

**March 10, 2019**

## **Forgiveness Sunday**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Romans 13:11-14:4. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 6:14-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1152 in the Holy Bible or on pages 134 -135 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Cheesefare Sunday, Commemorating the Expulsion of Adam and Eve, the First Created, from Paradise; Kodratos of Corinth and his five Companions Martyred with him; Anastasia the Patrician; Michael, Neomartyr.

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

- The families of Dean Pappas, Vanessa Petrini and Tina Evarard *in loving memory of* our father and grandfather, Plato “Tom” Pappas who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their parents, James & Sevasti Makres, and John & Olga Livanion, and their brothers, George & William Makres and Steve and his wife Edith. May their memories be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Dina Kathalos who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Kourtesis family *in loving memory of* Voula Kourtesis, beloved wife of Panagiotis, mother of Ligeri and Nick, grandmother of Chandler, Carson and Carington, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Katina Mavrophilipos, Konstantinos and Toulia Mavrophilipos and Dimitrios and Cindy Mavrophilipos and their families *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Ioannis Mavrophilipos who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- M. Christopher Murray, Penny Asay, James Bishop, Dina Bishop, Christopher Murray, Melissa Martsoukas and Matthew Murray and their Families *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Lola Murray *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* father and grandfather, Pendelis Theodore who fell asleep in the Lord 39 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Fr. Louis & Presvytera Alice *in loving memory of* their dear friends Tom Shockley who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago and Maryann Shockley who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Penelope Xecominos Green *for the health and welfare of* her father, John Xecominos. May God continue to watch over him and keep him in his care.
- Jimmy & Chris Spanos *in loving memory of* sister and aunt, Lola Murray who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Gus & Despina Panageotou and family *in loving memory of* sister and aunt, Lola Murray, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her 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* Dina Kathalos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Voula Kourtesis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Ioannis D. Mavrophilipos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Lola Murray who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Plato “Tom” Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Tom Shockley, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago; Maryann Shockley, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago and Pandelis Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 39 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour today is co-sponsored *in loving memory* by the families of Voula Kourtesis, Lola Murray, and Plato “Tom” Pappas. It will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy and served by the Orthodox Christian Way Ministry.

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

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

**Parish Assembly:** The Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> directly after the 9:00 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:** It is hard to believe that tomorrow begins Lent... what a perfect time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>** or **Easter Sunday ~ April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Our next meeting is planned for Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for the final two opportunities to get your family photos for our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Album. More details to come.

**Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church!** As we get closer to our 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stdemetrios50@gmail.com) Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50<sup>th</sup> marketing and promotion material.

**Cemetery Lot Price Increase:** Our cemetery prices will be increasing in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to purchase a lot before the increase, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090.

**The Orthodox Christian Way:** The second session of the Orthodox Christian Way will take place in our Hermes Rafailides Center on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019.** Our very own parishioner, *Stephen KucharSKI*, will be presenting: **"Icons 101"**. We will begin as usual with a light supper at 6:15 pm followed by the presentation at 7:00 pm. Registration continues to take place during coffee hour today.

**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 today, **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Emily at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

**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](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net).

**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.

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

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

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

**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). Scholarship packets will be available shortly.

## PHILOPTOCHOS

**New Date: General Meeting: March 18, 2019 6:30pm**

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:** A "BIG" thank you Mary Tsakiris for her hard work with this fundraiser. It was a fun and successful night! Mary went above & beyond by making & selling koulourakia and doing a give-a-way raffle!

**SAVE THE DATE: "My Ladies Luncheon"** to be held in our Hermes Rafailides Center on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Special guest speaker, Kari Kampakis from Birmingham, Alabama. More info to follow in next week's bulletin. See Maria Antonakas with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE: Bingo ~ May 10<sup>th</sup>.** A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** (doors open at 6pm) 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 buy discounted tickets is **May 5<sup>th</sup>.** See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410.245.1291.

**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 and older.
- ~ Membership is per calendar year and based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations.
- ~ When considering your stewardship, please be aware that \$23 of your donations 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](mailto:Philoptochos2504@gmail.com)
- ~ Need additional information? Contact Elaine at 410.472.3458

**Philoptochos is: PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Lent Begins ~ Holy Unction Service at 7:00pm**

March 12<sup>th</sup> ~ The Way ~ 6:15pm

**March 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm**

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

**March 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Souls Liturgy ~ 9:00am**

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

**March 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Community Clean-up Day

**March 24<sup>th</sup> ~ General Assembly**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Greek Independence Day Parade ~ 2:00 pm**

**Save the Date:** Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held, **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am-12pm**. Ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin shortly. Email [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) for more information / to register / or to volunteer.

**FAITH, HOPE & LOVE:** Axion Charity Events Presents Private Pre-Screening of **FAITH, HOPE & LOVE, A film by Robert Krantz** on **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 Paraskev Society Spring Bus Trip to National Harbor:** Join us on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Meeting at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Greektown at 9:30am & return at 6:00pm. So much to see and do at the National Harbor, something for everyone in the family! Tickets are \$45 per person (tip, free bagel breakfast & more included. \$40 for St. Paraskev members in good standing for 2019. For more information please contact: Simone Volikas at 410.510.7557 or via email at: [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com). Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table.

**REGISTER TODAY** for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Growing in Faith Retreat which will be held on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:bullock@goannun.org) or 410-727-1831.

**Greek Independence Day Parade:** Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:info@greekparade.com).

### **KORITSIA NEWS**

**SAVE THE DATE:** An evening at Boordy Vineyards ~ **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Simone Volikas at [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

### **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**

	<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>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$248,780	\$86,196	285
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$265,565	\$87,891	305

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

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b>Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Lent Begins</i>  <b>Holy Unction Service, 7:00pm</b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)            The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)  <b>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</b>            GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)            Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><b>Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)  <b>Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday Of Souls, 9:00am</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b>  <b>Orthros, 9:00am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b>            Church School, 9:55am            Recognition Sunday ~            Suburban Players            Pre-School Brunch (H/G)            Dance Practice (C)</p>
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