

February 26, 2017

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

The Epistle Reading is: Romans 13:11-14:4. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 6:14-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1152 in the Holy Bible or on pages 134-135 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Cheesefare Sunday, Commemorating the Expulsion of Adam & Eve, the First Created, from Paradise; Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza; Greatmatryr Photeine the Samaritan Woman and Equal of the Apostles, and her Five Daughters and Two Sons; Theokletos, Martyr; Neomartyr John.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- John & Sophia Andreadakis *in honor of* their granddaughter, Penelope Joy Pandullo, *on the occasion of* her 1st birthday *& for the health & welfare of* her family.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Mrs. Irene Cocoros *in loving honor of* Nicholas James Cocoros, her newest great-grandchild, on the occasion of his birth. May God grant him, and his parents, Steven & Noelle, many years of health & happiness.
- The Kegel, Cocoros, West & Meyer Families *in loving honor of* Nicholas James Cocoros, on the occasion of his birth. The “Cocoros Clan” welcomes him with loving arms. May God grant him many years and much happiness.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Davis Linton, will present their 1st child, a son, for the traditional 40-day blessing. May God grant His family with many years of health & happiness.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today due to the The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players production of “Beauty and the Beast” in our Hermes Rafailides Center.

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

Orthodox Studies: Lent is fast approaching and now is a wonderful time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! We love new members! Join us on **Friday, March 3rd**, at 9:30am in the board room. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Holy Unction: Lent begins tomorrow, **Monday, February 27th** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

Godparent/Godchildren Sunday: Godparent’s Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 26th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 26th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

March 5th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: Beginning on **Friday, March 3rd**, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary at the *Salutations to the Virgin Mary Service* beginning at 7:00pm in the church. Salutations to the Virgin Mary will continue each Friday until **March 31st**. It is a beautiful service and all are invited to attend.

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. Please also join us downstairs in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy.

The Saint Demetrios Suburban Player's production of *Beauty and the Beast* was greeted by accolades, sold out performances, and standing ovations. On February 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th & 26th, audiences were transported into the magical world of Enchanted Objects, a lovable Beauty, and a Beast who learned to love. This "tale as old as time" was presented by an excellent cast of performers from the ages of 5 to 80, a superb pit orchestra, beautiful sets and scenery, marvelous costumes, and outstanding singing and acting. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked on this production, rehearsals, built props, worked on scenery, painted sets, sound, lighting, prepared and/or served food, tended bar, and those who supported us by purchasing a ticket and/or a patron ad. A special thank you to our Palikaria, Levendes, set painters, Kitchen & Pastry Crew, Ad Booklet Committee, Ticket Sales Personnel, Office Staff, Serving Staff, GOYA, Costume and Prop Committee, and especially our incredible cast, crew, and pit! May God grant many many blessings to them for all the hard work and dedication that they gave to our Church. Today's final performance of the show is sold out. Tickets are not available for today's performance.

Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: Will be held today, **Sunday, March 5th at 1:00pm**, the annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held in the Church Nave. As this is a Greek Orthodox Archdiocese sponsored Religious Education Program, we ask that parents support Fr. Lou and our Church School Staff by enthusiastically encouraging their children who attend Grades 4-12 to prepare for, and participate in this most rewarding Orthodox Faith based event. For further information, please see our Church School Director, Mr. George or your children's teacher(s).

Orthodox Christian Way: Registration has begun for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, March 7th**, in the Hermes Rafailidis Center. The programs will be:

- ♦ **March 7th** ~ “*Seven Steps to Improving Your Prayer Life,*” presented by Fr. Jerome Sanderson. Fr. Jerome is a noted speaker, priest, author, iconographer, woodcarver, and senior pastor of Christ the Savior Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in Nashville, Indiana. His talk is sponsored by the Craig Jon Arambiges Memorial Lecture Fund.
- ♦ **March 14th** ~ “*The Role of Women in the Church,*” presented by Abbess Aemiliane of the Sacred Monastery of Saint Nina, located in Union Bridge, Maryland.
- ♦ **March 21st** ~ “*A Week in the Life of a Monastic,*” presented by Abbess Aemiliane.
- ♦ **March 28th** ~ “*Q/A from Your Heart,*” presented by Reverend Father Louis J. Noplos.

Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30pm, but the **March 7th** program will extend until 9:00pm. Cost for all 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Registration after the Liturgy on Sunday, or by calling the Church Office at 410-661-1090 for more information.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Spring Clean-Up Day: An effort is underway to hold a Spring clean-up at the Church. The date is **Saturday, March 11th, at 9:00am**. We will be purging items throughout the building. For more information, please contact Pete Georgelakos at 410.583.1963 or via email: peter.georgelakos@ms.com

Festival Chairperson: If anyone is interested in chairing our 2017 Festival, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090, with your intentions, on/or before **March 19th**.

Saint Demetrios' 50th Anniversary: November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. A special planning meeting to establish the committee and lay the groundwork for a multitude of celebratory plans will take place on **Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017** at 7:30pm in the Board Room. We need you...Hearts and Hands Together... to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927.

The Koritsia of St. Demetrios is a growing ministry of young women working together toward the mission of building community through events that also contribute to the financial support of the church. On Sunday, February 12th, 2017, the Koritsia hosted the community's first Godparents' Sunday luncheon in the Hermes Rafailides Center. With nearly 250 guests in attendance, the event was a joyous opportunity for Godparents, Godchildren, and families to gather. The Koritsia are currently planning a wine night and silent auction at Boordy Vineyards on **April 28th, 2017**. For those interested in participating in this ministry, please join us **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**, directly after Divine Liturgy for a meeting during which we will consider the calendar of events for the upcoming year. Please contact, Simone Volikas (strintis@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Gavrilis (spadousis@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 21st** at 9:00am. If you are a knitter, or you like to sew or crochet, or just like some conversation we would love for you to join us.

REGISTRATION OPEN: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23rd** 9am - 12pm. Ages 4-11 yrs. \$20 per child. Volunteers Needed. Registration is now open! For more information / to register / or to volunteer please go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a>

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date: **July 17th - 21st**. Stay tuned for more details, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Colorful, traditional costumes and ethnic pride of both young and old will fill the streets of Baltimore on **Sunday, April 2nd 2017, at 2:00pm**, as the Greek-American Community commemorates Greek Independence Day with a festive parade in Baltimore's historic Greektown. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to [register online](#). For more information call the Parade Hotline at **443-267-4735**, email us at info@greekparade.com.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at 410.661.1090 x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

Order of AHEPA ~ Lord Baltimore #364: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2017-2018 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **April 30th, 2017**.

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Services: Orthodox faithful are warmly encouraged to attend special Pan-Orthodox services throughout Great Lent. Great Vespers will be served at the Annunciation Cathedral on **Saturday, March 4th at 5:00pm** for Orthodoxy Sunday. Also, Lenten Sunday Vespers services will be conducted **5:00pm** at Holy Trinity on **March 12th** at Holy Cross on **March 19th** and at Saint Andrew's on **April 2nd**. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting – March 6th 6:30pm
Philoptochos General Meeting & Membership Event– March 15th 6:30pm

Sunday, March 5th - Celebrate with us -GO RED SUNDAY!
All members are encouraged to wear red and join together as we recognize Heart Health Month.

March 15th, 6:30pm ~ Philoptochos Meeting and Membership Event: Please Join us for a short Philoptochos meeting and share in fellowship and refreshments as the Philoptochos Membership Committee will host Nancy Hotchkiss from Scrap B'More. Come and learn about this non-profit organization whose mission is to recycle and reuse ordinary household items, keeping them out of the landfills. Bring along items to be donated: Leftover fabric, yarns, buttons, greeting cards, pompoms, party supplies, gift bags, craft supplies, extra knobs and knick-knacks that can be used to create unique one of a kind projects. Best of all, after Nancy's talk she will lead the group in an environmentally friendly and easy craft project. Community Outreach, Creativity and Camaraderie at its best!

My Ladies Luncheon ~ Our 2017 My Ladies Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, March 26th** at 12:30pm at Pappas Restaurant located at 1725 Taylor Avenue. Our speaker will be Corina Mararu from the IOCC. Tickets will be available each Sunday during Coffee Hour, or you can email Cathy Xanthakos at cathy.xanthakos@yahoo.com or call her at 410.952.3576. Ticket price is \$38.00 per person. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 19th.

February is the month of love. We share love and fellowship year round in Philoptochos and invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community)** Membership is open to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table. Please return it to the church office and on the envelope please specify, Attention: 'Philoptochos Membership'. Membership questions may be answered by: Elaine 410.472.3458 or Mary 410.528.1589. Remember to specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. When considering your stewardship donation, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects, such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, School children's needs and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

Bridging the Digital Divide: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

UPCOMING NEWS

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

February 26th @ 3:30pm

Lent Begins ~ Holy Unction ~ February 27th
Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy ~ March 4th

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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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 comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$224,085	\$64,923	270
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$241,767	\$67,424	271

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 27th</u> <i>Lent Begins</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy,</i> <i>6:00pm</i> GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, March 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Dance Lessons, 8:30pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Mtg., 7:00pm (G) <i>1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary,</i> <i>7:00pm</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 4th</u> <i>Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, March 5th</u> <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy)</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Oratorical Festival</i> <i>Philophochos Go Red Sunday</i> <i>Godparents Day at the Annunciation</i></p>
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