Hermes Rafailides Center on **April 22, 2017**. Join us for dinner, music, dancing and more, the keynote "toast" Opa! will be given by the IOCC Executive Director & CEO Constantine Triantafilou. Reception 6pm / Dinner 7pm. Adults \$50 / Students \$20. Cocktail attire is requested. For more information or to register or volunteer, please visit IOCC.org.

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.** The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc., is hosting a trip to Onassis Cultural Center, NYC, to view the exhibit "A World of Emotions: Ancient Greece 700 B.C. – 200 A.D." View more than 130 masterpieces from leading museums, including the Louvre, the British Museum and the Vatican Museums. The price \$130 per person, includes bus transportation, a docent tour and a three-course dinner at the Fig and Olive Restaurant. Museum entry is free. For reservation and information, contact George Lintzeris at 410.235.1696 or [petrafineart@gmail.com](mailto:petrafineart@gmail.com)

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### **SCHOLARSHIP**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

**Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30:** 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 **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

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### **UPCOMING NEWS**

***5<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm***

***Akathist Hymn, March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm***

***Greek Independence Day Parade, April 2<sup>nd</sup>***

***Philoptochos Board Meeting, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm***

***Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm***

***Philoptochos General Meeting, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm***

***GOYA Lock-In, April 7<sup>th</sup>***

***Saturday of Lazarus, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am***

***Palm Making, April 8<sup>th</sup> (following Liturgy)***

## Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Easter Food Basket Collection

This year our Easter Food Basket Drive will run Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### “SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED FOR FAMILIES”

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

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

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



**BAGGED OR BOXED GOODS PREFERRED  
PLEASE SHOP FOR SMALL SIZES**



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

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 ~

## 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.

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
<b>2016</b>	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$247,639	\$98,874	304
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$253,767	\$89,997	289

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <b><i>5<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i></b> GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <b><i>Akathist Hymn, 7:00pm</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b> <b><i>Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt Orthros, 9:00am</i></b> <b><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b> Church School, 9:55am <b><i>Greek Independence Day Parade</i></b></p>
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