

March 25, 2018

Annunciation

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 2:11-18. The Gospel Reading is Luke 1:24-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1360 & 1201 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: *Annunciation of our most-holy Lady, the Theotokos, and ever-Virgin Mary;* Fifth Sunday of Lent, commemorating Mary of Egypt.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- John, Debbie, Argiro, David & Kathy and their families *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Leslie Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Gloria Koukoulas & Family *in loving memory of* her father & their grandfather, Constantine Cutrumbes. May his memory be eternal.
- Vasilia Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Anastasia Maggelakis, on the occasion of her birthday. May her memory be eternal.
- Andy & Sophia Vendelis and Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Anastasia Maggelakis, on the occasion of her birthday. May her memory be eternal.
- Valerie Lambros *in loving memory of* her husband, George Lambros, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago (April 3rd); would be celebrating their 60th anniversary on April 9th.

Memorial Service: The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Leslie Sarantinos who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour will be sponsored today *in loving memory* by the family of Leslie Sarantinos. Coffee will be served by the Ladies of Philoptochos: Joanna Beleos, Mary Karavedas, Margo Lambros and Irene Vavas.

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: Regis & Jennie Kegel *for the Glory of God* and *for the health & welfare of* their children and grandchildren; Regis Jr., Stacey & Tyler Kegel and Michelle, Jeremy, Addison & Adien Clancy.

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

Holy Week Books: Are available for purchase for \$30.00. Please stop by the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday. **Holy Week Schedules** are available on the Narthex table. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. **Philoptochos Easter Flower Donations** may be dropped off in the basket on the Narthex table and the **Easter Offering** envelopes may be given to a Parish Council member at the Pangari or dropped off at the church office.

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.

Orthodox Studies: During this Lenten season make your spiritual journey more meaningful; learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, March 30th** at 9:30 am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

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.

Pre-School Paint Night ~ COOKIES 'N CANVAS ~ March 27th, 2018 ~ 6:30-9:00pm. Join is 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!) For more information contact Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

Vacation Bible School Director Needed ASAP: Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information or call the Church office to volunteer! Current dates can be changed due to director's availability: June 8th – 12th, 9am-2pm.

Community Spring Cleaning Day: Spring has Sprung and it's time for our first annual Spring Cleaning Day! Please join us on **Saturday, April 14th** for cleanup of inside storage rooms and general cleanup of outdoor grounds. All you need to bring is your work gloves. We'll start at 9:00am. Please contact Mark Alberding at 410.790.7523 so we can obtain a headcount and make teams for each area to be cleaned. Our cleanup day last Autumn was a big success and a lot of fun as well. Please join us!

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.

50th Anniversary Book: The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Commemorative Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. This keepsake album will feature our history, family photos, ministries, personal ads, and memorial tributes. To prepare for the album creation, we are beginning the process of family photo shoots so that your family will be featured in this new album. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take family photos during this spring season. Appointments can be made during coffee hour or online through our website. www.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

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.

Suburban Players: The Suburban Players will be selling frozen pans of dolmades (\$75) and pastitsio (\$50), just in time for Easter. Please email or call Kelly MacDonnell at kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or 410.917.2992.

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.

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.

Order of AHEPA ~ Capital District #3: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **April 16, 2018**.

Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **June 30th, 2018**.

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: mneell@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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

General Meeting: April 16th at 6:30pm.

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 25th**. Please contact Presvytera Alice for more information 410-817-9651.

Easter Bread Baking Crews: All breads that were ordered can be picked up today during coffee hour. **Saturday, March 31st** Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! This is going to be a day of learning. If you have time and want to learn and keep the tradition going strong, please join us after liturgy. To help with the baking, contact: Elaine 410.472.3458.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: On **May 20th** all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet. Please have graduates you know fill out a biography form on the narthex table and submit it along with both a baby and senior photo for inclusion in this year's booklet. We don't want to miss recognizing any graduate. **Sunday, April 22nd** is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at colossalcare@gmail.com. If you have any questions or need a form emailed to you, please email or call Maria Stamas, 443-253-2561.

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

50th Anniversary Meeting ~ March 26th

Pre-School Paint Night ~ March 27th

Western Good Friday ~ Pre-School Closed ~ March 30th

*Saturday of Lazarus ~ March 31st @ 10:00am *** (Please note time change)****

Palm Making ~ Saturday, March 31st (following Liturgy)

Palm Sunday ~ April 1st ~ Matins, 8:45am ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am ~ Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm

Holy Monday ~ Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm

Holy Tuesday ~ Bridegroom Service & Hymn of Kassiani, 7:00pm

Holy Wednesday ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 9:00am ~ 1st Holy Unction, 4:00pm ~

2nd Holy Unction, 7:00pm

Holy Thursday ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am ~ The Passion of Our Lord, 7:00pm

Holy Friday ~ Royal Hours, 9:00am, Apokathelosis, 3:30pm, Lamentation Service, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am ~ Easter Vigil/Resurrection & Divine Liturgy, 11:00pm

Great & Holy Pascha ~ Agape Service ~ Hope/Joy Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00pm

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	\$253,767	\$89,997	289
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$253,629	\$94,955	291

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, March 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) 50th Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Paint Night, 6:30pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 30th</u> <i>Western Good Friday</i> <i>Pre-School Closed</i> Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Lock-In</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 31st</u> <i>Saturday of Lazarus ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Palm Making</i> <i>Easter Bread Baking</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, April 1st</u> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Matins, 8:45am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Bridegroom Service, 7:00pm</i> NO CHURCH SCHOOL</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](#)