

**March 24, 2019**

**Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3. The Gospel Reading is Mark 2:1-12. These Readings may be found on pages 1359 & 1181 in the Holy Bible or on pages 138 -139 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember St. Basil Liturgy.** Proeortia of the Annunciation; Second Sunday in Lent, Commemorating St. Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Righteous Zacharias of Scetis; Righteous Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia; Holymartyr Parthenios III, the Younger, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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

- Stacy and Nick Stathopolous and Family *in loving memory of* her father and their grandfather, Donald Philip Scarborough who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour today is sponsored and served by the Philoptochos Ladies Society in our Hermes Rafailides Center. Please take the opportunity to purchase a light lunch prior to our General Assembly Meeting.

**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. John Pentikis *in loving memory of* his parents James and Elizabeth Pentikis.

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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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**Salutations to the Virgin Mary:** This Friday March 29<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 today 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.

**Camp Good Shepherd:** Save the date: July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<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 fourth session of the Orthodox Christian Way will take place on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We are pleased to have *Father Jerome Sanderson presenting "EXODUS the introduction of the Lamb of God & Pascha, the foundation of the Church. Father Jerome is a noted speaker, priest, author, iconographer, woodcarver and senior pastor of Christ the Savior Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church.* We will be meeting in the Board Room for a light supper at 6:15pm followed by the presentation at 7:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. Please enter from the office door.

**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](mailto: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](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: 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!

**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.

**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](http://cliffsoffreedomfilm.com).

**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).

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

**Chastity, Humility, Patience, and Love in the Prayer of St. Ephrem** Sunday April 7, 2019 at St. Philip and James Church 2801 North Charles St. Baltimore 6:15 PM by Fr. Stephen Ryan, O.P., Ph.D. of the Dominican House of Studies. The Lenten prayer of the Byzantine-rite churches known as the Prayer of St. Ephrem asks God to purify our hearts, to cast out laziness, idle curiosity, ambition, and empty talk and to grant instead chastity, humility, patience, and love. Composed in Greek, probably in the fifth century, this ancient prayer calls us to repent, be mindful of our sins, and not to judge others. Fr. Ryan teaches courses on the Old Testament (Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom, Psalms), as well as biblical and early Christian languages (Hebrew, Greek, Syriac). A simple meal will be provided. (410)235-2294 or philipandjames.org

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## **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 [strintis@hotmail.com](mailto:strintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

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

## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

**SAVE THE DATE:** “My Ladies” Annual luncheon will be held on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** 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. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children 18 and under. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday.

This year, our Philoptochos has sponsored to have 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:** Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! This time we are offering two baking dates! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Easter bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia 410.821.9545 or Elaine 410.472.3458. To place your order for breads, call Dottie 410.870.3372.

First baking: **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 8:45am; bagging - **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**; pick up ~ **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** (Western Palm Sunday) Second baking (little breads): **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**; bagging & sales ~ **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** (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 10<sup>th</sup>** (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 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.

**Last date to complete your Philoptochos Stewardship is April 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
**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](mailto:Philoptochos2504@gmail.com).
  - ~ Need additional information? Contact Elaine 410.472.3458.
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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or [triana28@gmail.com](mailto:triana28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or [triana28@gmail.com](mailto:triana28@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](mailto:scholarships@goarch.org) or call 212-774-0283. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is **May 3, 2019**.

**Lord Baltimore Chapter #364 Order of AHEPA:** College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2019-2020 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **April 30, 2019**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*March 27<sup>th</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*  
*April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Parish Council Executive Meeting ~ 7:00pm*  
*April 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm*  
*April 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm*  
*April 7<sup>h</sup> ~ Memorial Sunday/ Recognition Sunday*  
*April 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30pm*  
*April 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner 6:30pm*  
*April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm*  
*April 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Akathist Hymn ~ 7:00pm*  
*April 14<sup>th</sup> ~ My Ladies Luncheon following Liturgy*  
*April 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Philoptochos General Meeting 6:30pm*  
*April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Board Meeting 7:00pm*  
*April 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00pm*  
*April 19<sup>th</sup> ~ GOYA Lock-in*  
*April 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy 9:00am and Palm Making after Liturgy*

## 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	\$253,629	\$ 94,955	291
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$273,315	\$104,029	319

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Greek Independence Day</b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      The Way, 6:15pm (B)                      Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)  <b>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</b>                      No GOYA Basketball                      Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)                      No Men's Basketball                      Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p> <p><b>Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)  <b>Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</b>                      Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>                      Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros, 9:00am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b>                      Church School, 9:55am  <b>Greek Independence Day Parade</b>                      No Dance Practice                      Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p>
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