

March 17, 2019

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40. The Gospel Reading is John 1:43-52. These Readings may be found on pages 1367 & 1237 in the Holy Bible or on pages 136 -137 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: First Sunday in Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy: Triumph of the Icons; Righteous Alexios, “Man of God”; Righteous Theosteriktos, Confessor.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Jerry, Elaine, Sophia, Athena and Nicholas Sackleh and the Stefanou Family *in loving memory of* mother and grandmother, Florence Stefanou who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis and family *in loving memory of* husband, father and grandfather, George Kontoyianis. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam and Mary Karavedas and family *in honor of* their granddaughter, niece and cousin, Aristeia “Tea” Matos, on the occasion of her 18th birthday. May God grant her many more.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.
- Chris & Nikki Kazakos *in loving memory of* Mrs. Lola Murray, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: There will **NOT** be a coffee hour today, instead please join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center for the Pre-School Pancake Breakfast. Help support our school and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

Flowers for the Virgin Mary: The basket of flowers gracing the Icon of the Virgin Mary for the Salutations to the Theotokos was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Hondroulis *for the health & welfare of* their family.

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

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: This Friday **March 22nd** 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.

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 **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.

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date: **July 15th – 19th**. Stay tuned for more details on registration, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Orthodox Studies: Yet another Lenten season has begun...what a perfect time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, March 22nd** 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.

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 third session of the Orthodox Christian Way will take place in our Hermes Rafailides Center on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**. We are pleased to have ***Reverend Father Damaskinos Issa from Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*** located in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Father Damaskinos will be presenting: **Orthodox Christianity in the Middle East**. 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 today.

Demetrakia 2019 Season: 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!

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.

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.

Community Spring Cleaning Day: Spring has Sprung and it's time for our annual Spring Clean-Up Day! Please join us on **Saturday, March 23rd** for clean-up of inside storage rooms and general clean-up of outdoor grounds. All you need to bring is your work gloves. We'll start at 9:00am. Please contact the church office for more details. Please join us!

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

- ♦ **Pre-School Lenten Brunch:** Will be held today, **Sunday, March 17th** following Divine Liturgy, \$7.00 per person.
- ♦ **Scholastic Book Fair:** Will be held today, **Sunday, 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!

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

CLIFFS OF FREEDOM: Set at the dawn of the Greek War of Independence of 1821, "Cliffs of Freedom" is the story of an ill-fated romance between Anna Christina, a young Greek village girl, and Tariq, a conflicted Turkish officer who has doubts about his countrymen's brutal methods of governance. Where their romance brings tragedy to her village, Ann Christina swears revenge against the Turks, joining the Greek rebellion and becoming a fearless rebel legend that inspires her people. Having believed that she could leave her feelings behind, Christina must face off against the man who still loves her and wants to keep her safe, but who has now been tasked with her capture. Their encounters and skirmishes inevitably lead to a tragic confrontation during a pivotal battle between the Greeks and Turks that will change the course of history. For more information or view the trailer visit: cliffsoffreedomfilm.com.

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.

3rd Annual Lenten Vegan Food & Bake Sale at Saint Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Hunt Valley, MD on Sunday March 24th from 11.45am - 2pm, see flyer on Narthex table for more info.

PHILOPTOCHOS

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

A tray will be passed by the St. Demetrios Philoptochos Ladies Society and all proceeds will go to the Metropolis Philoptochos Emergency -Social service fund. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE: "My Ladies" Annual luncheon will be held on **Sun., April 14th after church in the HERMES RAFAILIDES CENTER.** This special event was initiated many years ago by our dear former priest Father Ernie for our community's ladies to have a break from the business that we are all about and relax in Christian fellowship and hear a spiritual message during our Lenten season.

This year, our Philoptochos has scheduled an amazing speaker/author/blogger/columnist who will discuss "Fearless for Christ: a focus of living a meaningful Life in/ for/with Christ." *KARI KAMPAKIS FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.* Please pass this onto your family and friends! More details about tickets to come soon! *This event is open to everyone, not just ladies!* Please plan to join us in fellowship and to feed our souls this Lenten season! Kali Sarakosti! May we all have a blessed Lent!

Easter Bread Baking: First baking: **Thursday, April 11th,** bagging ~ **Friday, April 12th,** pick up--**Sunday, April 14th** (Western Palm Sunday). Second baking (little breads): **Saturday, April 20th,** bagging & sales ~ **Sunday, April 21st** (Orthodox Palm Sunday)

Easter Candy Sale: The Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale is now underway! Order your chocolates early for Easter. Order forms can be found on the Narthex table or in today's bulletin. You can turn in your completed form and payment to Presvytera Alice or drop it off in the church office. Thank you for supporting Philoptochos once again!

Save the Date: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on **Friday, May 10th** (doors open at 6pm) for a fun evening and win great prizes. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 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 ticket is **May 5th.** See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410-245-1291.

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

- ~ It's March and spring is just around the corner!
- ~ Time to complete your Philoptochos Stewardship!
- ~ Lend a helping hand, provide kind words of encouragement and smiles as a Philoptochos sister supporting the various local charity projects, such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, School children's needs and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.
- ~ 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.
- ~ Need additional information? Contact Elaine 410.472.3458.

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 strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

SAVERS: We are **NOT** collecting items for SAVERS at this time, please **DO NOT** drop off any items at the church. Thank You.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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 2019 scholarship, applications 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 3rd, 2019.** Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2019** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 28th, 2019.** If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American announces that applications for the Scholarship and Fellowship programs administered by the Archdiocese are now available. Applications can be accessed by visiting <http://www.goarch.org>. For more information, please email scholarships@goarch.org or call 212-774-0283. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is **May 3, 2019.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20th ~ 2 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 ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm
March 29th ~ 3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm
March 31st ~ Greek Independence Day Parade ~ 2:00 pm
April 3rd ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm
April 5th ~ 4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm
April 10th ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm
April 12th ~ Akathist Hymn ~ 7:00pm

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	\$249,759	\$89,598	286
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$266,555	\$94,921	307

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 18th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm (P)	Thursday, March 21st Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)	Sunday, March 24th Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am Recognition Sunday ~ Camp Good Shepherd/CYC/VBS General Assembly
Tuesday, March 19th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)	Friday, March 22nd Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Pre-School Movie Night, 5:00pm-8:00pm (H/G) Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm	
Wednesday, March 20th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)	Saturday, March 23rd Community Clean-up Day	

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)