

**April 1, 2018**

**Palm Sunday**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Philippians 4:4-9. The Gospel Reading is John 12:1-8. These Readings may be found on pages 1340 & 1250 in the Holy Bible or on pages 145-146 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember: Palm Sunday;** Righteous Mary of Egypt; Martyrs Gerontios and Basileides; Bishop Meliton of Sardis.

**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:**

- Tina Chuvala *in loving memory of* her husband, George and *in loving memory of* Mr. & Mrs. James Kakos. May their memories be eternal.
- Toula Woods *in loving memory of* her beloved husband, Victor Woods. 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.
- Gloria Koukoulos & Family *in loving memory of* father-in-law, grandfather & great grandfather, George Koukoulos. May his memory be eternal.
- The Toutsis & Eliou Families *in loving memory of* their parents, Stavros & Harikleia Toutsis. May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicholaides, 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.

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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

**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 dropped off in the basket or the Narthex table or 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 6<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / [painterart@gmail.com](mailto:painterart@gmail.com).

**Church School:** Saint Demetrios Church School will **NOT** be in session today: **Palm Sunday ~ April 1<sup>st</sup>** or **Easter Sunday ~ April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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**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.

**Father Ernest Arambiges Library:** The Library would like to congratulate Stergos Trintis for winning this year's Jelly Bean Contest. He is the lucky winner of a bowl of delicious Jelly Bellies, and all time favorite Easter Book the "*Miracle of the Red Egg.*" Thank you to all the children who participated and have a Happy Easter.

**Vacation Bible School Director Needed ASAP:** Email [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) for more information or call the Church office to volunteer! Current dates can be changed due to director's availability: June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm.

**Community Spring Cleaning Day:** Spring has Sprung and it's time for our first annual Spring Cleaning Day! Please join us on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** for cleanup of inside storage rooms and general cleanup of outdoor grounds. All you need to bring is your work gloves. We'll start at 9:00am. Please contact Mark Alberding at 410.790.7523 so we can obtain a headcount and make teams for each area to be cleaned. Our cleanup day last Autumn was a big success and a lot of fun as well. Please join us!

**Mother's Day Brunch:** GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 13<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.

**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, April 23<sup>rd</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).

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Commemorative Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This keepsake album will feature our history, family photos, ministries, personal ads, and memorial tributes. To prepare for the album creation, we are beginning the process of family photo shoots so that your family will be featured in this new album. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take family photos during this spring season. Appointments can be made during coffee hour or online through our website. [www.stdemetriusmd.org](http://www.stdemetriusmd.org). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

**Suburban Players:** The Suburban Players will be selling frozen pans of dolmades (\$75) and pastitsio (\$50), just in time for Easter. Please email or call Kelly MacDonnell at [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) or 410.917.2992.

**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.

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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:ltrianda28@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, application 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:ltrianda28@gmail.com).

**Order of AHEPA ~ Capital District #3:** College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

**Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30:** College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 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>, 2018**.

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## KORITSIA NEWS

**Koritsia Meeting:** We are looking for new members. We are a group of busy women who are trying to develop community and raise funds for our Church. No fee to be a part of this group and there is only one meeting a year, which will be held on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after Church in the executive board room. For more details please contact: Stephanie Gavrilis at [spadousis@hotmail.com](mailto:spadousis@hotmail.com).

**Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser:** You still have time to order Gift Cards in time for Easter Gift! Place your orders at coffee hour today. Orders placed by **Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be guaranteed to arrive by Good Friday. Order forms are also on the table in the Narthex and completed order forms can be dropped off in the "Gift Card" box on the Narthex table or at the church office. Contact Maria Angelos with questions at: [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!!

**Saint Demetrios presents** an evening at **Boordy Vinyards ~ Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ~ 6:00-9:30pm**. Live music by: Jimmy Solesky. Take-a-Chance Raffle; Vendors: Mr. Souvlaki, Prigel Family Creamery & Painter Kate. Admission: \$20 per-sale (\$25 at the door) ~ Cash bar with Boordy Wine. For tickets contact Monica Makrodimitris via email at: [mneel1@comcast.net](mailto:mneel1@comcast.net). Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table and share it with your friends and neighbors.

**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.

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**General Meeting: April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**B'MORE KIND:** We want to let you know about a group of moms, one of which is our very own Simone Trintis Volikas that have gotten together to help make change. They have all begun the #BMore Kind Campaign and are encouraging our children to wear the bracelets, that have been handed out to you today. When they witness an act of kindness from someone they take off their bracelet and give it to that person and acknowledge that act of kindness so that the person is encouraged to keep being kind. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos is proud to adopt the B'More Kind Campaign. Spreading kindness can help to decrease the incidence of violence in our city and spread God's message to Love thy Neighbor. The Ladies of Philoptochos encourages everyone to reward acts of kindness by giving this bracelet to any individual that you witness performing an act of kindness. Please involve children and adults alike. You can order more bracelets by emailing [Philoptochos2504@gmail.com](mailto:Philoptochos2504@gmail.com)

**Bingo: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . .** Join us on **Friday, May 4<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 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.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES:** On **May 20<sup>th</sup>** all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored on Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet. Please have graduates you know fill out a biography form on the narthex table and submit it along with both a baby and senior photo for inclusion in this year's booklet. We don't want to miss recognizing any graduate. **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at [colossalcare@gmail.com](mailto:colossalcare@gmail.com). If you have any questions or need a form emailed to you, please email or call Maria Stamas, 443-253-2561.

**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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*Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together. Let us all take up Thy cross and say:  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!*



## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

### “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 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.

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### STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$256,667	\$96,122	297
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$257,667	\$100,512	295

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

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Holy Week ~ No Activities Scheduled*

*Bright Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed*

*Greek School Resumes ~ April 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Saint Demetrios Clean-Up Day ~ April 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Philoptochos General Meeting ~ April 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Book/Knitting Club ~ April 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Koritsia Boordy Event ~ April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Capital Campaign Meeting ~ April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting ~ April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Parish Council Meeting ~ April 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Pre-School Greek Culture / Spaghetti Dinner ~ April 24<sup>th</sup>*

*GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ April 28<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>*