

April 19th, 2015

Sunday of Thomas

The **Epistle Reading** is Acts 5:12-20. The **Gospel Reading** is John 20:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1265 & 1259 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 46-48 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Second Sunday of the Paschal Season, New or Thomas Sunday; Holymartyr Paphnoutios; Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople; Righteous Agathangelos the Younger; Neomartyr in Smyrna; Righteous Symeon the Barefoot, Teacher; George, Bishop of Pisida, Confessor; Phillip, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Irene Peltsems & Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, James Filipides, who fell asleep in the Lord 28 years ago and husband, father & grandfather, Voulie Peltsems, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Chris Spanos & Family *for the continued health & welfare of* her husband, their father and grandfather, Jimmy Spanos.
- The family & friends of Basilios A. Trintis, for his *continued health & welfare*. May God continue to bless him.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Antonas, Barbara Nikolaidis, Kitsa Padousis & Toula Woods.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the coffee hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. Coffee hour is sponsored & served by the Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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

Divine Liturgy: On Thursday, May 21st we will celebrate the *Divine Liturgy of Saints Constantine & Helen* at 10:00 a.m. Please come and join us.

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us in the board room at 9:30am on Friday mornings. For more information contact Kate at 410.692.7590.

Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy. Also, please join us at Coffee Hour downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10th. Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

One-Call: We have a system here at Saint Demetrios that notifies its parishioners when there is an upcoming event, a date or time change, or a cancellation (due to inclement weather). This system is called **The One Call** or **Robo-Call**. If you do not receive these automated phone calls and you would like to be added to the list, please email your name, address and phone number to Mark Alberding at alberding@comcast.net.

GOYA INVITES YOU! On Saturday April 25th, our GOYA will be hosting our annual Basketball Tournament at Boys Latin. All are welcomed to attend. We will be playing our championship games in our very own gym on Sunday April 26th! **GOYA INVITES EVERYONE** to our Hermes Rafailides Center to watch the games after Liturgy on that Sunday. GOYA will be preparing and serving a fabulous meal for lunch. We need many volunteers to help score keep on Saturday at Boys Latin. If you would like to help, please email Phillip Stavarakis @ adelfi@comcast.net or call [410-925-1190](tel:410-925-1190).

Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th 9am-12pm Saint Demetrios Church, \$20 per child. Register online <https://www.groupvbbspro.com/vbs/hl/stdemetrios2015/gpgs/home.aspx> or return completed registration forms (include checks payable to Saint Demetrios Church memo VBS) to Kelly MacDonnell, 9404 Good Spring Drive, Perry Hall, MD 21128 or during Church Coffee Hour. For more information or questions call Kelly at 410.256.4487.

Hope/Joy: 1st Annual Family Fitness Event. Please plan on joining us for the 1st Annual Family Fitness Event to be held on **Friday, May 1st @ 6:00pm** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The event will include a light dinner and instructors from Cross Fit. Come ready for fun and dressed to work out. Contact kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information.

CHESAPEAKE YOUTH COUNCIL: It's time to begin making your plans for the Chesapeake Youth Council (CYC) Summer Camp. CYC registration packets can be found on the Narthex Table. Camp dates are July 20th - 24th, 2015. **Reserve the dates now.** Camp fills up quickly. Don't be left behind. All documents & payment must be received no later than July 10th. The fee for the child(ren) of a parishioner in good standing for a one week session at camp is \$495 per child. **Early bird special is offered for \$425, and payment must be received by May 15th, 2015. There are no exceptions!** For additional information contact Father Dean Moralis, 410-727-1831, or you may e-mail frdean@goannun.org.

The AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30, and the Daughters of Penelope Alcmene Chapter #27, will host the annual District 3 Convention in Baltimore from **May 15-17, 2015**. This is the first time we will be including District 4 Chapters from Pennsylvania, in addition to our own District 3 Chapters from Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina. This is a great opportunity for AHEPANs, Maids of Athena, Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles to become re-engaged in Hellenic life and the positive impact they make on our community and our culture. Activities will include a crab feast at Jimmy's Seafood **May 15th** and a banquet at Columbus Gardens on **May 16th**. For details, call Peter Sourlis, 410.967.0053 or Bill Bond 410.913.2350.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum and Archives of Maryland, Inc. proudly presents the second in its series of Hellenic Heritage speakers on **Sunday, May 3rd, 2015**; featuring Tony Pann, Meteorologist with Hearst WBAL-TV, his topic will be **"Growing Up a Greek Weather Geek."** A luncheon will be served by Zeffert & Gold Caterers at the Preston Hall of The Annunciation Orthodox Center, 25 West Preston Street at 12:30 pm. A portion of the cost, \$30 per person, is a tax deductible donation. For more information, please contact Stacy Kosmides, 410.560.1095 or skosmides@msn.com. Deadline for reservation and payment is **Thursday, April 30th, 2015**.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.458.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2015 scholarship, ***application packets are now available and can be found on the Narthex table or by contacting the Church office at 410.661.1090.*** PLEASE NOTE: A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance/of good standing, and recommendations from the Parish Priest and **two faculty members under whom you have studied** must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted. ***Scholarship Sunday will be July 19th, 2015.***

Order of AHEPA ~ Lord Baltimore #364: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2015-2016 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **May 1st, 2015.**

2015-2016 Scholarship Applications: Applications & instructions for scholarships administered by the Chancellor's Office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are now available on-line at: www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/2015. Application deadline is **April 27th, 2015.**

Bulletin Deadline: Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles is on Wednesdays at 3:00pm. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you

The Spirit: If you have any information that you would like to share with the community, please send, via email to: saintdemetrios@comcast.net. The deadline has been extended to **Friday, May 1st.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting ~ April 22nd at 7:00 pm (*Note date change*)

Memorial Sunday ~ April 26th

Demetrakia Dance 1 ~ April 22nd & 29th at 7:00 pm

Hope/Joy Family Fitness Event ~ May 1st at 6:00 pm

Parish Council Exec. Board Mtg. ~ May 5th at 7:00 pm

Home School Co-Op End-of-Year Program ~ May 7th

Sweet Adelines Annual Tea ~ May 9th

Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 10th

Mother-of-the-Year ~ Sunday, May 10th

Philoptochos Bingo ~ May 15th at 6:00 pm

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Yard Sale ~ Saturday, May 16th

Philoptochos General Meeting ~ May 19th

Greek School Graduation ~ May 20th @ 5:00 pm

Holy Ascension ~ May 21st

Sts. Constantine & Helen Divine Liturgy ~ May 21st @ 10:00 am

Memorial Day ~ May 25th (Office & Pre-School Closed)

Saturday of Souls ~ May 30th

Holy Pentecost Sunday ~ May 31st

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the *Pangari*. For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes can also be found at the *Pangari*

Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask you to include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Are you actively serving God and sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of 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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$285,433	\$142,456	412
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$276,204	\$124,450	353


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


WEEKLY SCHEDULE


<p><u>Monday, April 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School, 9:00 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, April 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00 pm (B) GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, April 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, April 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B) <i>GOYA Basketball Tournament</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 25th</u> <i>GOYA Basketball Tournament</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, April 26th</u> <i>Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55 am <i>GOYA Basketball Tournament</i></p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS


 ****We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member** (for the men in our community) and encourage current members to renew their 2014 commitment by Sunday, April 26th. Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to the church office. Attention 'Philoptochos Membership' on the envelope. Please specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. For more information contact the Membership Committee; Thorina Trintis 410.866.2127 or Violette Cocoros 410.256.6283.

 **April showers bring May flowers . . . and Spring weddings!** Help the bride and groom start their culinary adventure off right with over 200 recipes from 90 people who shared their favorite and best recipes in our Kali Orexi IV cookbook. Purchase a copy for only \$20. Add the Kali Orexi apron for \$15 and you'll be giving the perfect gift! See us in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or contact Mary Triandafilou, [410.528.1589](tel:410.528.1589).

 ****Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero** ~ We are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. Each Philoptochos member is asked to contribute \$100 per person, in a single check or over the course of several months, whichever fits your budget. Your contribution will help to achieve a total Philoptochos commitment of more \$2 million towards this worthy project. Please direct your donation to 'Saint Demetrios Philoptochos' and specify in the memo line 'Saint Nicholas Shrine'. For questions about this initiative, please contact Margo Lambros. Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be the only religious structure at Ground Zero and it will be ORTHODOX. Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this important Christian Orthodox project!

 **Save the date ~ Friday, May 15th Philoptochos' Annual Bingo Night!** "My Big Fat Greek Bingo" night is just around the corner and tables are filling up fast. Purchase your tickets (\$15 presale; \$20 at the door). Doors open at 6pm; First game begins at 7pm. Committee volunteers, prize and food donations needed. To offer your help and for more information about donation opportunities, please stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or contact Mary Tsakiris via email at tsakisa@comcast.net or by phone, 410.245.1291.

 **Graduate Sunday Booklet information needed** ~ Reminder to those with upcoming spring graduations, The Ladies Philoptochos Society is putting together the booklet recognizing our graduating class of 2015 (high school, college and advanced degree candidates included) for Graduate Sunday to be held on Sunday, June 14th. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms are on the Narthex Table. Please complete form and return to Church no later than Sunday, May 24th. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at j.sfika@comcast.net

 **Save the dates!** Philoptochos Board Elections will be held at the next General Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 19th. To round out the year the 'Step Into Summer' end of season dinner will be held Tuesday, June 23rd at Sparrows Point Country Club. Watch for more details about these activities and plan to join in the fun and friendship.

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society
presents

A BIG FAT GREEK BINGO NIGHT

to benefit the the many
charities of the
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Friday, May 15, 2015
St. Demetrios Hermes Rafailides Center
2504 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, MD. 21234

Tickets are \$15 in advance; or \$20 at the door
Doors open at 6pm; First game begins at 7pm
Refreshments will be available
Extra cards and special games will be available

Join us for a fun evening
and win great prizes for all

For tickets,
please call the office at 410-661-1090

