

May 17th, 2015

Sunday of the Blind Man

The **Epistle Reading** is Acts 16:16-34. The **Gospel Reading** is John 9:1-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1279 & 1246 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 56-60 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, The Man Born Blind; Andronikos and Iounia, of the 70 Apostles; Athanasios, Bishop of Christianoupolis, Trifylla; Righteous Nektarios and Theophanes.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Apostolo and Angelos Families *in loving memory of* their mother & grandmother, Fannie Angelos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- The family & friends of Basilios A. Trintis for his *continued health & welfare*. May God continue to bless him.
- Katherine Strakes *in loving memory of* her good friend, Fannie Angelos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Harry & Violette Cocoros & The Leventis Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Koula Hondros, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Georgette Calomeris & Family *in loving memory of* husband & father, Lou Calomeris, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago.

The **Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Fannie Angelos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago.

The **Altar Bread** was prepared by: Hariklia Sigambris.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored by The Apostolo & Angelos Families *in loving memory of* Fannie Angelos and 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 10:00am. Please come and join us.

Holy Pentecost ~ May 31st The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Paschal (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrated the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. To read the entire biblical story, please visit the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's website at: www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost/index.html

Orthodox Dress Etiquette: With the warm weather quickly approaching, we would like to remind you that you are attending an Orthodox Christian Church and modesty and humility should always be in your forethought. Therefore, **shorts, flip-flops, spaghetti straps, short skirts, etc. are not acceptable**. Please remember that this is a House of God and dress accordingly.

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us in the board room at 9:30am on Friday mornings. We are winding down for the summer; our final Orthodox Studies session will be **Friday, May 29th**. We will resume in the fall. 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 downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

Orthodox Christian Network offers "The Children's World" The Children's World is a weekly Sunday bulletin for Orthodox Christian young people. Each issue includes a message on the Sunday Gospel lesson and on one of the saints for the week. You'll also find a coloring page and other activities. It is designed for an 8.5 x 14 page, and it can be downloaded and printed. Check it out: <http://myocn.net/orthodox-christian-news/orthodox-christian-childrens-newsletter/>

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, etc.). 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.

Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th 9am-12pm Saint Demetrios Church, \$20 per child. Register online <https://www.groupvbspro.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.

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. For additional information contact Father Dean Moralis, 410.727.1831 or Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Moving? Please help us reduce the costs and update our database. Please provide us with your updated information by calling the Church Office at 410.661.1090 or via email at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

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.

Email Bulletin: If you wish to receive the weekly church bulletin via: email, please send us an email at (saintdemetrios@comcast.net), stating your request and we will add you to the list of recipients.

Library News: Graduations, weddings, vacations are coming at us very quickly. Our library has a lot to offer. We have books that give marriage tips and interfaith books. We have cookbooks & CD's for your vacation/honeymoon to Greece. We have so much to offer. Stop in on your way to coffee hour for a visit.

GOYA will be accepting registrations throughout the summer for the 2015-2016 GOYA calendar year. To join our GOYA, the child's family must be members in good standing here at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, the child must be at least 13 years old or older, or be 12 and in the 7th grade as of September 1st 2015. Please email paulrizas.saintdemetriosgoya@gmail.com for a registration form.

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. All applications must be postmarked by June 3rd, 2015.** **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.*

United Chios Societies of Baltimore Scholarship: For over 50 years the United Chios Societies of Baltimore has awarded scholarships to young people within our community. Selection is determined by scholastic achievement and financial need. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of church affiliation or regional heritage. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. Application deadline is **July 19th, 2015.**

Daughters of Penelope Scholarship: There are three separate scholarships being offered by the Daughters of Penelope, these applications are open to the young women of the community who are recent high school graduates and/or in undergraduate programs. If you are interested in applying, please pick up a scholarship packet from the Narthex Table. Please be advised that the deadline for accepting applications is **June 30th, 2015.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Ascension ~ May 21st
Sts. Constantine & Helen Divine Liturgy ~ May 21st @ 10:00 am
Memorial Day ~ May 25th (Office & Pre-School Closed)
Sweet Adelines Rehearsal ~ May 26th
Saturday of Souls ~ May 30th
Holy Pentecost Sunday ~ May 31st
Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ June 1st @ 7:00 pm

St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival: Please join us today, **May 17th, 2015** for our Greek Festival. Come enjoy all your favorite foods, drinks, pastries, music and shops. Today's festival hours are 11:00am to 7:00pm. Visit our outdoor Gyro / Souvlaki Stand. Our address is: 7101 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD. 20706. Please feel free to contact us at 301.552.3540 or visit our website www.sttheodores.org. It's not too late to come out and enjoy all our festival has to offer.

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.

You will never overcome God's generosity, even if you give away all that you have. Nor will you give anything that is your own; for all things flow from God. ~ *Saint Gregory the Theologian.*

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$299,854	\$169,228	433
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$281,814	\$147,428	369

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, May 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (A) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00 pm (B) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:45 pm (P)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, May 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School Graduation, 5:00 pm <i>Great Vespers in Annapolis, 7:00 pm</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, May 21st</u> <i>Holy Ascension</i> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) <i>Sts. Constantine & Helen Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Men's Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Friday, May 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B)</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 24th</u> <i>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Hall Rental, (H/G)</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos thanks the Church School teachers and staff for sharing their faith and providing opportunity for the children of our parish to continue to learn about their Orthodox faith and spirituality.



May General Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 19th, 6:45pm in the Philoptochos Room. Philoptochos Board Elections will be held.



REMINDER: Next Sunday, May 24th is the **FINAL** Sunday to return the Graduate Sunday Booklet Information form to Church for 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. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at j.sfika@comcast.net



Liven up your graduation parties and summer barbecues with new recipes from our latest cookbook, Kali Orexi IV. Ever grill cabbage with bacon, butter, and Parmesan? WOW! Try "My Favorite Crunchy Salad" with a flavorful tahini dressing or Broccoli with Greek olives or Greek Roasted Potato Salad? The list goes on so pick up your copy of Kali Orexi IV, \$20 each, and perk up your picnic! And don't forget a nice Kali Orexi apron, \$15 each, to keep yourself tidy. See us in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or contact Mary Triandafilou, [410.528.1589](tel:410.528.1589). You'll be glad you did!



'Step Into Summer' end of season dinner honoring the Mother and Father of the Year and recognizing the supportive efforts of the Philoptochos members, will be held **Tuesday, June 23rd** at Sparrows Point Country Club. Plan to join in the fun and friendship.



****Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero.** We are halfway to our commitment of \$11,700 and are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. It is not too late to contribute. Let's have a great response for the **July 15th, 2015** report. For questions or information call Margo Lambros, 410.465.0371.



Summer School Supplies Collection. It's that time of year to be on the watch for school supply sales over the summer. We will once again assist students in need, by filling backpacks with the required supplies to begin a new school year in September, just a few short months away. We ask you drop off your school supply donations throughout the summer, in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building.

Tickets for the Saint Demetrios Community are now available.

Stop by the Philoptochos Table and purchase your tickets today, seating is Limited.

Orchestra Seating \$150; Front Promenade Seating \$85; Rear Promenade Seating \$65; Mezzanine Seating \$40.

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