

**April 16, 2017**

## **Great and Holy Pascha**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Acts 1:1-8. The Gospel Reading is John 1:1-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1261 & 1236 in the Holy Bible or on pages 45-46 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember: Holy Pascha:** “Feast of Lights”; Leonidas and those Martyred with him: Charissa, Nike, Princess Galene, Theodote, Callis, Vasilissa, and Nunechia; Martyrs Irene, Agape, and Chionia; Neomartyrs of Lesbos: Michael of Asia Minor, Raphael, Nicholas, Irene, and Christophoros; Martyr Philip; Felix, Januarius, Fortunatus, and Septimus.

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

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *for special blessings & the health and welfare of* our Pastor, Rev. Louis J. Noplos, our Assistant Pastor, Fr. Karl Kish, our Saint Demetrios Parish Council, Saint Demetrios Church School, Pre-School & Greek School Faculty, our Adult and Junior Choirs, our Psalti, George Chrisovergis, our Sexton, Samuel Karavedas and the entire Saint Demetrios Family.

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

- Angela Rounis *for the health & welfare of* her son, Michael Vatakis and her brother, John Sikalis. May God continue to look over these families.

**The Altar Bread for the following services during Holy Week was prepared by:** *Holy Thursday* ~ Flora Christ; *Holy Saturday and the Resurrection Service* ~ Maria Andreyev, Maria Antonakas, Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toulas Stamas.

**Anastasi Reception:** Please join us after the Resurrection Service/Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center for a Community Anastasi Reception hosted by the Parish Council and their spouses. A special thank you to Lambro Venetos for preparing the traditional Easter Magaritsa soup.

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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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**Special Collection:** One offering tray will be presented for the General Treasury of the Church. We thank God for your generous gift, which you now return unto him.

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

**Orthodox Studies:** Christos Anesti! We will resume on **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

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

**It's a Celebration! - Save the Date:** On **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, we will have a celebratory Coffee Hour *in honor of* Fr. Lou and his 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination (and also his birthday). Please plan to join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly after the Divine Liturgy to offer your congratulations. All are invited to attend. Anyone interested in helping please contact Jennie Kegel at 410-256-2143 or [jccocoros@aol.com](mailto:jccocoros@aol.com).

**IOCC:** You're 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](http://IOCC.org).

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:spadousis@hotmail.com)). We hope to see you there!

**Library News:** Many of my friends ask me why we celebrate Easter at a different time. The full moon does not correspond to any astronomical event but is instead the fourteenth day of the lunar month determined from tables which may differ by two days. Easter for those following the Georgian calendar varies from **March 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Easter Christianity basis it's calculations on the Julian calendar whose **March 21<sup>st</sup>** corresponds during the twenty-first century to **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Georgian calendar. Therefore, Easter varies between **April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>**. From the staff of the Library **CHRISTOS ANESTI ~ CHRIST HAS RISEN ~ TRULY HE HAS RISEN. Happy Easter to everyone.**

**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.

**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 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, directly after Divine Liturgy. Please contact Simone Volikas ([stintis@hotmail.com](mailto:stintis@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Mother's Day Brunch:** GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles is on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you.

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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**.

**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)

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

### **Xristos Anesti!**

Philoptochos Board Meeting: Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

Philoptochos General Meeting and elections: Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. If you are running for the board you must be present at the meeting.

**Easter Candy Sale:** A big thank you to Presvytera Alice for all her hard work making and selling the Easter Candy

**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.

## **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 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	\$257,869	\$119,331	322
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$265,648	\$117,283	313

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Bright Monday</i>                      Office, Pre-School &amp; Greek School Closed</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Book Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)                      Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)                      IOCC Event Set-Up (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>  <i>IOCC Event (H/G)</i></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>  <i>Sunday of Thomas</i>                      Orthros, 9:00am                      Divine Liturgy, 10:00am                      Church School, 9:55am                      Demetrakia Dancers</p>
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## PARISH DIRECTORY

**IF YOU HAVEN'T RETURNED YOUR PARISH DIRECTORY FORM, PLEASE DO SO, ON/OR BEFORE APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**YOUR INFORMATION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**