

*April 2, 2017*

## *Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt*

**The Epistle Reading is:** Hebrews 9:11-14. The Gospel Reading is Mark 10:32-45. These Readings may be found on pages 1364 & 1191-1192 in the Holy Bible or on pages 143-145 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember:** *Saint Basil Liturgy:* Fourth Sunday in Lent, commemorating Mary of Egypt; Righteous Titos, the Wonderworker: Theodora, Virginmartyr; Martyrs Aidesios and Amphion, Brothers; Martyr Panagiotos; Gregory of Nikomedia.

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

- Anthi Papapavlou & Daughters, Marie & Chrisanthe *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pavlos Papapavlou, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Toula Woods *in loving memory of* her beloved husband, Victor Woods, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Jim, Stefany & Elena Goffredi *in loving honor of* sister & Godmother, Paula Skleres, on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many more happy & healthy years.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Anthi Papapavlou.

**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: Regis & Jennie Kegel *for the Glory of God* and *for the health & welfare of* their children and grandchildren; Regis Jr., Stacey & Tyler Kegel and Michelle, Jeremy, Addison & Adien Clancy.

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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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*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, April 7<sup>th</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.

**Church School:** Our Church School will not be in session **Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** or **Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will resume on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**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.

**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 tonight **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

**Greek Independence Day Parade:** Join us **today** for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade 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) 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<sup>nd</sup>, 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. *See the flyer in today's bulletin*

**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).

**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. 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:** There are many great women in the bible. One of these women are Saint Mary of Egypt. Mary of Egypt escaped her unnatural life of sin. For seventeen years she lived in affliction of the devil. She was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Exaltation of the Honorable Cross and out of curiosity she wanted to enter the church. As she tried to enter the church she could not get in. It was like there was an invisible door blocking her entrance. St. Mary prayed and promised to give up her lifestyle. The doors of the church opened and received her and true to her word she repented and fasted in the wilderness for forty-seven years.

**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.

**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

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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**

*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)*  
*Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*

## **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!

**My Ladies Luncheon:** A big, "Thank you" to Cathy Xanthakos for a beautiful event. Special thanks to Corina Mararu from the IOCC for being our guest speaker . . . we are blessed to have you!

**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 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Presvytera Alice for more information 410-817-9651.

**Easter Bread:** Pick up for your Easter Bread today during coffee hour.

**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).

**FRIENDLY REMINDER!!!**

When sending mail to the Church, please use the below address,  
**Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church**  
 2504 Cub Hill Road ♦ Baltimore, MD. 21234

**Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos**

*presents*

**My Big Fat Greek  
 Bingo Night**

Longaberger  
 Baskets  
 Designer Bags  
 Sports Events  
 Jewelry  
 Door Prizes



DOORS OPEN  
 AT 6PM

EARLY BIRD  
 GAMES START  
 AT 6:45PM

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Saint Demetrios ~ Hermes Rafailides Center ~ 2504 Cub Hill Road, 21234

**Tickets: \$15.00 in advance / \$20.00 at the door**

**Extra games will be available for purchase**

**Regular games begin immediately after early bird games**

**Refreshments / Food will be available for purchase**

For more information: contact Mary Tsakiris @ 410.245.1291  
 or the Church office @ 410.661.1090.

*Proceeds to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and the many charities of Philoptochos.*

**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	\$253,389	\$108,069	309
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$256,667	\$ 96,122	297

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b><u>Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Home School, 9:30am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      Philoptochos General Mtg., 7:00pm (P)                      GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Saturday of Lazarus ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i>  <i>Palm Making ~ (following Liturgy)</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, April 6<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>Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Palm Sunday</i>  <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i>  <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i>  <i>No Church School</i>                      Easter Candy Pick-Up  <i>Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)                      Etiquette Class, 6:30pm (Church)  <b>GOYA Lock-In</b></p>	