

March 11, 2018

Sunday of Holy Cross

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 4:14-5:6. The Gospel Reading is Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1361 & 1189 in the Holy Bible or on pages 140-141 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: *St. Basil Liturgy.* Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Thalles and Trophimos, Martyrs; Righteous George the Sinaite; Righteous Theodora, Empress of Arta; Pionios, Presbyter of Smyrna.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their parents, James & Sevasti Makres and John & Olga Livanion and their brothers, George and William Makres and Steve and his wife, Edith. May their memories be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* her parents, Dimitri Theodosios (48 yrs.) and Eleni Theodosios (34 yrs.). May their memories be eternal.
- Soterios Pappas & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Niki Pappas who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Ioanna Manolis & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, Konstantios Manolis who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary and George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Pandelis Theodore. May his memory be eternal.
- Mary & Esther *in loving memory of* their brother, Sam Bates who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago (January 22nd). May his memory be eternal.
- Sarandos “Sam” Macris, Tom & Letta, Joanna & Ryan; Eva, Sam & Kylee *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Eva Macris who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Bessie Makris & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law and aunt, Eva Macris who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law and aunt, Eva Macris who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mihail Makris & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law and aunt, Eva Macris who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* Eva Macris who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas and Alex Levas *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Mathildi Zografos who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Cathy Xanthakos *in loving memory of* her mother, Cleo Xanthakos who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Lou & Mary Triandafilou on the occasion of the birth of their grandson, Rudy Nicholas Satorius, in Sydney, Australia on **March 8th**. We thank God for His Blessing on a safe, healthy delivery.
- Lou and Mary Triandafilou for their daughter, Elaine and son-in-law, Drew Satorius, as they become new parents.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Kotholiki Trintis

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Samuel Bates (40-days); Niki Pappas (1 year); Eva Macris (1 year); Konstantinos Manolis (4 years) and Pandelis Theodore (38 years). May their memories be eternal.

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour is sponsored today *in loving memory* by the families of Samuel Bates and Eva Macris. It will be served in the Hermes Rafailides Center by our Philoptochos Ladies: Kriss Cocoros, Margo Lambros & Thorina Trinitis.

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: Stephen & Chrisoula Kucharski *for the health & welfare of* the Kakavas & Kucharski Families and *in loving memory of* Sotirios Mitilineos.

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: During Lent is a wonderful time to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! We love new members! Join us on **Friday, March 16th** 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.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: This Friday, **March 16th**, 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 23rd**. It is a beautiful service and all are invited to attend.

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated on the first four Sunday's during Lent. The books for this Liturgy can be found in the book rack on the back of the pews.

Holy Week Books: Holy Week Books are available to purchase for \$30.00 each. Please stop by the Church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday.

The Orthodox Christian Way: You are invited to attend our third session on **Tuesday, March 13th** ~ “Pilgrimage to the Holy Land” presented by our Saint Demetrios Pilgrims who recently returned from Jerusalem. Take part in a personal journey and follow in their steps as they walked through Jerusalem and share their personal experiences. This week's focus will be on “*The Holy Fire*”. The last presentation to this Lenten Series will take place on **Tuesday, March 20th** with Father Karl Kish sharing his journey as an Orthodox Christian Chaplain. A light supper will be served at 6:15pm. Presentations begin at 7:00pm. It is not too late to register during coffee hour **TODAY** in our Hermes Rafailides Center or you can call the church office at 410.661.1090.

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.

Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: Will be held today, **Sunday, March 11th 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).

Palm Making: Please plan to join us on **Saturday, March 31st** directly after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (*Lazarus Saturday*), for Palm Making in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided.

Church School: Saint Demetrios Church School will **NOT** be in session on: **Palm Sunday ~ April 1st** or **Easter Sunday ~ April 8th**.

Father Ernest Arambiges Library: The Library will have a contest for the month of March ~ Guess How Many Jelly Beans are in the jar. The winner will be selected on **Tuesday, March 27th, 2018**, the winner will be notified by phone and their name will be in that Sunday's bulletin.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 13th** 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.

Pre-School: We invite you to visit our Excellent Early Education Program during our **OPEN HOUSE** week ~ **Monday, March 19th - Friday, March 23rd** 9:00am -3:00pm. Special Guest Performer: Pam the Kindersinger **Tuesday, March 20th @ 11:4am**. You & Your child are welcome to join us! Our Pre-School is an outstanding early education program providing children with multidimensional opportunities that develop his/her intellectual, social, spiritual, emotional, and physical skills. We believe in active, hands-on learning that is systematic and effective. Our goal is for each child to be *Kindergarten ready* when he/she graduates from our pre-school. For more information please contact Betty Boteler, *Pre-School Director* at 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

Pre-School Paint Night ~ COOKIES 'N CANVAS ~ March 27th, 2018 ~ 6:30-9:00pm. Join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center as we paint a floral picture. This will be a guided painting tutorial (paints, brushes, and canvas provided) for all abilities & ages 10-110 invited! Come have FUN PAINTING THE NIGHT AWAY (while creating a MASTERPIECE!) Please purchase or reserve your tickets by **Sunday, March 25th**. For more information contact Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School (Babylon) will be held, **Monday, June 18th - Friday June 22nd 9am-12pm**. Ages 4 to 5th grade. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin shortly. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ 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. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 26th @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Call for Play Producer: This call is placed in consideration of all Parish members and their talents to ensure the longevity of our long-standing Suburban Players Production. You can be an instrumental partner in bringing the 2019 play to fruition in the producer role. If interested, please contact Peter Georgelakos by **April 1st** at 443-677-4707 or petergstdemetrios@gmail.com.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on **July 16th – 20th, 2018** at Camp Wo Me To, in scenic Rocks State Park. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 19th, 2018**. To register for Camp, Day Camp, Staff, or volunteer, please visit: www.goannun.org Hurry, space is limited and Camp fills up quickly!! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 25th** at 2 pm, in Baltimore's historic Greek Town! The parade will showcase ethnic, cultural, religious and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states, with continuous music by the Hellenic Philharmonic Society of New York. Visit www.greekparade.com to register to participate as a marching group, to donate to the parade or for more information. Youth and young adults interested in representing regions of Greece in this year's parade or participating on parade floats, please email info@greekparade.com.

SCHOLARSHIP

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

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2018 scholarship, applications packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. 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 postmarked or hand delivered to the Church office by **Monday, June 4th, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2018** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22nd, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com.

KORITSIA NEWS

Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser: Gift Cards make great Easter Gifts! Use the order forms on the table in the Narthex to order gift cards from more than 700 stores. For example: a \$100 gift card to Target costs you \$100 and can be used the same as cash. Make checks payable to St Demetrios. 100% of the proceeds go to pay down the mortgage. Any questions contact Maria Angelos (443) 280-2690 or mvailas@aol.com.

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, the donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom, which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is **May 18th**. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

Saint Demetrios presents an evening at **Boordy Vinyards ~ Friday, April 20th, 2018 ~ 6:00-9:30pm**. Live music by: Jimmy Solesky. Take-a-Chance Raffle; Vendors: Mr. Souvlaki, Prigel Family Creamery & Painter Kate. Admission: \$20 per-sale (\$25 at the door) ~ Cash bar with Boordy Wine. For tickets contact Monica Makrodimitris via email at: mneel1@comcast.net. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table and share it with your friends and neighbors.

A MONTH OF THE GREEKS AT UNCLE'S: Please join us every Monday in April from 4-9pm at Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz; located at 2315 Belair Road, Suite 2B, Fallston, Maryland, 10% of All Sales will be given back to Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. All proceeds will go toward paying down our Mortgage. Thank you for your support. Flyers located on Narthex Table.

On **Sunday, March 18th** at 8 o'clock in the morning a bus from Saint Demetrios will take us to the Pan American / Pan Hellenic rally at the United Nations Plaza in New York City, in order to protest for the name of Macedonia. Macedonia is only Greek, the History cannot be distorted and this name cannot be used in any shape or form by anybody else. Archbishop Demetrios as well as Bishop Evangelos are urging us all to participate. It's very important for the future of Hellenism and for all of us. The bus is free of charge for everybody who wants to join. If you are interested, please call Martha Sinis at 410.356.6724 to reserve your seat.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

General Meeting: March 12th at 6:30pm.

My Ladies Luncheon: My ladies Luncheon has been an annual event since it was initiated by Father Ernest Arambiges and the Ladies Philoptochos in 1984. This year, My Ladies Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, March 18th** at 12:30pm in our Hermes Rafailides Center. We are honored to have Father Ernest Arambiges as our speaker and the topic will be, Father Ernest Arambiges "A Personal Reflection. Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available during Coffee Hour, or you can email Maria Antonakas at mariaa6@verizon.net or call at 410-995-0353. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by **Sunday, March 11th, 2018.**

Easter Candy Sale: The Philoptochos Easter Candy Sale is underway! Pick up an order form on the Narthex table or during coffee hour at the Philoptochos table. Orders must be received by **Sunday, March 26th**. Please contact Presvytera Alice for more information 410-817-9651.

Save the Dates! Coming in March ~ Easter Bread Baking Crews ~ **Thursday, March 22nd** and **Saturday, March 31st**. Calling all bakers . . . no experience necessary! This time we are offering two baking dates! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Easter bread. Look for more details as we get closer. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia 410.821.9545 or Elaine 410.472.3458. To place your order for breads, call Dottie 410.870.3372. (All orders must be paid in full when ordering) Final order day is **Sunday, March 18th**.

MEMBERSHIP: 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. 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. Philoptochos is ~ PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION! For more information about joining the team of fun loving, hardworking members spreading the joy to those in need of a kind word, smile and encouragement, please contact Elaine 410.472.3458 or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies ~ March 14th & March 21st @ 6:00pm
Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 16th & March 23rd @ 7:00pm
Suburban Players Wrap-Up Meeting ~ March 14th @ 7:00pm
My Ladies Luncheon ~ March 18th
Finance Committee Meeting ~ March 18th
50th Anniversary Meeting ~ March 26th
Pre-School Paint Night ~ March 27th
Western Good Friday ~ Pre-School Closed ~ March 30th
Saturday of Lazarus ~ March 31st @ 9:00am
Palm Making ~ Saturday, March 31st (following Liturgy)

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

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$249,237	\$79,915	281
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$248,780	\$86,196	285

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm</i> Suburban Players Wrap-Up Meeting, 7:00pm (B) GOYA Basketball, 7:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 17th</u> <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i> My Ladies Luncheon Set-Up (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 18th</u> <i>Sunday of St. John Climacus</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>My Ladies Luncheon</i> <i>NO COFFEE HOUR</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Dance Practice, 12:15 pm (C) Easter Bread Orders Due Finance Committee Mtg. (B)</p>
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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)