

February 18, 2018

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

The Epistle Reading is: Romans 13:11-14:4. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 6:14-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1152 in the Holy Bible or on pages 134-135 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Cheesefare Sunday, Commemorating the Expulsion of Adam and Eve, the First Created, from Paradise; Leo the First, Pope of Rome; Agapetos, Bishop of Sinai, Confessor.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their granddaughter, Eleni Polites, on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many blessings.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Eftychia Levas & Alex Levas *in loving memory of* her son & his brother, John Levas, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakava

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour this week due to The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players production of "Guys and Dolls" in our Hermes Rafailides Center.

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

Hellenic College Holy Cross Parish Visit: Sunday, February 25th ~ Meet Rev. Fr. Christopher Metropoulos, *President of Hellenic College Holy Cross* and learn more about the premier accredited Orthodox Christian college, graduate school of theology, and seminary in the United States. Please stop by the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy and learn what Hellenic College Holy Cross has to offer.

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, February 23rd** at 9:30am in the board room. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Holy Unction: Lent begins on **Monday, February 19^h** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

Godparent/Godchildren Sunday: Godparent's Sunday will be observed on the following date in the following church. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 25th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

March 4th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: Beginning on **Friday, February 23rd** 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 23rd**. It is a beautiful service and all are invited to attend.

The Orthodox Christian Way: The next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, returns **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please join us for the presentation, *"Explore the Orthodox Christian Faith in a new way!"* There will be three additional evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, **March 6th, 13th & 20th**. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35 or \$10 each session. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table or contact the church office at 410.661.109 for more information.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School (Babylon) will be held, **Monday, June 18th - Friday June 22nd 9am-12pm**. Ages 4 to 5 grade. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin shortly. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ 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. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 25th** at 2 pm, 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 to register to participate as a marching group, to donate to the parade or for more information. Youth and young adults interested in representing regions of Greece in this year's parade or participating on parade floats, please email info@greekparade.com by March 1st. Young men interested in becoming an Evzone, please contact Stavros Katsas at 443.835.5276 or skatsas@yahoo.com.

Demetrakia Registration & Costumes: Registration for the new dance season will take place today, **Sunday, February 18th**. Practices will begin on **Sunday, February 25th**. Registration is **FREE** for all Saint Demetrios Stewards. Dancers must be at least 4 years old. Please contact Emily at eliadakis@aol.com with any questions. Dancers, who have costumes at home, please bring them in. Thank you!

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on July 16th – 20th, 2018 at Camp Wo Me To, in scenic Rocks State Park. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 19th, 2018. To register for Camp, Day Camp, Staff, or volunteer, please visit: www.goannun.org Hurry, space is limited and Camp fills up quickly!! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

KORITSIA NEWS

Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser: The Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser is in full swing. Order forms can be found on the Narthex table. Completed order forms and checks made payable to: Saint Demetrios can be dropped off in the Gift Card box on the Narthex table or to the church office. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the church mortgage paydown. Any questions, please contact Maria Angelos at 443.280.2690 or mvailas@aol.com.

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, the donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom, which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is **May 18th**. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

A MONTH OF THE GREEKS AT UNCLE'S: Please join us every Monday in April from 4-9pm at Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz, located at 2315 Belair Road, Suite 2B, Fallston, Maryland, 10% of All Sales will be given back to Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. All proceeds will go toward paying down our Mortgage. Thank you for your support. Flyers located on Narthex Table.

Baltimore Blast Soccer Game: The Koritsia is organizing a family night at a Baltimore Blast soccer game! **February 24th, 6:05pm game time, SECU Arena at Towson University!** This is their last home game for the season AND fan appreciation night! Tickets are \$28 per seat. Contact Natalie Alatzas for tickets and information, 410.698.2582 or nalatzas@slateenclave.com. Tickets will also be available after Liturgy today, stop by our table outside the Chapel.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: March 5th at 6:30pm
General Meeting: March 12th at 6:30pm

Go Red Sunday: February 25th, 2018: The National Philoptochos Society promotes the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. In support of this program, Saint Demetrios is designating **Sunday, February 25th** as Go Red Sunday and are asking our Philoptochos sisters to join the movement and wear red, when attending Church service. Please stay after service so that we may take a picture with Father Lou.

My Ladies Luncheon: My Ladies Luncheon has been an annual event since it was initiated by Father Ernest Arambiges and the Ladies Philoptochos in 1984. This year, My Ladies Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, March 18th at 12:30pm** in our Hermes Rafailides Center. We are honored to have Father Ernest Arambiges as our speaker and the topic will be, "Personal Reflections. Tickets will be available starting next Sunday and each Sunday during Coffee Hour, or you can email Maria Antonakas at mariaa6@verizon.net or call at 410-995-0353. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by **Sunday, March 11th, 2018.**

MEMBERSHIP: **February is the month of love. 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. 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. Philoptochos is ~ PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION! For more information about joining the team of fun loving, hardworking members spreading the joy to those in need of a kind word, smile and encouragement, please contact Elaine 410.472.3458 or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

Save the Dates! Coming in March ~ Easter Bread Baking Crews, ~ **Thursday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 31st.** Calling all bakers . . . no experience necessary! This time we are offering two baking dates! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Easter bread. Look for more details as we get closer. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia 410.821.9545 or Elaine 410.472.3458. To place your order for breads, call Dottie 410.870.3372. (All orders must be paid in full when ordering). Final order day is **Sunday, March 18th.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presidents Day ~ February 19th Office, Pre-School & Greek School will be closed
Lent Begins / Holy Unction Service ~ February 19th at 7:00pm
Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ 24th at 9:00am
Pre-Sanctified Liturgies ~ February 21st & 28th @ 6:00pm
Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ February 23rd @ 7:00pm
Hellenic College Holy Cross Parish Visit ~ Sunday, February 25th

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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 is 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 considering 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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$239,242	\$62,891	267
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$235,545	\$63,814	255

**Our goal as Christian Stewards is to fund 100% of the Church operating budget*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 19th</u> <i>Lent Begins</i> <i>President's Day</i> <i>Office, Pre-School & Greek School, Closed</i> <i>Holy Unction, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Parish Council Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm <i>1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> GOYA Basketball</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Adult Choir, 7:00pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p><u>Friday, February 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Saturday, February 24th</u> <i>Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, February 25th</u> <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am</p>
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Lenten Retreat: The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church cordially invites you to join them at their 5th Annual Lenten Retreat to be held on **Saturday, March 3rd from 8:30am – 4:00pm.** There will be two sessions titled "Confession" & "Living the Faith." A Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Afternoon Snack will be served. Donation is \$35.00. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table