

July 19, 2015

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The **Epistle Reading** is Titus 3:8-15. The **Gospel Reading** is Matthew 5:14-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 & 1150 in the **Holy Bible** or page 152 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 86 in the Green Hymnal Book. The responses to the Liturgy are sung in Greek except for the following pages where English is sung: pages 38-53 and pages 62-67.

Today we remember: 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon; Righteous Makrina, Sister of St. Basil the Great; Righteous Dios; Theodore, Archbishop of Edessa.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their mother and grandmother, Georgia Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- James Lefter & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Dorothy Ganer *in loving memory of* her aunt, Angie Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Fedra Carman *in loving memory of* her aunt, Angie Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Esther Marione *in loving memory of* her Godmother, Angie Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in loving memory of* their Koumbara and dear friend, Angie Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Violette & Harry Cocoros *in loving memory of* Steven Leventis, who fell asleep in the Lord 24 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Anna, Nico & Linda Leventis *in loving memory of* Steven Leventis, who fell asleep in the Lord 24 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Stergos & Lucy Kosmos *in loving memory of* their brother, Nicholas Szolomicki, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The **Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

Artoclasia: The Artoclasia is being offered by The Ladies Panchian & United Chios Societies.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by the family of Angeline Lefter and the Ladies Panchian & United Chios Societies and served by the Philoptochos Ladies. Everyone is invited to the coffee hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy.

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

Congregational Singing: Today we continue our Congregational Singing during the Divine Liturgy and we will continue until September. Everyone is encouraged to participate in singing the responses and hymns of the Liturgy. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari. We look forward to hearing everyone "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord."

Scholarship Sunday: Today is St. Demetrios Scholarship Sunday, and we congratulate the 7 recipients on their achievements. Presentations will be made to the 4 high school graduates and 3 current college students after the Divine Liturgy. We also thank the scholarship donors and ask God to bless them for their generosity. Please see the Sunday Bulletin insert with the names of scholars and donors.

Ladies Panchian & United Chios Societies: We are joined today by the Ladies Panchian & United Chios Societies as they award their scholarships.

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break, we will resume in the fall. See you in church! For more information contact Kate at 410.692.7590.

God Never Takes A Vacation: It's so easy to get caught up in our vacation plans and grow lazy in our church attendance and spiritual life during the summer months. God never goes on vacation and we shouldn't find excuses to take a vacation from church. The church feels a financial strain during the summer months with lower attendance. Please don't take a vacation from your monthly Stewardship commitment. Thank you to all of those who are faithfully fulfilling their pledge to the church.

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.

Church School Registration: Will be held on Sunday, September 6th from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms are coming soon. Church School classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th at 9:55am.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2014-2015 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (age 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 via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

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 13 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.

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>

The Parish of Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella invites everyone to join us in a celebration for our Patron Saints on July 26th from 1:00-5:00 pm on the church grounds. Food, drinks and desserts will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Fotini Kaminaris 443.463.6458 or Stanley Giannas 443.567.1628. Please join us.

**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 Rafailides 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.

We are Stewards of the love, authority, trust and respect that exist among members of the family. Unlike material possessions, these are not diminished by use. But, if mishandled, they can be lost. Once they are lost, they are most difficult to recover.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$313,717	\$208,845	452
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$293,924	\$193,124	392

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, July 20th</u> Sweet Adelines (H/G) Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 21st</u> GOYA Soccer, (Field) Festival Meeting, 7:00 pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 22nd</u> GOYA Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, July 23rd</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 24th</u> <i>8th Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i></p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



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. A sample of supplies needed: 50 Backpacks; Binder Divider Tab Sets (5 tab set); pocket folders ~ red, blue; black marble composition notebooks; 2" binders; loose leaf paper; rulers; #2 pencils and pencil cap erasers; colored pencils; washable colored markers; yellow highlighters; lunchbox; pencil box/zippered pencil pouch; box (24) crayons; red pens; glue sticks; scissors; Clorox cleanup wipes; Kleenex tissues; quart size baggies. Flyers with a more complete list of supplies needed is available on the Narthex table or contact Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458. We ask you drop off your school supply donations throughout the summer, in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building.



Do you have a computer in working order you are no longer using? Is your company upgrading the computers or laptops for the employees? If the answer is YES, then we can help recycle computer hard drives, monitors, keyboards and laptops. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Chapter is linking computer access and literacy to the underprivileged of the Baltimore metropolitan area. We have teamed up with Project Reboot and Baltimore social service agencies ~ connecting eligible families with low cost computers from Project Reboot, a non-profit organization that refurbishes unwanted working computers and sells them to qualified parents, students, and single people seeking to better their lives in today's world of technology. Drop off your unwanted and working computer monitors keyboards, cords, hard drives and laptops in the Philoptochos Blue Bin. For more information on how you can help with this project, contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.



Macy's "Shop For A Cause" ~ Our Philoptochos is partnering again this year with Macy's "Shop For A Cause" charity event. We will be selling savings passes to this event, which will take place on **Saturday, August 29th** at each Macy store throughout the country. "Shop For A Cause" on **Saturday, August 29th, 2015**, you'll receive 25% off* on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, including designer brands you love, throughout the store, as well as 10% off electronics, furniture, mattresses and area rugs. And, you will be eligible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary. We were able to generate over \$1500 the last few years from this event, which helped fund our various outreach programs, as well as the Benevolent and Emergency Funds. Tickets are \$5 each and Philoptochos will keep 100% of the proceeds. They are available by contacting Violette Cocoros at 410-256-6283. Buy savings passes for your family and friends to use...good at all Macy's stores throughout the United States!



****Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center** ~ We have submitted our July report on our progress for the support of this effort. To date, we have donations from 68 members and associates totaling \$8,025.00. Our goal is \$11,700.00. There are still two reports to send (**October 2015 and January 2016**), so it's not too late to give your support. If you have any comments call Margo Lambros 410.465.3071. Remember to put "St. Nicholas Shrine" on the memo line of your check which should be payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos. Thank you for supporting this worthy project.

FESTIVAL CORNER

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios' Greek Festival is just around the corner ~ September 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Please mark your calendars.

CALLING ALL HANDS! Help is needed for rolling Dolmades, Saturday, August 8th from 9:00am – 12:00pm (we will take whatever time you can give us). Join us for a few hours of camaraderie with your fellow Stewards while filling a needed task for our upcoming Festival. If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call Katherine Strakes 410.828.4125.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers.

Moussaka ~ We will be making Moussaka on August 18th, 19th & 20th. If you wish to help, please contact Sophia Vendelis at 410.252.9062.

Kitchen ~ If you wish to help in the kitchen during the festival, please contact Smaro Cook at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or 410.342.1000.

Festival Committee: We are looking for volunteer help with several booths. We need someone to take charge of the kitchen. Please contact Smaro Cook at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or 410-342-1000 as soon as possible. Thank you for any help you can provide. Our next committee meeting is **Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm.**

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the 1st floor classroom between the Philoptochos Room & the Church School Office of the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm.

Festival Ad Book: Make your business shine with an ad in the 42nd Annual Greek Festival ad book. To place an ad in this year's Ad Book please contact Presvytera Alice at anoplos@comcast.net.

Festival Silent Auction: Items are now being accepted for the festival silent auction. Please consider donating a new item by contacting Presvytera Alice at anoplos@comcast.net.

Barely Worn Clothes Booth: We are accepting donations for our Barely Worn Clothes Booth. All donations can be placed in the 1st floor classroom between the Philoptochos Room & the Church School Office of the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00am & 3:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sweet Adelines, July 20th & 27th

GOYA Soccer, July 21st & 28th

GOYA Basketball, July 22nd & 29th at 6:00 pm

Men's Basketball, July 23rd & 30th at 6:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

*The Saint Demetrios Music Ministry
will sponsor An Orthodox Celebration:
A journey through Worship Music, Iconography &
Instrumental Music
for adults & children ages 5 and up.*

*This event will be held on
Tuesday, August 18th & Wednesday, August 19th
9:00 am until 12:00 noon*

*Join Jennie Kegel and Tina Pedrick
for mornings of Orthodox Fellowship.*

*The Music Ministry is **free** to all.
More information and registration sheets to come!*

