

April 12, 2020

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 1340 and 1250 in the Holy Bible or on pages 145-147 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember Palm Sunday:** Basil, Bishop of Parion, Confessor; Righteous Anthousa of Constantinople; Righteous Akakios the Kausokalyvites; Righteous Athanasia, Wonderworker.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit:**

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

**The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:**

- Angela, Andreas and Vasili Kanaras *in loving memory of* sister-in-law and aunt, Gina Michalas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago.
- Angela, Andreas, Vasili and Anna Kanaras *in loving memory of* son and brother, Elias George Kanaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Angela, Andreas & Vasili Kanaras *in loving memory of* father, George Kanaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Anthi, Cynthia & Maria Papapavalou *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pavlos, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago.
- Father Lou, Parish Council and all Church Ministries are praying that the pandemic passes quickly and that everyone remains healthy & safe.

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

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**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) changed to **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-11 pm**. Please RSVP to [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) or [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am to 12pm** Children 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers must be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader or older. \$20 per child before **June 1<sup>st</sup>** \$25 after **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Nut free snacks will be provided each day along with crafts, bible messages and tee-shirt per child. Email [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 session for 2020 will be held on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ "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 11<sup>th</sup> (Managing Caregiver Stress) & September 29<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:syoung@broadmead.org). RSVP online at <https://caregiverseries.eventbrite.com>

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## **SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or [ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:ltrianda28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com](mailto: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 online. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. *If you would like to receive a scholarship packet emailed to you please leave the church office an email at: [saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com) and we will gladly mail you an application.* If any applicants are having issues with completing the application please feel free to contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or [Ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:Ltrianda28@gmail.com) and he will gladly assist you.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Applications can be accessed by visiting <https://www.goarch.org/-/scholarships>. For more information, please email [scholarships@goarch.org](mailto:scholarships@goarch.org) or call 212-774-0283.

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## **KORITSIA**

**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 "**SHOE DONATION**" under the Portico. Contact Simone Volikas at [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

## 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](mailto: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.

**Sight and Sound Theater:** We are thrilled to announce that JESUS will be made available for FREE in celebration of Easter! For three days only, experience the greatest rescue story of all time as it comes to life right in your living room! Available Online: April 10-12 only! **Streaming Free ~ “JESUS”.** **Live Play Stage Performance ~ “JESUS”, filmed at Sight & Sound Theater ~ streaming exclusively on Channel TBN.** To view “JESUS” please sign on at: <https://youtu.be/OtqaYgcjiSo>. While we may not be able to gather together for Easter this year, may you still experience the joy of celebrating the One  $\text{✝}$  who came to save us all. Please feel free to share this event with your family and friends.

**Bingo: May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Come join us for one of Philoptochos’ biggest fundraising event and fun filled evening at our Big Fat Greek Bingo on **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

|             | <b>Budget Commitment</b> | <b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b> | <b>Total Commitments to Date</b> | <b>Collections to Date</b> | <b># of Stewards</b> |
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| <b>2019</b> | \$382,000                | \$791,705                              | \$286,338                        | \$127,738                  | 3348                 |
| <b>2020</b> | \$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

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| <p><b><u>Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Holy &amp; Great Monday</i><br/>Bridegroom Service at 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Holy &amp; Great Tuesday</i><br/>Bridegroom Service and Hymn of Kassiana at 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Holy &amp; Great Wednesday</i><br/>Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 9:00am</p> <p>Sacrament of Holy Unction at 6:00pm</p> | <p><b><u>Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Holy &amp; Great Thursday</i><br/>The Mystical Supper ~ Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9:00 am</p> <p>The Sacred Passion and Crucifixion of Our Lord at 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Holy &amp; Great Friday</i><br/>Divine Liturgy of the Holy Hours at 10:00am</p> <p>The Service of the Apokathelosis Descent of Christ from the Cross, at 10:00am</p> <p>The Burial of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (The Service of Lamentations) at 6:00pm</p> | <p><b><u>Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Holy &amp; Great Saturday</i><br/>Great Vespers of the Feast of the Resurrection and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9:00am</p> <p>Midnight Service of The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ Orthros and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at 11:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Great &amp; Holy Pascha</i><br/>The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ The Great Paschal Vespers of Agape at 12:00pm</p> |
| <p><i>Please note that all of these services will be via live-streaming</i></p>  |   |  |