

April 8, 2018

Great & 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”; Agabos, Ruphos, Phlegon, Asynkritos, Herodion and Hermes of the 70 Apostles, Celestine, Pope of Rome; John, Neomartyr.

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, Nicholas Eliou and the entire Saint Demetrios Family.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Anthi Papapavlou & daughters, Marie & Chrisanthe *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pavlos Papapavlou, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria Giannaros *in loving memory of* her husband, Mihail I. Giannaros, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Panai, Elaine, Kostas & Mihalis Patiniotis *in loving memory of* father / pappou, Mihail I. Giannaros, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread for the following services during Holy Week was prepared by: *Holy Thursday* ~ Flora Christ; *Holy Saturday and the Resurrection Service* ~ Anthi Papapavlou.

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, Sam Tsakiris, Tony Heper & John Deaver for preparing the traditional Easter Magaritsa soup.

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: 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 8th**. **Classes will resume on Sunday, April 15th**.

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! We will resume on **Friday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

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

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

Dear Saint Demetrios Parishioners: The time has come for our Church to reach out to each of you, in a more timely and effective manner. We will begin using email as an integral and efficient delivery method of Church Office communications to better serve you. We need your help to make this exciting change possible. If you haven't provided us with your email address, please kindly email your information to saintdemetrios@comcast.net to begin receiving electronic communications. Thank you for your help in this new exciting endeavor.

Community Spring Cleaning Day: Spring has Sprung and it's time for our first annual Spring Cleaning Day! Please join us on **Saturday, April 14th** 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 clean-up 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 13th**. 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 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. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 23rd @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

50th Anniversary Book: The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50th 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.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

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.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc.: “Connecting The Future To The Past” Luncheon. Please join the Hellenic Heritage Museum Committee for an enjoyable luncheon on **Sunday, May 6th** after services in the Father Constantine Monios Hall, at the Annunciation Cathedral. Learn more about the museum's programs and plans; view a sampling of some of the treasures that the museum has in its collections. Hear a fascinating preview presentation about how to research our Greek ancestry. Donation is \$10.00. For more information pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact: Maria Letras at marigold1@me.com or 410.916.3764.

Axion Charity Events Presents EXCLUSIVE Private Pre-Screening of MAMMA MIA! Here We Go Again ~ The Feel Good Cinema Event Returns ~ SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, July 19th, at the Landmark Theatres ~ Harbor East. More information coming soon, send any questions to: axioncharityevents@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or 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 4th, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2018** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22nd, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or 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 16th, 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 30th, 2018**.

Scholarship Opportunities: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces that applications for the Scholarship and Fellowship programs administered by the Archdiocese are now available. Application can be accessed by visiting <http://www.goarch.org/>. For more information please pick-up the Scholarship Opportunities Flyer from the Narthex Table. Deadline for all scholarships is **May 4, 2018**.

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 20th**, immediately after Church in the executive board room. For more details please contact: Stephanie Gavrilis at 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 2nd** 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.

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!!

Saint Demetrios presents an evening at **Boordy Vinyards ~ Friday, April 20th, 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. 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

Xristos Anesti!

General Meeting: April 16th at 6:30pm

Bread Baking Crews: We would like to thank Georgia, Elaine and Dottie and all the volunteers for their hard work baking the Easter Bread on March 22nd. With everyone's help, 138 breads were made and sold. We would also like to thank everyone that came to learn and keep our tradition going! On **March 31st** we made and sold 78 additional Easter Breads. Georgia we are extremely grateful to you for taking the time to teach us!

Easter Candy: We would like to thank Presvytera Alice for making and selling all our delicious Easter Candy.

Bingo: May 4th ~ A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on **Friday, May 4th** (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 20th**, all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at 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 22nd is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bright Monday, April 9th ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed

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.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$259,908	\$107,010	304
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$262,129	\$112,527	306

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, April 9th</u> <i>Bright Monday</i> <i>Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, April 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 14th</u> Saint Demetrios Clean-Up Day</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 15th</u> <i>Sunday of Thomas</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm</p>
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