

**March 7, 2010**

## ***Sunday of the Holy Cross***

The **Epistle Reading** is Hebrews 4:14-5:6 and the **Gospel Reading** is Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1361 & 1189 in the **Holy Bible** and the **Gospel Reading** on page 140 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

**Today we remember:** Saint Basil Liturgy: Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; The Seven Holy Martyrs, Bishops of Cherson; Basileus, Ephraim, Eugenios, Kapiton, Aitherios, Elpidos, and Agathodoros. Righteous Laurentios of Megara, Salamis; Righteous Paul the Simple.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:** Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their Grandmother & Great Grandmother, Olga Livanion, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their Parents, James & Sevasti Makres and John & Olga Livanion. May their memory be eternal.
- ***For the Health & Welfare of*** Sandy & Leslie Sarantinos, their Children & Grandchildren.
- From Children, Lambros, Emmanuel, Mario & their Families *in loving memory of* Effie Venetos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago and her Husband, John, who fell asleep in the Lord 33 years ago.
- Lisa Jones *in loving memory of* Effie Venetos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.
- Basil & Margo Lambros & Family *in loving memory of* their Father & Grandfather, Nicholas Bourdosis, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *for the health & welfare of* our Daughter, Christine, on the occasion of her birthday.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* our Father, Nicholas Ruczak who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Effie Venetos (40 days). May her memory be eternal.

**Baby Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Majid Sajjad will present their 1<sup>st</sup> child for the traditional 40-day blessing.

**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 Esther Alatzas & Family *in loving memory of* my Husband, Antonios, Son, Nicholas and Mother, Kiriake Kaplangis.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Effie Venetos & served by Mary Antonas, Harriet Hatzimitriou, Ginny Papavasiliou & Lori Papaeracleous.

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**Orthodox Studies:** Once again, our journey towards the Resurrection is underway. Join us and make this year's Lenten journey the best ever as Sandy Sarantinos leads the group with "A Pilgrimage to Pascha", this Friday morning at 9:30 am in the Board Room. Please note that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed, or on a delay, due to inclement weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Kate at 410-692-7590.

**Vacation Bible School: Deadline June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Summer Youth fun!! Registration Forms for the 2010 Vacation Bible School (Cherub/HOPE & JOY) can be found on the Narthex Table. Only the first 100 children will be accepted into this spiritual, exciting and fun filled adventure. The theme for this year's program will be "**High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God**". There will be a special event on the last day of each session. GOYA and Adult Volunteer registration forms can also be found on the Narthex Table. FUN FOR ALL!! For more information, call Miss Jennie at x204.

- **Vacation Bible School (HOPE/JOY):** Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Vacation Bible School (Cherub):** Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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."

**Oratorical Festival Results:** On Saturday, February 27, 2010, our Parish level of the Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was held. The results of the Festival are as follows: Senior Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rachel Cocoros, Junior Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Austin Hooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – William Scolinos. The First place winners will move on to compete in the District Festival, which will be held at SS Mary Magdeline & Markella Greek Orthodox Church on April 10<sup>th</sup>. As First Place winner, Rachel has won a scholarship to Hellenic College. We would like to thank Mark Alberding, Krissy Atchison, Demetrios Makres & Susan Tagliaferro for giving up their Saturday morning and serving as judges and scorekeeper. On the next few Sundays, we look forward to hearing all three winners share their speeches with the Community.

**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:** Think for a moment about the following question: Why should we have all three generations serve on the Archives Committee? Well, the Traditionalists were the *founding fathers*, the Baby Boomers are the *active* stewards of today, and the X/Y generation is our *future*! Surprise!! Any comments? Check with Chris Makres on this, you'll find him in the Library.

**Library:** Sunday of the Holy Cross – With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the Lenten Fast. Our Holy Mother and the Church of Christ, bring to our help, the Holy Cross and joy to the world. Our Library has a lot of cookbooks to help with the rest of your fast. We have many spiritual books in both Greek and English to help in your meditations as you embark on the Pascha journey.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> and returns on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. For more information regarding the mission, please contact Geli Ioannou at 443-570-1282 or [gioannou@comcast.net](mailto:gioannou@comcast.net). Please visit our website at [www.ocmm.org](http://www.ocmm.org).

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**General Meeting:** Our General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.

**Easter Bread:** We will be baking Easter Bread on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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:** Today begins 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.

**My Ladies Luncheon:** Our annual luncheon is set for **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** at Liberatore’s Restaurant in Timonium. Our guest speaker will be our own Sandy Sarantinos who has been a long standing steward of Saint Demetrios. Those who attend Friday morning Bible Study can attest to Sandy’s outstanding gift of wisdom and knowledge when he talks about his Lord, Jesus Christ and our Orthodox Church. Tickets will be available today

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- **5<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**
- **Akathyst Hymn, Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**
- Philoptochos Workshop, Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Greek Independence Day Parade, Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**
- Festival Meeting, Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- GOYA Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

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**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:**  
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**“TIME – TALENT -- TREASURE”**

**A special thanks to the 369 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 / [margolambros@hotmail.com](mailto:margolambros@hotmail.com))** or **Mark Alberding (410.592.5213 / [alberding@comcast.net](mailto:alberding@comcast.net))** for information.

### STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

<u>As of 3/7/09</u>		<u>As of 3/7/10</u>	
Number of Stewards:	392	Number of Stewards:	369
Amount Committed:	278,892	Amount Committed:	288,110
Amount Collected:	96,773	Amount Collected:	85,572

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><b><u>Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Day School, 8:45 am            Greek School, 4:30-7:30 pm</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Day School, 8:45 am            Philoptochos General Meeting,            7:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Day School, 8:45 am            Greek School, 4:30-7:30 pm            Festival Meeting, 7:00 pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Day School, 8:45 am</p> <p><b><u>Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Day School, 8:45 am            Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the            Virgin Mary, 7:00 pm</b>            GOYA General Mtg, 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Cherub/HOPE/JOY Event,            10:00 am -12:30 pm</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Matins, 9:00 am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</b>            My Ladies Luncheon after the            Divine Liturgy</p>
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