

March 22, 2020

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 and 1189 in the Holy Bible or on pages 140-141 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember *St. Basil Liturgy*. Third Sunday in Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; Holymartyr Basil of Ancyra; Kallinkie, Martyr Euthymios, Neomartyr; Martyr Drosis.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, George Kontoyianis who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- Father Lou, Parish Council and all Church Ministries are praying that the pandemic passes quickly and that everyone remains healthy & safe.

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. Demetrios Makres & Family *in loving memory of* Peter & 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.

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 (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

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.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: Continuing this Friday March 27th, 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 the fifth and final Friday Service, the *Akathist Hymn*, that will be held on April 3rd. These are beautiful services, and all are encouraged to attend.

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 11th directly after the Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to attend, and lunch will be provided.

Stewardship News: Submission of 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards ~ to date, we have received about 60% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We ask that all pledge cards be submitted by March 31st, 2020. Pledge cards can be turned in at the Panagari on Sunday's or mailed to the church office. We appreciate your support during these trying times!

Community Coffee Hour: The fourth Sunday of every month will be designated as Community Coffee Hour. Please consider bringing baked good or healthy snacks for the community to share with their coffee. Thank you in advance for your donations.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, at 9:00am in the Library. The book of choice is "*The Daughter's Tale*" by Armando Lucas Correa. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some good conversation.

Dance Costumes of the Past: 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 (ELiadakis@aol.com or 443.838.1248). Any and all pieces, in any condition, from any time period, will be happily accepted, no questions asked. Thank you!

JOY Lock-In (children 3rd-6th grade) changed to May 29th, 6-11 pm. Please RSVP to kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or srintis@hotmail.com Please include your child's name, address, age and emergency contact information & shirt size.

Vacation Bible School: Register today for the Rainforest Explorers Vacation Bible School! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/saintdemetrios20>. June 22nd-26th ~ 9am to 12pm Children 4 years to 5th grade. Volunteers must be a 6th grader or older. \$20 per child before June 1st \$25 after June 1st. Nut free snacks will be provided each day along with crafts, bible messages and tee-shirt per child. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for questions or help registering to participate/volunteer.

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 2021 play to fruition in the producer role. If interested, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202 or saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com.

Summer Internships available: Have an intern to refer? Please direct them to apply at www.boozallen.com/careers using keyword "internship." We have an ongoing hiring process starting now and lasting through the spring. Our internships last from May/June - August and are generally 8-10 weeks in length. If they wish to find out more, please direct them to attend one of our upcoming webinars <http://www.boozallen.com/careers/recruiting-events> and of course socialize them within your network for maximum visibility!

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. ~ Preserving Greek Culture to Inspire Future Generations: HHMM initiated a book club in 2019 encouraging both men and women to join as discussion was opened on a variety of Greek and Greek American topics in English related to History, Travel, Fiction and Non-Fiction, Poetry and Culture. Sessions were hosted on the second Sunday of the month at the home of Helen Sarafidis beginning at 3:00pm. The readings and sessions for 2020 are as follows, April 12th ~ "Christ Is Restored" by Nikos Kazantzakis and May 10th ~ "The Greek Drama" by Diana Agelopoulos.

Caregiver Wellness Series: Cognitive Support. Broadmead Center of Excellence Dementia Care invites you to join us for a Caregiver Wellness Series: Cognitive Support. This series will provide valuable information and support for those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or recently diagnosed cognitive impairment. Mark your calendar for April 14th (Brain Health & Wellness), June 11th (Managing Caregiver Stress) & September 29th (Nutritional Strategies for Boosting Brain Health) from 3:30-5:00pm to be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Stacey Young at syoung@broadmead.org. RSVP online at <https://caregiverseries.eventbrite.com>

Life- Line Screening is coming to Saint Demetrios on Thursday, April 9th, 2020. Take a step toward staying Healthy & Active ~ do more for your cardiovascular health. Our advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. Pre-registration is required, to register for your appointment please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Flyers are on the Narthex Table.

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 saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2020 scholarship, application 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, May 25th, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2020** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 12th, 2020**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou. *If you would like to receive a scholarship packet emailed to you please leave the church office an email at: saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com*

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American: Applications for scholarships administered by the Office of the Chancellor of the Greek Archdiocese of America are available for awards to be made for the 2020-2021 academic year. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is **May 1st**. Applications can be accessed by visiting <https://www.goarch.org/-/scholarships>. For more information, please email scholarships@goarch.org or call 212-774-0283.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting~ April 6th at 6:30pm
General Meeting ~ April 27th at 6:30pm

Philoptochos 2020 Membership: Philoptochos 2020 Membership ~ As we renew our commitment to the Orthodox faith during this Lenten season, this is the perfect time to consider a stewardship commitment to Philoptochos philanthropy. Please join us! Philoptochos is a group of friendly, hardworking ladies spreading love and joy to those in need of a helping hand, kind words of encouragement and smiles. Membership is open to all stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 yrs. of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Stewardship donations. When considering your stewardship, please note Philoptochos is a National organization with over 26,000 members in 400 chapters. We are also members of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos with over 3,600 members and 43 chapters. \$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 such as feeding the homeless through Beans & Bread, serving the community at the Ronald McDonald House, and providing student assistance at local schools. Membership accepted January to April: check, cash, PayPal Philoptochos2504@gmail.com, or to pay by credit card, contact Philoptochos Treasurer, Lisa Jones-Venetos, 443.621.6805. Membership Forms available at the Narthex Table. Return to Philoptochos Membership, Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Mary Triandafilou 410.528.1589.

Easter Bread Baking: **April 2nd** ~ 8:30am. No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome!!

Easter Candy Making: **April 2nd** ~ 4:30pm

Bingo: **May 8th**: Come join us for one of Philoptochos' biggest fundraising event and fun filled evening at our Big Fat Greek Bingo on **May 8th, 2020** at the Hermes Rafailides center. We have Michael Kors, Coach, Tory Burch bags, man gifts, sporting events and many door prizes. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. We will be selling tickets downstairs during coffee hour every Sunday until the event or call Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291

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
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$266,555	\$94,921	307
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$255,389	\$105,890	282

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 24th <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy,</i> 6:00pm	Friday, March 27th <i>3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary,</i> 7:00pm	Sunday, March 28th <i>Sunday of Saint John Climacus</i> Orthros, 9:00 am <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 25th at 6:00pm (via live streaming)
4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 27th at 7:00pm (via live streaming)

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GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: 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. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked “**SHOE DONATION**” in the hall by the ladies’ room. Contact Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

Scout Bag Fundraiser: Parishioners will receive a special code to get 10% off any Scout Bag from **May 1st - 17th, 2020**. Our church will receive a percentage of the profit. Orders must be placed **before** and during the specified time frame.

