

March 14, 2010

Sunday of Saint John Climacus

The **Epistle Reading** is Hebrews 6:13-20 and the **Gospel Reading** is Mark 9:17-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1362 & 1189 in the **Holy Bible** and the **Gospel Reading** on page 141 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Saint Basil Liturgy: Fourth Sunday of Lent, commemorating John Climacus, author of “Steps of Virtue”; Righteous Benedict; Eusechmon the Confessor, Bishop of Lamsac.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Choir **in loving memory of** our dear devoted choir member, Anna Lozos, who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Pete & Flora Christ **in loving memory of** their Son, Pete H. Christ, Jr.
- Wife, Argie & Children, Panayioti & Ereni **in loving memory of** my Husband & their Father, Pete.
- Paul & Maria Christ & Children, Paulina & Peter **in loving memory of** our Brother & their Uncle, Pete.
- Mrs. Maritsa Kosmas **in loving memory of** Pete Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago.
- John, Maritsa, Stavroula, Thareni & Jiana Stamas **in loving memory of** our Cousin/Koumbaro & Godfather, Pete H. Christ, Jr.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today **in loving memory of** Pete H. Christ, Jr. (3 months), Anna Lozos (1 year) & Pandelis Theodore (30 years). May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas & Tina Karavedas

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 our Saint Demetrios GOYA **for the health & welfare of** all their members, advisors, coaches and their families.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Families of Anna Lozos & Pete H. Christ, Jr. & served by Smaro Cook, Sophia Gunzleman, Angie McQueeney & Cathy Xanthakos.

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

Passing of Special Tray: Our Philoptochos Sisterhood of Saint Demetrios is passing a tray today in support of the obligatory **Emergency Social Service Fund** created to meet the ever growing **philanthropic needs** of our Metropolis.

Oratorical Festival Presentation: At our Parish Oratorical Festival, the first place winner in the Senior Division was Rachel Cocoros. She will be presenting her speech today at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Next week, Junior Division winners Austin Hooper & William Scolinos, will present their speeches. As First Place winners in their divisions, Rachel & Austin will represent Saint Demetrios at the District Festival, which will be held at SS Mary Magdeline & Markella Greek Orthodox Church on April 10th.

Orthodox Studies: This afternoon, many of us will have the privilege of hearing our own Sandy Sarantinos speak at the My Ladies Luncheon. This promises to be a very spiritually enriching experience indeed, so much that you will surely want to hear more. Join us each Friday morning during Lent as Sandy leads the group with “A Pilgrimage to Pascha”, at 9:30 AM in the Board Room. For more information contact Kate at 410-692-7590.

Church School Lenten Service Project: In cooperation with Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos, each Church School class will be filling Easter Baskets for children less fortunate during this Lenten season. A letter from our Church School Director, George Zaverdinos, has been distributed explaining the program and listing suggested items the children may wish to contribute to the baskets. Collection has begun and each Sunday during Lent, until Sunday, March 21st, a container will be placed in each classroom for the children to fill. “Please embrace this opportunity as a labor of love, to teach our children to follow the examples set by our Lord and Savior to care for others with less.”

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Bilingual Day School: We are presently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications can be found on the Narthex Table. We are very excited to announce the addition of a Fourth Grade Class for next year. Space is limited for all classes and children will be accepted on a first come basis. To set up an appointment to find out more about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, call Jennie Kegel at x204.

Community Archives: The renewed effort to capture our beloved parish’s history needs people who remember its past 40-year history and are able to identify what we’ve already collected. We also need our current leaders in on this project because of their experience over the last 20 years. Today’s generation (the “techies”) will be able to put it all together and maintain the effort for our Saint Demetrios Church’s future generations!

Library: Sunday of Saint John Climacus. This Saint is celebrated today because of his book “The Ladder of the Divine Ascent”. This book is a sure guide to the ascetic life, by a great man of prayer, who was experienced in all forms of monastic piety. You can read about Saint John, and about many other Saints, if you visit our library. We also have a lot of children’s DVD’s and books. We have something for everyone.

O.C.M.M.: Orthodox Christian Missions of Maryland (O.C.M.M.) is accepting applications for our next mission to the Hogar Rafael Ayau orphanage in Guatemala. The team leaves on Tuesday, October 5th and returns on October 13th, 2010. For more information regarding the mission, please contact Geli Ioannou at 443-570-1282 or gioannou@comcast.net. Please visit our website at www.ocmm.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **6th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm**
- Festival Meeting, Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm
- GOYA Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm
- GOYA Lock-In, Friday, March 26th at 7:00 pm
- **Divine Liturgy – Saturday of Lazarus, March 27th at 10:00 am**
- Holy Week – See Schedule

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

My Ladies Luncheon is today at Liberatore's Restaurant at 1:00 pm. Directions are available at the Philoptochos table.

Easter Bread: We will be baking Easter Bread on Wednesday, March 17th and Thursday, March 18th from 8:30 to 3:30 pm. Help is needed. For orders call Georgia Kerasiotes at 410-821-9545 or Ritsa Economakis at 410-256-0953. Pickup date is Sunday March 21st.

Easter Flowers: Philoptochos once again invites you to participate in the Easter Flower Donation Appeal *in memory of* your loved one or *for the health and welfare of* your families. Donation envelopes can be found on the Narthex Table and there will be a donation basket for you to place your donation. We also invite everyone to join the Philoptochos on the morning of Holy Friday to decorate the Kouvouklion. For more information, please call Maria Antonakas.

Haiti Relief Update: We will continue our collections of "emergency rescue kits" for the Haiti rescue effort consistent with IOCC's request. Please place your kits in the Philoptochos Bin. There is information regarding these kits on the Narthex Table, as well as current bulletins from the IOCC team in Haiti. We will continue this project through March 31st.

Membership Campaign: A reminder to contact Thorina Trintis, our membership Chair to update your stewardship membership for 2010. Don't miss this opportunity to become a member of **your** Philoptochos Chapter at Saint Demetrios. Our mission centers around philanthropy and outreach, within our local community, as well as national concerns.

Easter Food Basket Collection through March 21st: Only 2 more Sundays are left for our Easter basket collection for Baltimore County Social Services and families within our own community that may be in need. Just a reminder to shop for sale items. When doing your personal food shopping for your homes, think about those less fortunate and add some of those sale items to your cart. Please remember that we package individual bags per families – we cannot use bulk food items or open packaging.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME – TALENT -- TREASURE”

A special thanks to the 377 Stewards who have already made their 2010 commitments. If you have not had a chance to make your 2010 commitment as yet, we hope that you will do so very soon.

Please contact Chairman **Margo Lambros** ([410.465.0371](tel:410.465.0371) / margolambros@hotmail.com) or **Mark Alberding** ([410.592.5213](tel:410.592.5213) / alberding@comcast.net) for information.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

<u>As of 3/14/09</u>		<u>As of 3/14/10</u>	
Number of Stewards:	401	Number of Stewards:	377
Amount Committed:	283,527	Amount Committed:	301,880
Amount Collected:	103,770	Amount Collected:	101,616

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><u>Monday, March 15th</u> Day School, 8:45 am Greek School, 4:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 17th</u> Day School, 8:45 am Greek School, 4:30-7:30 pm <i>5th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, March 18th</u> Day School, 8:45 am</p> <p><u>Friday, March 19th</u> Day School, 8:45 am Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am <i>Akathyst Hymn, 7:00 pm</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 20th</u> Philoptochos Workshop, 10:00 am</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 21st</u> <i>Matins, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Greek Independence Day Parade, 2:00 pm</p>
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