

April 22, 2018

Sunday of the Myrr-Bearing Women

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 6:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Mark 15:43-16:8. These Readings may be found on pages 1266 & 1198 in the Holy Bible or on pages 46-47 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: *Second Sunday of the Myrr-Bearing Women, New or Thomas Sunday;* Righteous Theodore, Bishop of Siceum, Apostle Nathanael, Martyr Nearchos, Righteous Leonidas, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Irene Peltseemes & family in loving memory of husband, father & grandfather, Paris Peltseemes, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May his memory be eternal

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Irene Peltseemes & family in loving memory of father, grandfather & great grandfather, James Filipides. May his memory be eternal.
- Katina Mavrophilipos, Konstantinos & Toulia Mavrophilipos, Dimitrios & Cindy Mavrophilipos & their families *in loving memory of* father, grandfather, & great grandfather, Ioannis Mavrophilipos who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Dina Katholos who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Chryssi Karas & sons, Gus & Peter, *in loving memory of* her husband & their father, Steve Karas, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Elonne Liakos, Maria & Peter Amentas & families *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Helen Amentas, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Pericles & Eva Fokianos, Kostas & Mary Fokianos, Maria Markides, Despina, Christos, Christina & Emily, *in loving memory of* father & grandfather Christos Fokianos who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dimitrios & Stella Mavrophilipos & their families *in loving memory of* father, grandfather, & great grandfather, Ioannis Mavrophilipos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dina Bishop, Christopher Murray, Melissa Martsoukos & Matthew Murray & their families *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother, & great grandmother, Lola Murray who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Evonne Liakos, Maria Amentas & Pete Amentas *in loving memory of* their mother, Helen Amentas, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Evonne Liakos, Maria Amentas & Pete Amentas *in loving memory of* their uncle, Steve Karas, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

- Jimmy & Chris Spanos *in loving memory of* their dear friend Lola Murray who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.
- Savvas, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Anastasia Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Papaminas will present their 2nd child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day blessing today. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Antonakas, Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros, and Tula Stamas.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Christos Fokianos (40-days); Dina Katholos (40 days); Ioannis Mavrophilipos (40 days); Lola Murray (40 days) Helen Amentas (5 years).; Steve Karas (15 years) and Anastasia Tsakiris (18 years). May their memories be eternal.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored, *in loving memory*, by the families of Christos Fokianos, Ioannis D. Mavrophilipos, and Lola Murray and served by the Philoptochos Ladies: Joy Becker, Sandy Dzwonczyk, and Linda Goodman,

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

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.

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.

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!

Lifetouch Photographers is coming in May and June to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online www.stdemetriosmd.org or at Coffee hour. This is free for all stewards. Each family gets a free 8x10 and a free commemorative 50th Anniversary book. contact Simone Volikas for any questions, stintis@hotmail.com

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith with fun and fellowship; join us this Friday at **9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend and we love new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com..

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 18th – 22nd, 9am-2pm.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: ATTENTION...Early Bird discount expires May 1st and Camp is filling quickly!!! 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!! **Early Bird discount expires on May 1st so do not delay!!** 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

Singles Party for Orthodox Christians: Come join other Orthodox singles at a post-Pascha party in Columbia, Maryland on April 29th from 3 - 7 pm. All single Orthodox Christians over the age of 21 are welcome to attend. Enjoy multi-ethnic Pascha favorites and meet other singles in the DelMarVa region. A free will offering at the door is requested to help cover costs. RSVP by email to dianahav@earthlink.net to let us know you will attend and to get the address.

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 ~ 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**.

United Chios Society of Baltimore ~ 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 July 13th, 2018. Recipients or their representatives MUST be present during church services at Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church in Darlington, MD on Sunday July 22, 2018, where presentations will be made.**

Order of AHEPA ~ Lord Baltimore Chapter #364: 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 23rd, 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 board room. For more details please contact: Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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.

Greek Festival Corner

The Festival Committee will be sponsoring a Sunday Breakfast on May 6th immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. They will be serving Pancakes, Healthy Veggie Egg Omelet, Potatoes and Bacon.

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	\$265,298	\$117,605	314
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$262,128	\$121,580	306

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, April 23rd</u> <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> <i>St. George</i> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm(C) Capital Campaign Mtg., 5:30pm (B) 50th Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B) Pre-School Greek Celebration & Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, April 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Dance Set-Up (H/G)</p> <p><u>Saturday, April 28th</u> GOYA Basketball Tournament GOYA Dance (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 29th</u> <i>Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm GOYA Basketball Tournament</p>
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