

May 24th, 2015

Father of the First Ecumenical Council

The **Epistle Reading** is Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The **Gospel Reading** is John 17:1-13. These Readings may be found on pages 1284 & 1255 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 60-62 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Seventh Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea; Sunday Post-Ascension; Symeon the Righteous of Mt. Thavmastos; Righteous Niketas; Martyr Meletios the Stratelates.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *in loving memory of* our dearly departed Basilios A. Trintis. May his 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.
- Vasilia Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her father Emmanuel G. Maggelakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 36 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Georgia Kerasiotes & Family *in loving memory of* her brother, Pete Skopas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and *in loving memory of* her parents, Konstantinos & Maria Skopas. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is being held in the boardroom and served by Georgia Kerasiotes, Denise Poletis & Diamondo Sarigianis.

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 **Saturday, May 30th** we will celebrate the *Divine Liturgy of Saturday of Souls* 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: 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.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Open House: We will be holding our annual Open House on Friday, May 29th from 9:30am – 12:00pm, take a tour of our school and see all the wonderful things that we have to offer. There will be a free performance “*Spring is Sprung*” featuring Pam the KinderSinger and Rascal at 10:00am. Please come ~ bring your child(ren) and enjoy singing, dancing and interactive fun. For questions or information please contact Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

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.

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.

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.

Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Festival: Join us the weekend of June 5th, 6th & 7th, 2015 at The John Carroll School, 703 E. Churchville Road in Bel Air, Maryland as we host the annual Greek Festival. Come out and enjoy our Greek Food, Desserts, Music, Amusement for the children and Vendors. Free Admission and Free On-Site Parking. Our festival will be held Rain or Shine. For more information please call 410.826.9754 or check out our website: www.stsmm.org. Hope to see you at the Festival.



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

- Memorial Day ~ May 25th (Office & Pre-School Closed)*
- Sweet Adelines Rehearsal ~ May 26th*
- Parish Council Meeting ~ May 26th @ 7:00 pm (Date Change)*
- Philoptochos General Meeting ~ May 26th @ 7:00 pm (Date Change)*
- Festival Meeting ~ May 27th @ 7:00 pm (Date Change)*
- Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy ~ May 30th @ 10:00 am*
- Holy Pentecost Sunday ~ May 31st*
- Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ June 1st @ 7:00 pm*
- Philoptochos Chapter Challenge ~ June 10th @ 6:30 pm*
- Flag Day ~ June 14th*
- Vacation Bible School Meeting ~ June 15th @ 6:00 pm*
- Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner ~ June 23rd @ 6:00 pm*

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: “TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, 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 and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafalides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you 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	\$300,691	\$172,638	435
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$283,324	\$152,410	373

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, May 25th <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>(Office & Pre-School Closed)</i></p> <p>Tuesday, May 26th Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:45 pm (P) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 27th Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G) Festival Meeting, 7:00 pm (B)</p> <p>Thursday, May 28th Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Demetrakia Dance 3, 6:00 pm (C) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p>	<p>Friday, May 29th Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B)</p> <p>Saturday, May 30th <i>Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday of Souls, 10:00 am</i></p> <p>Sunday, May 31st <i>Holy Pentecost</i> <i>No Memorials</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Demetrakia Practice, 12:15 pm (C)</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



REMINDER: TODAY 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



May General Meeting & Philoptochos Board Elections will be held this coming **Tuesday, May 26th, 6:45pm** in the Philoptochos Room.



'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. Festivities will begin at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$35. Contact co-chairs: Kitsa Padousis 410.687.2318, Georgia Vavas 410.583.0068, or Stephanie Apostolou 410.592.9217. Plan to join in the fun and friendship.



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!



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 and going fast!

Stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase your tickets. Today is the final day for ticket sales, don't miss out, seating is Limited.

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

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