

April 21, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

The Epistle Reading is Philippians 4:4-9. The Gospel Reading is John 12:1-18. These Readings may be found on pages 1341 and 1250 in the Holy Bible or on pages 145-147 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Palm Sunday; Holymartyr Januarius; Righteous Maximos and Anastasios of Sinai; Righteous Theodore, Martyred in Perga of Pamphylia; Alexandra, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia Economakis *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. 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.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. John Logothetis will present their 2nd 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 Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Antonas, Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicholaides, Kitsa Padousis, & Toula Woods.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour is sponsored and served today by the Philoptochos Ladies in Christ's love and service, wishing everyone a Blessed Palm Sunday and a "Kali Anastasi" as we journey through Holy Week toward our Lord's Resurrection.

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

Special Collection: One offering tray will be presented for the General Treasury of the Church. We thank God for your generous gift, which you now return unto him.

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.

Orthodox Studies: Please remember! Orthodox Studies will not be held on Holy Friday, April 26th. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

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.

50th Anniversary ~ "NEW DATE": Our next meeting is planned for **Wednesday, May 8th**, at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

Library: The Library committee would like to wish all the Non-Orthodox a Blessed & Happy Easter. To our Jewish friends and family as you begin your Passover may it be a Blessed One. Here are five things about Palm Sunday that remind us that Christ is King.

- ♦ The Palm branch we will receive today represents goodness, victory and is symbolic of the final victory Jesus will soon fulfill over death.
- ♦ In Biblical times it was common for King and important people to arrive in a procession on a donkey. Jesus chose to ride on a donkey, which fulfilled directly the Old Testament Prophecy.
- ♦ The word "Hosanna" means "save now". So, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem the people shouted "Hosanna" and they were hailing Christ as King.
- ♦ In the Bible it says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem because in his heart he knew that those same people would betray him.
- ♦ Palm Sunday is a reminder that reign of Christ is far greater than any man can conceive or plan.

We have many books, CD's to help guide you through this Holy Week. Stop by the Library and see what we have to offer. We are having a Guess How Many Jelly Beans are in the Jar until **May 5th, 2019**. The winner will be notified on **May 6th**. Stop by the Library and take a guess. Don't have time to come to the Library ~ No Problem, we have our Little Free Library in front of the Church. We have Lenten & Easter books. All these books are **FREE**. You take a book and you give a book. Don't want to part with your books ~ No Problem take as many as you like and bring one when you can.

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.

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.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 12th**. Please join us after Divine Liturgy, as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School: Join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 4:00 – 8:00pm** as we celebrate our **20th Year Reunion & Greek Heritage Celebration!** There will be the Greek DJ's & Demetrakia Dancers, **Procession of Greek Flags** all while we **honor past administrators, teachers, alumni & students**. All You Can Eat Food for \$15 adults / \$7 children 5-11 / Free under 5 years. Kona Ice will be here. For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Betty at 410.661.1090 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.

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 from 6:00pm- 9:30pm**. Multiple food trucks, live music by Jimmy Solesky, cash bar with Boordy wines, indoor/outdoor seating. This will be a sold-out event so buy your tickets early (\$20 per-sale; \$25 at the door, if available)! Contact Monica Makrodimitis (MNEEL1@comcast.net) for tickets.

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.

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

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

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: May 6th at 6:30pm
General / Elections Meeting: May 15th at 6:30pm

Easter Bread Baking: A big thank you to Georgia, Elaine and Dottie and all our bakers for two successful baking days. Also, thank you to Erene Kariotes for donating the cooling racks . . . what a difference!

My Ladies Luncheon: Great afternoon had by all thanks to the hard work of Maria Antonakas and Maria Stamas!

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 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.

Calling All Graduates: On **June 9th**, all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet. Please have graduates you know fill out a biography form on the Narthex Table and submit it along with both a baby and senior photo for inclusion in this year's booklet. We don't want to miss recognizing any graduate. **Sunday, May 12th** is the final day to submit information / photos to Maria Stamas at colossalcare@gmail.com If you have any questions or need a form emailed to you, please email or call Maria Stamas, 443.253.2561.

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 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 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 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**.

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.*

FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism: Applicants must be a member of a Greek Orthodox parish and a graduating high school senior enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall. For more details and to download the application, please visit: thefaithendowment.org/scholarships. Completed application packets must be sent by mail and postmarked by **June 17, 2019**. Scholarship recipients will be announced in **August**. Follow [facebook.com/faithendowment](https://www.facebook.com/faithendowment) for updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Palm Sunday ~ 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

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	\$121,580	306
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$294,893	\$139,399	364

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><i><u>Monday, April 22nd</u></i> Holy Monday <i>Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><i><u>Tuesday, April 23rd</u></i> Holy Tuesday <i>Bridegroom Service & Hymn of Kassiani, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><i><u>Wednesday, April 24th</u></i> Holy Wednesday <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 9:00am</i> <i>1st Holy Unction, 4:00pm</i> <i>2nd Holy Unction, 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><i><u>Thursday, April 25th</u></i> Holy Thursday <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> <i>The Passion of Our Lord, 7:00pm</i> <i>All Night Vigil, 10:30pm</i></p> <p><i><u>Friday, April 26th</u></i> Holy Friday <i>Royal Hours, 9:00am</i> <i>Apokathelosis, 3:30pm</i> <i>Lamentation Service, 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><i><u>Saturday, April 27th</u></i> Holy Saturday <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> <i>Easter Vigil / Resurrection and Divine Liturgy, 11:00pm</i></p> <p><i><u>Sunday, April 28th</u></i> Great and Holy Pascha <i>Agape Service ~ Hope / Joy Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00pm</i></p> <p><i><u>Monday, April 29th</u></i> Bright Monday <i>Office / Pre-School / Greek School Closed</i></p>
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Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together. Let us all take up Thy cross and say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

