

April 14, 2019

Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

The Epistle Reading is Hebrews 9:11-14. The Gospel Reading is Mark 10:32-45. These Readings may be found on pages 1364 and 1190 in the Holy Bible or on pages 143-145 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember *St. Basil Liturgy*. Fifth Sunday of Lent, commemorating Mary of Egypt; Aristarchos, Poudes and Trophimos, of the 70 Apostles; Thomais, Martyr; Demetrios of Tripolis.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Steve Michalos, Kathy Piley, Tony Michalos and their families *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Gina Michalos who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Stefandi and Frangos families *in loving memory of* mother grandmother, and great grandmother Ioanna Stefandi, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary and George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* mother and grandmother, Anastasia Evangelia Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Gloria Koukoulas and family *in loving memory of* husband, father, and grandfather Paul Koukoulas who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. 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* Pambros Koumides, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Gina Michalos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Ioanna Stefandi, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago and Anastasia Tsakiris who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today due to the Philoptochos "My Ladies Luncheon"

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. and Mrs. Demetrios Makres and family *in loving memory of* Peter and Georgia Hodges.

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

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 & Easter Offerings may be dropped off in the baskets on the Narthex Table or given to a Parish Council member at the Pangari.

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.

Orthodox Studies: Yet another Lenten season has begun...what a perfect time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this Friday, April 19th 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**.

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.

Welcome: 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.

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 Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

GOYA: Scorekeeper volunteers needed for the Saint Demetrios GOYA tournament. The Saint Demetrios GOYA tournament will be held on Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th. We are looking for scorekeeper help on Saturday, May 4th. If interested, please email Phil Stavrakis at adelfi@comcast.net.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School: Join us on Saturday, May 11th, 2019 from 4-8pm as we celebrate our 20 Year Reunion & Greek Heritage Celebration from 4:00-8:00pm. There will be Greek DJ's & Dancing, Procession of Greek Flags all while we honor past administrators, teachers, alumni & students. All You Can Eat Food for \$30; children ages 5-11 ~ \$15, under 4 are free! Kona Ice will also be here. For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Betty at 410.661.100 ext. 204.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on July 15th – 19th, 2019 at Camp Wo-Me-To in scenic Rocks State Park in Jarrettsville, Maryland. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 18th, 2019. To register a camper or to volunteer, please use the following link: <http://app.campdoc.com/register/goodshepherd>. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

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 ~ to register please visit: vbspro.events/p/saintdemetrios19. Any questions please contact: Kelly MacDonnell at: 410.917.2992 or via email at: kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS ~ A BIBLE FOR EVERY BELIEVER: Placing a Bible in the hands of every Christian Believer is a task that the global body of Christ can accomplish in this generation. The Voice of the Martyrs are committed to making it happen in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith and we need your help. In recent years, thanks to the generous support of American Christians like you, VOM has been able to distribute more than 1 million Bibles each year on the world's most difficult and dangerous mission fields. We know precious persecuted believers in these nations by name and VOM staff members have witnessed first hand their joy when they receive their first Bible. Together we can make sure every Christian in a hostile area or restricted nation has his or her own Bible. To learn more and how you can donate please visit us at: www.persecution.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 6:00pm- 9:30pm**. There will be a Take-A-Chance Raffle for Hamilton & Dinner at FORNO including 2 tickets for 6/28/19 @ The Hippodrome and parking. You can enjoy live music by Jimmy Solesky. Food trucks will be available from Slice, Mr. Souvlaki, Holy Cow and The Sweet Greek. There will be a cash bar with Boordy wines. Pre Sale tickets are \$20, and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 depending on availability. To purchase tickets, you can email Monica at mneel1@comcast.net. For electronic payments you can use Venmo: @Monica-Neel-1 or PayPal: agisi1@comcast.net.

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.

Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser: Gift Cards make great Easter Gifts! Use the order forms on the table in the Narthex to order gift cards from more than 700 stores. For example: a \$100 gift card to Target costs you \$100 and can be used the same as cash. Make checks payable to St Demetrios. 100% of the proceeds go to pay down the mortgage. Any questions contact Maria Angelos (443) 280-2690 or mvailas@aol.com.

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 srintis@hotmail.com.

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>.

Pan- Orthodox Church School Ages 6-12 Camping Trip: Friday, May 17th – Sunday, May 19th at Camp Running Bear, Monkton, MD. Students ages 6-12, Teachers, and Parents of Orthodox Church Sunday Schools are invited to attend and learn about the Path of the Holy Cross. Cost: \$25 for first camper/family, and \$15 for additional children and adults. For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table

PHILOPTOCHOS

General Meeting: May 15th at 6:30pm

Easter Bread Baking: Calling all bakers . . . no experience necessary! 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.

Second baking (little breads): **Saturday, April 20th** 9:00am; bagging & sales – **Sunday, April 21st** (Orthodox Palm Sunday)

Bingo: May 10th: 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.

We miss you!

Please join us for another year of Philanthropia and renew your Philoptochos Membership today! The deadline is fast approaching . . . **Sunday, April 21st**

Philoptochos Membership

- ~ It's April and Easter is on the horizon!
- ~ 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.

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



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 post-marked 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**.

United Chios Society of Baltimore: 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 July 12th, 2019. Recipients or their representatives MUST be present during church services at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church located at 520 S. Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland on Sunday, July 21st, 2019, where presentations will be made.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April 19th ~ GOYA Lock-in

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

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

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

Bright Monday ~ April 29th ~ Office, Pre-School and Greek school Closed

April 30th ~ Pre-School 8:45am

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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	\$262,129	\$112,527	306
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$287,838	\$131,778	354

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, April 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Board Meeting 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, April 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm GOYA Basketball 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, April 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, April 19th</u> Pre-School Closed Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Lock-in</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 20th</u> Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am Palm Making after Liturgy</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 21th</u> Palm Sunday Orthros, 8:45am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am No Church School No Dance Practice Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm</p>
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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](#)