

March 31, 2019

Sunday of Holy Cross

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 4:14-5:6. The Gospel Reading is Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1361-1362 & 1181 in the Holy Bible or on pages 141-142 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember *St. Basil Liturgy*. Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; Hypatios, Bishop of Gangra Righteous Akakios the Confessor, Bishop of Melitene, Confessor Joel the Prophet.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Mary, Paul, Christy, Emily and Bridget and their Families *in loving memory of* their brother, father, and grandfather, John Katsafanas who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Elaine and Jerry Sackleh and Family *in loving memory of* father and grandfather, Constantine Stefanou, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Alex Maistros will present their 1st child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* John Katsafanas who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Maria Antonakas and Georgia Kerasiotes.

Coffee Hour: There will be **NO** coffee hour held this week, due to the Maryland Kid's Clothing Exchange Hall Rental.

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 Regis and Jennie Kegel *for the Glory of God and for the health and welfare of their* children and grandchildren; Regis Jr., Stacey and Tyler Kegel and Michelle, Jeremy, Addison and Aiden Clancy.

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 **April 5th** 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.

Holy Week Books: Are available for purchase for \$30.00. Please stop by the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday. **Holy Week Schedules** are available on the Narthex table. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. **Philoptochos Easter Flower Donations** may be dropped off in the basket on the Narthex table and the **Easter Offering** envelopes may be given to a Parish Council member at the Pangari or dropped off at the church office.

Orthodox Studies: Yet another Lenten season has begun...what a perfect time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, April 5th** at 9:30am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

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

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 9th** 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.

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.

50th Anniversary: Our next meeting is planned for **Sunday, May 1st** at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

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

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.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Annual Hope/Joy Family Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday directly following the Agape Service. The Agape Service will begin at 1:00pm. All youth up to age 12 years old, are invited to participate.

Cemetery Lot Price Increase: Our cemetery prices increased to \$3,000 for members and \$3,500 for non-members. In order to qualify for the member rate you must have been a member in good standing for two consecutive years. If you would like to purchase a lot, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090.

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date: Pre-School Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, April 9th** from 5:50-6:50pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children, Under 5 free. For more information please contact Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

AHIF Student Foreign Policy Trip to Greece and Cyprus: AHIF is accepting applications for its leading travel abroad program the AHIF College Student Foreign Policy Study Trip to Greece and Cyprus aimed to help Greek and Cypriot American college students better understand the core foreign policy issues important to the Greek American community. Info. & Application: <https://www.aheworld.org/students/policy-trip>.

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.

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 sill 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.

KORITSIA NEWS

2019 SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER: Please visit Burton Farms, located at 11031 Factory Road, Glen Arm, MD. On **Saturday, May 4th** and **Sunday, May 5th** from **9AM-5PM**. Burton Farms is a local family farm and has beautiful hanging baskets, annuals, herb gardens, vegetables and much more! Saint Demetrios will receive 10% of all plant sales. Please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table, you must take the flyer with you when you visit Burton Farms.

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 currently, please **DO NOT** drop off any items at the church. Thank You.

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 scheduled for **Sunday, May 19th**, immediately following Divine Liturgy in the board room. All are invited. For more details please contact Simone Trintis at strintis@hotmail.com.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting ~ April 8th at 6:30pm
General Meeting ~ April 15th at 6:30pm

We would like to thank Cathy Xanthakos for her donation to our Lunch Wagon this past Sunday and also for chairing the luncheon. Thank you to everyone who purchase lunch and made it a sold out event!

"My Ladies" Annual luncheon will be held on **Sunday, 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. 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 11th** at 8:45am; 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!

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 buy discounted tickets is **May 5th**. 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 21st.

Philoptochos is: PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION!

- ~ 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.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or trianda28@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 trianda28@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**.

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

April 3rd ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm

April 5th ~ 4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7:00pm

April 9th ~ Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner 6:30pm

April 10th ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00pm

April 12th ~ Akathist Hymn ~ 7:00pm

April 14th ~ My Ladies Luncheon following Liturgy

April 17th ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00pm

April 19th ~ GOYA Lock-in

April 20th ~ Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy 9:00am and Palm Making after Liturgy

Western Good Friday ~ Pre-School Closed ~ April 19th

Palm Sunday ~ April 21st ~ Matins, 8:45am ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am ~ Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm

Holy Monday ~ Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm

Holy Tuesday ~ Bridegroom Service & Hymn of Kassiani, 7:00pm

Holy Wednesday ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 9:00am

1st Holy Unction, 4:00pm ~ 2nd Holy Unction, 7:00pm

Holy Thursday ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am ~ The Passion of Our Lord, 7:00pm

Holy Friday ~ Royal Hours, 9:00am, Apokathelosis, 3:30pm, Lamentation Service, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am ~ Easter Vigil/Resurrection & Divine Liturgy, 11:00pm

Great & Holy Pascha ~ Agape Service ~ Hope/Joy Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00pm

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	\$257,667	\$100,512	295
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$277,765	\$110,472	327

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, April 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Kid's Clothing Exchange, 9:00am – 8:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Kid's Clothing Exchange 9:00am-5:00pm (H/G) Parish Council Executive Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> GOYA Basketball 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Friday, April 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, April 7th</u> <i>Sunday of Saint John Climacus Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>50th Anniversary Recognition</i> <i>Sunday ~ Greek School</i> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm</p>
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