

March 3, 2019

Judgement Sunday

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 25:31-46. These Readings may be found on pages 1313 & 1174 in the Holy Bible or on pages 132 -134 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Meatfare Sunday, Recognition of the Lord's Second Coming; Eutropios, Kleonikos and Basiliskos, Martyrs; Holymartyr Theodoretos.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Stefandi & Frangos Families *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Ioanna Stefanadi, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Stacy Stathopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* her father & their grandfather, Donald Philip Scarborough. May his memory be eternal.
- John & Chrysanthe Stathopoulos *in loving memory of* Donald Philip Scarborough. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Ioanna Stefanadi, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour is co-sponsored *in loving memory* by the family of Ioanna Stefanadi and by our Demetrakia Dance Group and will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy.

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

Lent begins on Monday, March 11th. Join us for Holy Unction Service at 7:00pm

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: Beginning on **Friday, March 15th** 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 **April 12th**. It is a beautiful service, and all are invited to attend.

Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Oratorical Festival will be held today, **Sunday, March 15th**, beginning at 1:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to research, reflect, study, and express their faith. Elementary Division ~ grades 4-6; Junior Division ~ grades 7-9; and Senior Division ~ grades 10-12. Please come and offer your support.

Parish Assembly: The Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, March 24th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2019 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish.

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on **Saturday, April 20th** 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.

Orthodox Studies: With Lent quickly approaching, what a perfect time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, March 8th** at 9:30am in the board room. Please be advised that if Baltimore County Public schools are closed or delayed due to weather we will not meet. For more info. contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

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.

Church School: Saint Demetrios Church School will **NOT** be in session on: **Palm Sunday ~ April 21st** or **Easter Sunday ~ April 28th**.

50th Anniversary: Our next meeting is planned for **Monday, March 25th** at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

New Spring Dates Released for Family Photo Sessions: Lifetouch Photography will be back at Saint Demetrios on **Friday, April 12th** and **Saturday, April 13th** for the final two opportunities to get your family photos for our upcoming 50th Anniversary Commemorative Album. More details to come.

Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church! As we get closer to our 50th Anniversary, we are looking to highlight our history. You, our parishioners, are a very special part of the decades that have unfolded here at 2504 Cub Hill Road since 1969. So, tell us what Saint Demetrios means to you. What is your favorite memory? Did you get married here? Were you children baptized here? What ministries do you enjoy the most? Please email us your short responses and/or photos to our dedicated anniversary email address at: stdemetrios50@gmail.com Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

Demetrakia 2019 Season: Registration for the 2019 Demetrakia Dance Troupe session continues today during coffee hour. Dance is free for all parishioners and open to anyone interested, ages 4 and up. The first practice will take place next **Sunday, March 10th**. Contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com or 443.838.1248 with any questions. **Dance Costumes of the Past:** If you or any of your family or friends have Demetrakia Dance costumes at home, please turn them into a dance teacher or contact Emily to coordinate a pick-up time, 443.838.1248 or ELiadakis@aol.com. Any and all pieces, in any condition, from any time period will be happily accepted, no questions asked. Thank You!

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 13th** 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.

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 2020 play to fruition in the producer role. If interested, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

The Orthodox Christian Way: The first session of the Orthodox Christian Way will take place in our Hermes Rafailides Center on **Tuesday, March 5th, 2019**. *Father Karl Kish will share his journey as an Orthodox Military Chaplain in the United States Navy*. We will begin as usual with a light supper at 6:15pm followed by the presentation at 7:00pm. Registration will take place during coffee hour today.

Stamp & Coin Club: If anyone is interested in joining a Stamps, Coins & Foreign Currencies Club for beginners & collectors, please contact John Stathopoulos at 410.592.2929. Please leave a message on the answering machine and John will call you back.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: Cancelled for March
General Meeting: March 18, 2019

Rescheduled Fundraiser: Come and enjoy an evening out for dinner and at the same time you will be helping those less fortunate. It's the Philoptochos fundraiser at the **Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh on March 4th** from noon to 10:00pm. Please pick-up a flyer (must show the flyer at the restaurant) after church service and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please contact Mary Tsakiris at 410.245.1291 with any questions or see her at coffee hour.

Philoptochos Membership: Join the team of friendly, hardworking members spreading joy to those in need of a helping hand, kind words of encouragement and smiles. Consider your 2019 stewardship commitment to our local Philoptochos chapter.

- Membership is open to all stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age or older.
- Membership is per calendar year and based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations.
- When considering your stewardship, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and your Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects.

Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to the church office, Attention: Philoptochos Membership. Payments accepted: Check, Cash, Credit Card (see Treasurer, Presvytera Alice) or by PayPal, at Philoptochos2504@gmail.com. Need additional information? Contact Elaine at 410.472.3458.

Philoptochos is: PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION!

Save the Date: Bingo, May 10th: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on **Friday, May 10th** (doors open at 6:00pm) for a fun evening and win great prizes. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit the many charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. If you are holding a table, tickets must be paid for in advance. Last day to by discounted tickets is **May 5th**. See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410.245.1291.

KORITSIA NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: An evening at Boordy Vineyards ~ **Friday, May 17th, 2019**. Please mark your calendar.

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: In the spirit of environmental and economic sustainability Saint Demetrios has partnered with Got Sneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate us \$1.00 for every wearable sneaker and 10¢ for every other type of shoe. This includes adult and children's shoes and any gender. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked "**SHOE DONATION**" in the hall by the ladies' room. We will collect shoes up to our Boordy Vineyards event on **May 17th**. Contact Simone Volikas at srintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE: Axion Charity Events Presents Private Pre-Screening of **FAITH, HOPE & LOVE, A film by Robert Krantz** on **Thursday, March 14th, 2019**. Landmark Theaters ~ Harbor East, 645 S. President Street, Baltimore, MD. 21202, doors open at 6:15pm, showing begins at 7:00pm, ticket price is \$26.00. For information & tickets: axioncharityevents@gmail.com or Eleni Roros 443.621.0587 or Olga Paterakis 410.491.4066. Flyers are on the Narthex Table. *All proceeds to benefit the Greek Orthodox Churches of Baltimore.*

Saint Demetrios Pre-School is hosting several Family Engagement Events at the School. Check out our Fantastic Events:

- **Pre-School Lenten Brunch:** March 17th following Divine Liturgy, \$7.00 per person.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** March 17th during the brunch. Please stop by the Philoptochos Room to support the Pre-School.
- **Pre-School Movie Night:** March 22nd ~ 6:00-8:30pm. Lego Batman FREE Event. Candy for sale.

SAVE THE DATE: Pre-School 20th Anniversary & Greek Heritage Event ~ **May 11th ~ 4-8pm**. ALL ALUMNI/TEACHERS/FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

REGISTER TODAY for the 25th Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Growing in Faith Retreat which will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd, 2019**. The Retreat Masters are Father Nicholas and Presvytera Roxanne Louh of Saint John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in Jacksonville, Florida. The topic for the retreat is "**Daily principles you can apply to make 2019 the best year of your life, spiritually.**" For information, contact Jeanne Tsakalos, 410-252-6021 or Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com. The early registrations cost for the retreat is \$30.00, until March 11. Our youth are invited to an evening with Father Nicholas and Presvytera Roxanne on **Friday, March 22nd, 2019**, following the Salutations to the Virgin Mary, beginning at 6:30 PM. Dinner and discussion to follow. There is no charge for this, but registration is required by contacting Trevor, bullock@goannun.org or 410-727-1831.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 31st, 2019, at 2:00 PM**, in Baltimore's historic Greektown. The parade features dance groups in ethnic costumes, children groups, and Orthodox Clergy from the Baltimore-Washington area. The parade route proceeds from Haven Street, up Eastern Avenue, turns right onto Ponca Street and ends two blocks past Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Fait Avenue. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to [register on-line](#). For more information call the Parade Hotline at **443-267-4735**, email us at info@greekparade.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9th ~ 2nd Saturday of Soul Liturgy ~ 9:00am

March 10th ~ Memorial Sunday

March 10th ~ 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Manuel J. Burdusi

March 11th ~ Lent Begins ~ Holy Unction Service at 7:00pm

March 12th ~ The Way ~ 6:15pm

March 13th ~ 1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm

March 14th ~ FAITH, LOVE & HOPE ~ 6:15pm doors open / 7:00pm show time

March 15th ~ 1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm

March 16th ~ 3rd Saturday of Souls Liturgy ~ 9:00am

March 17th ~ Pre-School Brunch / Scholastic Book Fair

March 20th ~ 2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm

March 22nd ~ 2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm

March 23rd ~ Community Clean-up Day

March 24th ~ General Assembly

March 27th ~ 3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm

March 29th ~ 3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm

March 31st ~ Greek Independence Day Parade ~ 2:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK
“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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 and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

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
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$243,180	\$73,448	272
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$252,635	\$71,841	283

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser 12pm-10pm Philoptochos Easter candy Pre-Sales</p>	<p><u>Thursday, March 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 8th</u> Pre-School closed Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 10th</u> <i>Forgiveness Sunday</i> <i>Cheese fare</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Philoptochos Easter Food Drive Kick-Off Church School, 9:55am Dance Practice (H/G)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, March 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 9th</u> <i>Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday</i> <i>Of Souls, 9:00am</i></p>	