July 26, 2015 *8th Sunday of Matthew*

The **Epistle Reading** is Galatians 3:23-4:5. **The Gospel Reading** is Matthew 14:14-22. These Readings may be found on pages 1331 & 1162 in the **Holy Bible** or page 76 in the **Divine Liturgy Book.** The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 88 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: Holymartyr Hermolaos. Righteous Virginmartyr Paraskeve.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Chris, Kate, Peter, Alice and Rachel Cocoros ***in honor of*** Steven Cocoros on the occasion of his 14th birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Irene Peltsemes & Family ***in loving memory of*** mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Helen Filipidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon ***in loving memory of*** her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos will not be sponsoring or serving coffee during the remaining summer Sundays, except for Memorial family requests. If another ministry would like to sponsor coffee hour, please contact the church office.

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."

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.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year is complete. The schedule will be available next week. Please call the Church office 410.661.1090 x 202 to request registration forms.

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	$295,389	$196,131	394

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, July 27h Sweet Adelines (H/G) **Tuesday, July 28th** GOYA Soccer, (Field)	**Wednesday, July 29th** GOYA Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G) **Thursday, July 30th** Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm (H/G)	**Sunday, August 2nd** ***8th Sunday of Matthew*** ***Orthros, 9:00 am*** ***Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am***

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 **Wednesday, August 19th 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 Amanda Albright at stdemetriosads@gmail.com.

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

Paraklesis Service, August 3rd, 5th & 7th at 6:00 pm
Philoptochos Oath of Office, August 9th
Memorial Sunday, August 9th
Book / Knitting Club, August 11th at 9:00 am
Pre-School Meet & Greet, August 19th at 11:00 am
Pre-School Orientation, August 24th
Pre-School Begins, August 26th at 8:45 am