

June 5th, 2016

Sunday of the Blind Man

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 16:16-34. The Gospel Reading is John 9:1-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1279 & 1247 in the Holy Bible or on pages 56-60 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind: Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council; Holymartyr Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre; Nikandros, Gorgios, and Apollonos, Martyrs; Neomartyr Mark.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Irene Kaikis-Lericos & Family *on the occasion of* Dr. Andrew G. Lericos receiving his doctorate degree in dentistry.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Stergos & Lucy Kosmos *for the health & welfare of* her cousin, Anne Hardy, who is recovering after surgery, in NSW Australia. May God watch over her and keep her in His care.
- Stergos & Lucy Kosmos *in loving memory of* her brother, Nicholas Szolomicki, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

40-Day Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Marianetti, will present their 1st child for the traditional 40-day baby blessing. May God bless this family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Tsakiris.

Coffee Hour: Coffee will be served by the Philoptochos Ladies.

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: 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.

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.

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.

Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero: We have had a great beginning, as of today we have collected **\$4,195**, towards our committed gift of \$10,000 for the re-building of Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. We are appealing to each family of our parish to give a gift of \$50. Please consider joining us in assisting our sister church. Make your check payable to Saint Demetrios, memo it as "SNS" and return in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or bring it to the church. We thank you for helping to re-build the only church that was destroyed on 9/11.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 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 us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

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

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.

Library News: Our Library has many things to offer. We have books for everyone of all ages. Lots of Greek festivals are coming up and that means a lot of wonderful Greek foods for everyone to enjoy. Today is Agia Markella and Mary Magdalene's festival and next week is St. Nicholas Greek festival. Ever wonder how their delicious foods are made. Stop in the library and come see our great selection of cookbooks. We have vegetarian, vegan, Greek anything you would like. Our library is always looking for volunteers come join us. This year the Vacation Bible School will be partnering with the Library as one of their exciting adventures. We have a reading list, come and take out the required books for our summer reading. Need service hours we can help your child get those as well. We will be opened on Sundays during the month of June and the second and 4th Sunday of July and August. If you need something on a Sunday and we happen to be closed, you can contact Mary Tsakiris at 410.245.1291 and I will be happy to make arrangements with you.

The Book & Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, June 14, 2016** at 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Library. The book of choice is *Changing Habits* by Debbie MacComber. All are welcomed knitters, sewers, crocheters, or if you would like to come and shoot the breeze you are welcomed.

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.

Cave Quest ~ Vacation Bible School June 20th - 24th 9am-12pm Saint Demetrios Church, \$20 per child. This summer at Cave Quest VBS, kids will go on an over-the-top underground adventure where they'll discover Jesus can be their trusted guiding light through life! Be a part of Vacation Bible School at Saint Demetrios. It's an adventure that'll help *everyone* involved to begin or grow in their relationship with Jesus! 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 410.917.2992.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2016 scholarship, application packets are 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.

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 30, 2016.

The Ladies Panchian Society “Chios” is offering scholarships. 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 Friday, July 8th, 2016. The scholarships will be awarded on July 17th, 2016 at Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Perdika Stroumbis 410.327.8234.

United Chios Societies of Baltimore Scholarship: For over 50 years the United Chios Societies of Baltimore have 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.

Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Festival: It's not too late, join us today, June 5th, 2016 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, amusements 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 410.457.0303 or check out our website: www.stsmm.org. Hope to see you at the Festival.

St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival: Be Greek for a Day! Or an entire Weekend . . . Join us the weekend of June 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th, 2016 at Saint Nicholas' Annual Greek Folk Festival, to be held at Greektown Square & Events Center, located at 701 S. Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. Come out and enjoy four days of non-stop Greek fun! Indulge in authentic Greek food while enjoying live music & dancing. There's something for everyone . . . kid's zone (featuring Arts & Crafts & Kiddie Rides); regional Greek dance troupe performances; baklava & loukoumades; fire roasted lamb souvlaki & gyro; and back by popular demand the Veggie Kitchen. Eat, Drink & Dance Under the Stars. Free Admission & Parking. For more information, visit our website: GreekFolkFestival.org or call the church office at 410.663.5020. Make plans to join us. Rain or Shine

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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.

FAMILY NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS: Join us in the St Demetrio's Section on August 19th to watch the Orioles take on the Houston Astros. Stay in your seat afterwards for a spectacular fireworks display that is included in our ticket price. Our seats are great for both the game and the fireworks. Section 66 in the lower level, each ticket is \$33. Please contact Lisa Jones Venetos (410-529-9428) to reserve your seats before July 25th to ensure you are with the group!

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, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline for Scholarship Applications ~ June 6th

Last Day for Pre-School ~ June 8th

Holy Ascension ~ June 9th

Memorial Sunday ~ June 12th

Graduate Sunday ~ June 12th

Saturday of Souls ~ June 18th

Holy Pentecost ~ June 19th

Father's Day ~ June 19th

Father's Day Luncheon / Father of the Year ~ June 19th

Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner ~ June 20th

Vacation Bible School ~ June 20th – 24th ~ 9am-12pm

Scholarship Committee Meeting ~ June 23rd

GOYA End-of-Year Party ~ June 24th

GOYA End-of-Year Trip ~ June 28th & 29th

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

In every liturgy God brings words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion, He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$287,399	\$162,368	380
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$292,879	\$173,597	382

*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><u>Monday, June 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, June 8th</u> Last Day of Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, June 9th</u> <i>Holy Ascension</i> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, June 10th</u> Sweet Adelines Tea Set-Up (H/G)</p> <p><u>Saturday, June 11th</u> Sweet Adelines Annual Tea, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, June 12th</u> <i>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Graduate Sunday</i></p>
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