

April 5, 2020

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 1191 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; Claudius, Didymos, Diodoros, Nikephoros and their associates, Martyrs; George of Ephesos, Neomartyr; Righteous Theodora of Thessalonike; Presbyter Mark of Trache.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

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

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- Sarandos "Sam" Macris, Tom & Letta, Joanne & Ryan; Eva, Sam & Kylee *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Anthi Papapavlou.

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 & Jennie Kegel *for the glory of God* and *for the health & welfare of* their children & grandchildren: Regis Jr., Stacey & Tyler Kegel and Michelle, Jeremy, Addison & 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.

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.

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on ~~Saturday~~  directly after the Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes 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 **April 15th**. 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.

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.

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 **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>

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

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.

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

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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 stintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details. Please feel free to drop off any shoe donation under the Portico.

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	\$286,338	\$127,738	3348
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$264,855	\$124,004	303

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Wednesday, April 8th</u> <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 5:00pm (live streaming)</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 11th</u> <i>Saturday of Lazarus ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am (live streaming) Palm Making has been cancelled</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 12th</u> <i>Palm Sunday Orthros, 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm (Orthros & Divine Liturgy's will be available via live streaming)</i></p>
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