

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

The Epistle Reading is: Philippians 4:4-9. The Gospel Reading is John 12:1-18. These Readings may be found on pages 1341 & 1250 in the Holy Bible or on pages 145-147 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Palm Sunday: Eupychios, Martyr; Archimandrite Vadimos, Raphael, and Irene, Righteous Martyrs; Righteous Symeon; The last of the Holymartyrs of Persia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. 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.
- Toula Woods *in loving memory of* her brother, Dr. Paul Koukoulas & her father, George Koukoulas. May their memories be eternal.
- Gloria Koukoulas & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Dr. Paul Koukoulas. May his memory be eternal.
- Katherine Chuvula *in loving memory of* her husband, George Chuvala and her parents, James & Mary Kakos. May their memories be eternal.
- The Toutsis & Eliou Families *in loving memory of* their parents, Stavros & Harikleia Toutsis. May their memories be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Gus Courtalis and daughter, sister & aunt, Gina Courtalis. May their memories be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* her parents, Michail & Nicholeta Tounta, her brother-in-law, Peter Courtalis and her in-laws, Nicholas & Eugenia Courtalis. May their memories be eternal.
- Nicholas & Mary Antonas *in loving memory of* their parents, Antonios & Harriet Antonas, sister, Mary Antonas and sister-in-law, Francis Antonas. May they rest in peace and their memories be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis, Thorina Trintis & Toula Woods.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour is sponsored and served today by the Philoptochos Ladies in Christ's love and service, wishing everyone a Blessed Palm Sunday and a "Kali Anastasi" as we journey through Holy Week toward our Lord's Resurrection.

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

Special Collection: There will be one tray passed today. Please be as generous as possible.

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.

Orthodox Studies: Please remember! Orthodox Studies will not be held on Holy Friday, April 14th. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Church School: Our Church School will not be in session **Easter Sunday, April 16th**. Classes will resume on **Sunday, April 23rd**.

Please join us today: Please plan to drop by the Hermes Rafailides Center after the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy today where we will have "Lite Lunch" items for purchase, featuring homemade Crab Soup as well as other delicious items. Bring your family and friends and all proceeds will benefit our Church. Hope to see you there.

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.

Church School Graduation (Apofitisi): Due to a scheduling conflict Church School graduation **will not** be held on **Sunday, May 14th**. New date for graduation will be **Sunday, May 21st**.

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 22nd, 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*

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 14th**. Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

Library News: Holy Week is here, and we will be lighting candles. Ever wonder why candles are very important in the Orthodox Church? Two types of candles are used. The pure beeswax candle made from combs of beehives. The second is paraffin wax made from petroleum. When the fathers are speaking of candles they are referring to the beeswax candles. The symbolism of the candles are as follows:

1. As the candle is pure so should your heart be pure.
2. As the pure candle is supple, so should our souls be supple until we make it straight and firm from the gospel.
3. As the pure candle is from the pollen of a flower and sweet scent so should our souls.
4. As the candle burns mixes with the and feeds the flame so should we struggle to achieve theosis.
5. As the burning candles illuminate the darkness so must the light of Christ, within us shine before man.
6. The melting wax symbolizes the flame of our love for fellow man.

Our library has many new books and DVD's. We have this book called *The Miracle of the Red Egg* and many more are available at our library. We have cookbooks and spiritual books to guide you through Holy Week. The color red symbolizes the blood that Christ shed. Second Mary Magdalene set off to tell Emperor Tiberius of Christ's resurrection. He told Mary that he did not believe her. Tiberius noticed a man holding a basket of white eggs. He held one up and said if this is true then let these eggs turn red. The emperor sat down and put his head in his hands. The emperor's guest left in awe and fear. Mary Magdalene stayed behind and carefully picked up the precious egg. As she turned to leave she said "Christ is Risen." This is why we dye red eggs and say "Christ is Risen."

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 18th** 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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Easter Candy Sale: Today is the last day to pick up your candy orders

Easter Bread: Thank you to Georgia Kerasiotes, Dottie Ganer and all those that helped make the bread.

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: We have come to the end of our project and will not be accepting any more computers. We would like to thank Mary and Elaine for all their hard work.

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.

Make Fun Factory VBS Sign up NOW! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a> ~ **June 19th to 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.

The Koritsia of St. Demetrios invite you to join them at Boordy Vineyards for an evening of wine tasting, music and silent auction on **April 28th, 2017** from **6:00-9:30pm**. Light appetizers will be included in the \$20 admission fee and the Mr. Souvlaki food truck will have food for cash sale. Tickets are available for sale at Sunday's church coffee hour or you can contact Stephanie Gavrilis (spadousis@hotmail.com). We hope to see you there!

The Koritsia of St. Demetrios is a growing ministry of young women working to build community and to financially support our church. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please join us for a meeting on **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**, directly after Divine Liturgy. Please contact Simone Volikas (srintis@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.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 1st, 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

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. 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 5th, 2017**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2017** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 30th, 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 30th, 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 30th, 2017**.

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos

presents

My Big Fat Greek Bingo Night



Friday, May 5th, 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.



Holy Week Schedule 2017



Saturday, April 8th ~ Saturday of Lazarus

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Palm Making following Liturgy

Sunday, April 9th ~ Palm Sunday

Matins 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Monday, April 10th ~ Holy Monday

Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11th ~ Holy Tuesday

*Bridegroom Service and
The Hymn of Kassiani* 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 12th ~ Holy Wednesday

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:00 am
1st Holy Unction Service 4:00 pm
2nd Holy Unction Service 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 13th ~ Holy Thursday

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Service of the Twelve Gospels 7:00 pm
All Night Vigil 10:30 pm

Friday, April 14th ~ Holy Friday

Service of the Royal Hours 9:00 am
Apokathelosis 3:30 pm
Lamentation Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 15th ~ Holy Saturday

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
*Easter Vigil / Resurrection /
Divine Liturgy* 11:00 pm

Sunday, April 16th ~ Easter Sunday

*Agape Service and
Hope/Joy Easter Egg Hunt* 1:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK “TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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.

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
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$257,869	\$119,331	322
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$259,908	\$107,010	304

UPCOMING NEWS

- Holy Week ~ No Activities Scheduled*
- Bright Monday, April 17th ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed*
- Book/Knitting Club ~ April 18th @ 9:00am*
- Parish Council Meeting ~ April 18th @ 7:00pm*
- Greek School Resumes ~ April 19th @ 4:30pm*
- IOCC 25th Anniversary Event ~ April 22nd*
- Pre-School Greek Culture / Spaghetti Dinner ~ April 25th*
- GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ April 28th to April 30th*
- Wine Event & Silent Auction @ Boordy Vineyards ~ April 28th*