

August 23, 2015

12th Sunday of Matthew

The **Epistle Reading** is Corinthians 15:1-11. The **Gospel Reading** is Matthew 19:16-26. These Readings may be found on pages 1318 & 1167 in the **Holy Bible** or on pages 82-83 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 83 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: Apodosis of the Theotokos; Loupos, Martyr; Holymartyr Eirenaios, Bishop of Loudun; Righteous Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympos.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Stergos & Lucy Kosmos *in loving memory of* their dear cousin, Raisa Wielowski, who passed away on June 27th, in New South Wales, Australia. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir *wishes to congratulate* members Peter & Alice Cocoros on their wedding. May God grant them many happy & healthy years.
- The Cocoros, Kegel, West & Meyer families *for the continued health & welfare of* our mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Irene Cocoros, as she recovers from her hospital stay. May God grant her a full and speedy recovery.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Michael & Cathy Pizanis & Family *in honor of* Joanne Pantelides' birthday.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & Diamando Sarigianis.

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.

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 13th from 9:55am – 12:00pm** in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms are coming soon. Church School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 20th at 9:55am.**

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.

The Orthodox Christian Way: Coming Soon! The fall series of the Orthodox Christian Way program will take place on Tuesday evenings, **October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.** We are busy planning the programs, but the format will remain the same: we will begin with a light supper at 6:15pm, followed promptly at 7:00pm by the evening's presentation. You are encouraged to bring your children, as BABYSITTING will be provided at **ALL** sessions, and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30pm. Cost is \$20 for all four sessions. Please call the church office to register at [410-661-1090 ext. 202](tel:410-661-1090).

Palikaria: The Palikaria are looking for a few good men to join them on Tuesdays & Thursdays as they make general repairs to the church. If you have experience in plumbing, electricity or are a handy man and are interested in joining them, please contact: Pete Sorvalis at: 410.661.2366 or Gus Stamatopoulos at: 410.663.6547.

Adult Choir: The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 13th.** The Choir is always looking for additional members. The first rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, September 10th at 7:00pm** in the music room. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** So place these dates on your calendar and come and share in musical fellowship. For more information contact Jennie at jcocorosk@aol.com.

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.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner: The Saint Demetrios Pre-School will hold its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Tuesday, September 15th** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

GOYA Registration & Parent Orientation: If you have a teenager between the ages of 13 and 18 or who is 12 years old before **September 1st, 2015** and in the 7th grade as of September 2015, GOYA Registration and Parent Orientation will be held on **Wednesday September 2nd** at 6pm and **Friday September 4th** at 7pm. Our first GOYA Meeting will be on **Friday, September 4th** at 7pm. The Saint Demetrios GOYA Program brings the youth of our church community together in Christian Fellowship to enjoy meetings, activities, trips, church service, sports, community service and so much more. Our GOYA program is self-funded by a series of fundraisers that our GOYAns and Parents volunteer for throughout the year. Friends and relationships that are built in this program will last forever. Please stop by the church office for a registration packet.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms are available and can be found on the Narthex table. Please call the Church office 410.661.1090 x 202, if you have any questions.

Library News: On August 27th we celebrate St. Phanourios, saint of lost items. St. Phanourios was the son of a harlot and a great sinner. He had great love for his mother even while he was stoned to death as he prayed, "For the sake of my suffering Lord help all those who will pray for the salvation of Phanourios Sinful Mother." St. Phanourios in turn prays for the salvation and enlightenment of relatives and friends. On the day of the Saint the brethren that are faithful bake a special bread and give it to the poor in the name of his mother and others who share it. You can read about St. Phanourios and other saints by visiting our library. We have many new books and DVDs, come and see what we have to offer.

Book / Knitting Club: The book & knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 from 9:00am until 12:00noon.** Everyone is welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew, or just want to come and join in some conversation. The book of choice is: *The Island*, by: Victoria Hislop.

Play Producer: Interested in becoming a producer for the Suburban Players? If so, please contact Demetrios or Rena Makres at 410-823-4805.

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.

Stewardship can shape our world. We can experience God's grace, love, communion and joy. A steward is a manager who looks after someone else's property. We are all managers in God's kingdom, and we have a responsibility to protect and grow God's gift.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$320,909	\$231,842	460
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$298,216	\$212,279	400

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, August 24^h Sweet Adelines (H/G) Pre-School Parent Orientation</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 26^h Pastries, 8:00 am (K) Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)</p>	<p>Friday, August 28th Pastries, 8:00 am (K) Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 25^h GOYA Soccer, 6:00 pm (Field) The Way, 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p>Thursday, August 27th Pastries, 8:00 am (K) Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm (H/G)</p>	<p>Saturday, August 29th <i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i> Pastries, 8:00 am (K) “Shop For A Cause”</p>
		<p>Sunday, August 30th <i>13th Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i></p>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, September 1st at 6:30pm

Festival Meetings, September 2nd & 16th at 7:00 pm

Philoptochos Chapter Challenge Meeting, September 2nd at 7:00 pm

Labor Day ~ Office & Pre-School Closed, September 7th

Parish Council Meeting, September 8th at 7:00 pm

Adult Choir, September 10th at 7:00 pm

GOYA Shake-Up, September 11th & 12th

Divine Liturgy ~ Holy Cross, September 14th at 10:00 am

Pre-School Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Tuesday, September 15th

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Back-to-School supplies "Fill a Backpack" project. 50 Students benefited from your generosity. Philoptochos philanthropic sponsored projects such as this assists those in need throughout our community.



Calling all women of Saint Demetrios . . . Please join us for our “*Welcome Back from Summer*” meeting on Monday, September 14th, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Philoptochos Room. We encourage everyone to bring their daughters, granddaughters, and friends to learn about our dynamic organization. Babysitting will be available. There will also be refreshments & door prizes.



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" - FINAL SUNDAY TO PURCHASE SAVINGS PASSES! 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 29, 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!

FESTIVAL CORNER

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

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers.

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. 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, September 2nd at 7pm.**

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 9:00am & 3:00pm.

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.

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

Greeks Got Talent! Do you have a hidden talent you'd like to showcase? Always thought you could do something unique and would like for all to see? Then we've got the event for you! For the first time ever, Saint Demetrios will be kicking off their Festival weekend with "Greeks Got Talent!" All acts and ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded; all will receive a medal for participating. Whether you're participating or want to come have a fun night out supporting our community and enjoying great food with friends and family, we're waiting for you to kick-off the 2015 Saint Demetrios Greek Festival right! Doors open at 5pm, event begins at 7pm. Free Admission. For additional information and go sign up please email Irene Giannaros at igiannaros@aol.com

2nd Annual Baklava 5k Run/Walk: Run/Walk with your friends to support the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival on **Saturday, September 26th at 8:00am.** Fees: \$25.00 pre-registration, \$30.00 day-of-race. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. First 50 registrants/participants will receive a medal and a goodie bag. For more information or to register contact: Presvytera Alice 443.417.0975 or email at: anoplos@comcast.net or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table.



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SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26, & 27
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THURSDAY* 9/24 5PM - 11PM
FRIDAY 9/25 12PM - 11PM
SATURDAY 9/26 12PM - 11PM
SUNDAY 9/27 12PM - 8PM
* [INDOOR ONLY]

Free Admission & Free On-Site Parking

2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore MD 21234

For more information visit: stdemetriosmd.org/festival or call 410.661.1090

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