

May 8th, 2016

Sunday of Thomas

The Epistle Reading is: I John 1:1-7. The Gospel Reading is John 20:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1380 & 1259 in the Holy Bible or on page 47 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Second Sunday of the Paschal Season, New or Thomas Sunday; Apostle and Evangelist Saint John the Theologian; Righteous Arsenios the Great.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Ioanna Manolis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Konstantinos Manolis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Vendelis & Family *in loving memory of* his mother, their grandmother & great grandmother, Helen Vendelis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Dr. & Mrs. Robert Padousis & Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Jeff Mitsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Barbara Nicolaides & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Manuel Nicolaides, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- James Stroumbis *in loving memory of* his wife Anna, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Jim & Lisa Mitsos & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Anna Stroumbis, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. George Lambros and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Harris *in loving memory of* their mother, Katie Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Tom & Smaro Cook *for the health & welfare of* their children; Tom, Elena & Andrew. May God continue to watch over them.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour: All are welcome to attend the GOYAN's Mother's Day Brunch in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following Divine Liturgy. GOYA will also be sponsoring the coffee hour.

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

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us in the board room on Friday, May 13th at 9:30am. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be honoring all Saint Demetrios Moms by hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch today after Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center for coffee and a wonderfully prepared brunch.

General Assembly Meeting: There will be a General Assembly Meeting on **Sunday, May 15th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of 40 Stewards in good standing is required and voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their Stewardship Commitment for 2016.

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 at the Coffee Hour downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

Trays: At Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday. We ask that stewards include tray contributions in their annual commitment. For the convenience of visitors, a pink envelope is provided in the pews if you wish to contribute to our parish.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 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.

CYC Camp 2016: Campers and Volunteers wanted!! Save the date: July 18th ~ 22nd, 2016, at scenic Camp Wo.Me.To in Jarresttsville, Md. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 21st, 2016 for children ages 5-7. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Hope/Joy Zumba Event: Our Hope/Joy ministry will be holding a Zumba Event on Friday, May 27th. For more information or to register, please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is *The Rainbow's End by Irene Hannon*. All are welcomed to join us whether you knit, crochet, embroider or sew. We have a fun group and look forward to meeting you.

Library News: Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. The modern precedent for Mother's Day is in the early Christian festival known as Mothering Sunday. This major holiday in the United Kingdom and Europe fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent. This is the when the faithful would return to their "Mother Church" the main church in the vicinity of their home for a special service. This custom lost popularity and merged with the American Mother's Day in the 1930 and 1940's. The American Mother's Day dates back to the 19th century. Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia help start "Mother's Day Work Club" to help teach women how to properly care for their children. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mother's Friendship Day." That is when mothers would gather former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. Following her mother's death, Ann Reeves Jarvis conceived Mother's day as a way to honor the sacrifices mothers make for their children. Ann Reeves Jarvis remained unmarried and childless her whole life. President Woodrow Wilson signed a 1914 measure officially making Mother's Day the second Sunday in May. From the Library staff we would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2016 scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. **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. All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Church office by June 6th, 2016. Scholarship recipients will be determined by July 1st, 2016 and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, August 7th, 2016**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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 17th, 2016.



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.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church will be hosting a Bull & Oyster Roast on Sunday, May 15th from 2pm-6pm on the church grounds at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD. 21030. This is primarily an indoor event with some outdoor activities and games. Tickets (\$40 for 12yr. and older, \$20 under 12yr. no cost for children under 5yr.) include food and drinks, entrance to live and silent auctions, DJ music and dancing. Bring and donate your loose change to earn a chance to win a prize. To reserve tickets, please contact Melissa at churchsecretary777@gmail.com or at (410) 785-0909 ideally by May 9th.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum and Archives of Maryland is planning a bus trip to visit the exhibition, **“GODS and MORTALS at OLYMPUS: ANCIENT DION, CITY of ZEUS”** at the Onassis Cultural Center in NYC, Saturday, May 21st, 2016. Please contact Stacy Kosmides at 410-560-1095, for more information. The price for the trip and dinner is \$135 per person (excluding bar items). Make checks payable to ‘HHMAM’ (Onassis) and mail them, with your phone number, to: Stacy Kosmides, 11936 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21093.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully the body of Christ will function to its full potential.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$280,619	\$142,268	366
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$276,968	\$139,087	363

*In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, May 9th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:00am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Pre-School Planning Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 10th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book Knitting Club, 9:00am (L) Ecclesiastical Art Cmt., Mtg., 6:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 11th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) CYC Mtg., 6:30pm (B) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p>Thursday, May 12th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) No Men’s Basketball Home School End-of-Year Event, (H/G)</p>	<p>Friday, May 13th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p>Sunday, May 15th <i>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday General Assembly Church School, 9:55am Church School Graduation Honoring Pre-School</p>
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Mortgage Update – As you may recall in 2013 Saint Demetrios started a challenge to the community to pay off our mortgage in 10 years. How would we do this, by making contributions to the building fund which would be used for additional principal payments above and beyond our monthly scheduled payment. So where are we, without the additional mortgage payments we would still owe \$833,701 but we are down to \$742,984. *All of this through the use of our Pay Down the Debt Mortgage Box and Memorial Donations made to the fund!* Let’s keep the momentum going and help reduce our mortgage debt!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting May 9th

General Meeting May 16th

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!! PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ Saturday June 4th, 8am to 10am, Applebee's on Joppa Road Towson. Take DAD out for an early Father's Day breakfast or just kick off summer with a friends and family breakfast before you head off to start your day!!! Tickets are \$8 per person. Children 6 and under are only \$6. Proceeds benefit the charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. See Lisa Jones for tickets at coffee hour or call 410-529-9428 or email Presvytera Alice (anoplos@comcast.net).

Philoptochos End of year Dinner: Join us as we bring the year to an end and celebrate our Mother and Father of the year at the Bowman Restaurant on **June 20th at 6:00pm.** The Bowman is located at 9306 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234. We will have dinner on the first floor, Main Dining room. Please contact Georgia Vavas (410-583-0068 gvavas@comcast.net) or Kitsa Padousis (410-687-2318) to make your reservation. See them at coffee hour after liturgy. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Chapter Challenge/Project Reboot: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

Reminder to those with upcoming Spring graduations ~ Graduate Sunday Booklet information needed. The Ladies Philoptochos Society is putting together the booklet recognizing our graduating class of 2016 (high school, college and advanced degree candidates included) for Graduate Sunday to be held on Sunday, June 12th. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms can be found on the Narthex Table and should be filled out and returned to Church, no later than Sunday, May 8th. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at j.sfika@comcast.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ May 9th @ 6:30pm

Pre-School Planning Meeting ~ May 9th @ 6:30pm

Book / Knitting Club ~ May 10th @ 9:00am

Ecclesiastical Art Committee Meeting ~ May 10th @ 6:30pm

CYC Meeting ~ May 11th @ 6:30 pm

Home School End-of-Year Event ~ May 12th

Memorial Sunday ~ Sunday, May 15th

General Assembly ~ Sunday, May 15th

Church School Graduation ~ Sunday, May 15th

Honoring Pre-School ~ Sunday, May 15th

D-4 Practice ~ Sunday, May 15th @ 12:00pm