

**March 4, 2018**

**Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3. The Gospel Reading is Mark 2:1-12. These Readings may be found on pages 1359 & 1181 in the Holy Bible or on pages 138-139 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember: St. Basil Liturgy.** Second Sunday in Lent, Commemorating Saint Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Righteous Gerasimos of Jordan; Gregory, Bishop of Assos, Cyprus; Martyrs Paul and Juliana.

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

- Margaret Kontoyianis *for the health & welfare of* her children & grandchildren. May God continue to watch over them.

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

- Kevin & Linda Goodman *in loving memory of* Godmother & dear friend, Leslie Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 weeks ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Library Book & Knitting Club *in loving memory of* our dear friend, Leslie Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 weeks ago. May her memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Athina Kakavas

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the Ladies of Philoptochos. It will be served in the Hermes Rafailides Center by Sophia Gunzleman, Cathy Pizanis and Mary Lou Pizanis.

**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: Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* their children & grandchildren and *in loving memory of* their parents.

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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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**Orthodox Studies:** Lent is fast approaching and now is a wonderful time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! We love new members! Join us on **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Salutations to the Virgin Mary:** This Friday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It is a beautiful service and all are invited 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:** Holy Week Books are available to purchase for \$30.00 each. Please stop by the Church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday.

**The Orthodox Christian Way:** You are invited to attend our second session on **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" presented by our Saint Demetrios Pilgrims who recently returned from Jerusalem. Take part in a personal journey and follow in their steps as they walked through Jerusalem and the surrounding areas where our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ walked more than 2000 years ago. The conclusion to this journey will take place on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. The last session concludes with Father Karl Kish sharing his journey as an Orthodox Christian Chaplain. A light supper will be served at 6:15 PM. Presentations begin at 7:00 PM Registration will take place during coffee hour **TODAY** in our Hermes Rafailides Center or you can call the church office at 410.661.1090.

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**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.

**Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival:** Will be held today, **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**, the annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held in the Church Nave. As this is a Greek Orthodox Archdiocese sponsored Religious Education Program, we ask that parents support Fr. Lou and our Church School Staff by enthusiastically encouraging their children who attend Grades 4-12 to prepare for, and participate in this most rewarding Orthodox Faith based event. For further information, please see our Church School Director, Mr. George or your children's teacher(s).

**Palm Making:** Please plan to join us on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</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.

**Pre-School:** We invite you to visit our Excellent Early Education Program during our **OPEN HOUSE** week ~ **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9:00am -3:00pm. Special Guest Performer: Pam the Kindersinger **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11:4am**. You & Your child are welcome to join us! Our Pre-School is an outstanding early education program providing children with multidimensional opportunities that develop his/her intellectual, social, spiritual, emotional, and physical skills. We believe in active, hands-on learning that is systematic and effective. Our goal is for each child to be *Kindergarten ready* when he/she graduates from our pre-school. For more information please contact Betty Boteler, *Pre-School Director* at 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

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

**50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** will commemorate the **50<sup>th</sup> 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. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: [stephanie2twins@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie2twins@yahoo.com).

**Call for Play Producer:** This call is placed in consideration of all Parish members and their talents to ensure the longevity of our long-standing Suburban Players Production. You can be an instrumental partner in bringing the 2019 play to fruition in the producer role. If interested, please contact Peter Georgelakos by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 443-677-4707 or [petergstdemetrios@gmail.com](mailto:petergstdemetrios@gmail.com).

**Greek Independence Day Parade:** Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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](mailto:info@greekparade.com). Young men interested in becoming an Evzone, please contact Stavros Katsas at 443.835.5276 or [skatsas@yahoo.com](mailto:skatsas@yahoo.com).

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am. If you are a knitter or you like to sew or crochet, or just like some conversation we would love for you to join us.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or [ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:trianda28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2018 scholarship, applications packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance, letter of good standing, and recommendations for 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 **Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or [ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:trianda28@gmail.com).

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## KORITSIA NEWS

**Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser:** Gift Cards make great Easter Gifts! Use the order forms on the table in the Narthex to order gift cards from more than 700 stores. For example: a \$100 gift card to Target costs you \$100 and can be used the same as cash. Make checks payable to St Demetrios. 100% of the proceeds go to pay down the mortgage. Any questions contact Maria Angelos (443) 280-2690 or [mvailas@aol.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>**. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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**Nicholas Tsakalos Memorial Lenten Retreat:** Please join us for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Memorial Lenten Retreat, at Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, sponsored by the "**Growing in Faith**" Bible Study. Taming the Passions: The Orthodox Lifestyle of Freedom with retreat master Father Barnadas Powell on **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, 9:00am to 3:45pm ~ Great Vespers 4:00pm. Donation is \$30 per person includes breakfast and lunch (*please note any food allergies*). Registration deadline is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, after **March 1<sup>st</sup>** registration fee will be \$35.00.

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

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**Board Meeting: March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
**General Meeting: March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in our Hermes Raffailides Center**. We are honored to have Father Ernest Arambiges as our speaker and the topic will be, Father Ernest Arambiges "**A Personal Reflection**". Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available during Coffee Hour, or you can email Maria Antonakas at [mariaa6@verizon.net](mailto:mariaa6@verizon.net) or call at 410-995-0353. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

**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.

**Save the Dates! Coming in March ~ Easter Bread Baking Crews, Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

**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. 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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Pre-Sanctified Liturgies ~ March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> & March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm**  
**Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm**  
**Suburban Players Wrap-Up Meeting ~ March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**  
**My Ladies Luncheon ~ March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Finance Committee Meeting ~ March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting ~ March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pre-School Paint Night ~ March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Western Good Friday ~ Pre-School Closed ~ March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday of Lazarus ~ March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00am**  
**Palm Making ~ Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (following Liturgy)**

## 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
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$248,212	\$75,869	279
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$243,180	\$73,448	272

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)  <b><i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i></b>                      GOYA Basketball, 7:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Pre-School Parent Teacher Conferences                      Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)                      Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School Open only for Full-Time Students, 8:45am (C)                      Pre-School Parent Teacher Conferences                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)  <b><i>Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b><i>Sunday of Holy Cross</i></b>  <b><i>Orthros, 9:00am</i></b>  <b><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b>  <b><i>Memorial Sunday</i></b>  <b><i>Oratorical Festival</i></b>                      Church School, 9:55am (C)                      Dance Practice, 12:15 pm (H/G)</p>
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*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)*