

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

**The Epistle Reading is:** Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel Reading is John 17:1-13. These Readings may be found on pages 1284 & 1255 in the Holy Bible or on pages 60-62 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea; Sunday Post-Ascension; The Righteous Onouphrios the Egyptian; Peter of Mt. Athos.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Flora Christ *in loving memory of* her husband, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Bessie Sotirakos *in loving memory of* her father, John Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pauline Lainas & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Katherine Strittmater, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Argie. Panagiotis & Erene Christ *in loving memory of* father-in-law & grandfather, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Paul, Maria, Paulina & Pete Christ *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- James Lefter *in loving memory of* his wife, Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Dottie Ganer *in loving memory of* Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Esther Karavedas *in loving memory of* her Godmother Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in loving memory of* their Koumbara & dear friend, Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Flora Christ & Grandchildren *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Paulos Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

**Memorial Service:** The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* John Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Katherine Strittmater, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago and Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Mary Tsakiris.

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the families of Pete H. Christ, Sr. and Angeline Lefter *in their memory* and served by the Ladies of Philoptochos.

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

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**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.

**Holy Pentecost ~ June 19<sup>th</sup>.** The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Paschal (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrated the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. To read the entire biblical story, please visit the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's website at: [www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/pentecost/index.html](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost/index.html).

**Congregational Singing:** On **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** we will begin 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."

**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 **\$4,895**, 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 accepting 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay (formerly CYC):** Will take place July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at scenic Camp-Wo-Me-To in Jarrettsville, MD., additionally, Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> for children between the ages of 5-7. Register online at [goannun.org](http://goannun.org)., click on 2016 Summer Camp. Don't delay space is limited & camp fills up quickly! For more information, pick-up a flier from the Narthex table or contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618 / [painterterkateart@gmail.com](mailto:painterterkateart@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](mailto:alberding@comcast.net).

**Library News:** Today is the Saint Nicholas Greek festival. Ever wonder how those delicious foods are made? Stop by the Library and take out one of our cookbooks. We have so many things to offer. Going to Greece for a vacation? Need a head start on where to go and what to see? Come and take a CD or a travel book and see the beautiful things Greece has to offer. Please don't forget this year the Vacation Bible School is going to come to the Library as one of their many adventures. We have a reading list for the children. Stop by the Library and pick one up. The Library will be opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of July and August. The Library will be closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of July & August, but if you need something please 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<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Library. The book of choice is Changing Habits by Debbie MacComber. All are welcomed ~ knitters, those who sew or crochet, or if you just 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](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net).

**Cave Quest ~ Vacation Bible School June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival: Be Greek for a Day! Or an entire Weekend . . .** Today, **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, is the final day for 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; Greek wine & beer; 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](http://GreekFolkFestival.org) or call the church office at 410.663.5020. Make plans to join us. Rain or Shine.

## SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

**Saint Demetrios Scholarships:** *“Give instructions to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.” Please make plans to join us on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as we honor our Scholarship recipients*

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. The scholarships will be awarded on **July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner ~ June 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Vacation Bible School ~ June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am-12pm**

*Scholarship Committee Meeting ~ June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*GOYA End-of-Year Party ~ June 24<sup>th</sup>*

*GOYA End-of-Year Trip ~ June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>*

**4<sup>th</sup> of July ~ Office Closed**

*Scholarship Sunday ~ August 7<sup>th</sup>*

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**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. Check it out: <http://myocn.net/orthodox-christian-news/orthodox-christian-childrens-newsletter>

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

*The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos congratulates all of the graduates honored today. May you receive God's Blessings and achieve great success on all paths you choose to follow.*

**THANK YOU** to Lisa Jones Venetos for our Pancake Breakfast this past Saturday. Special thank you to Applebee's of Towson and their team, John the cook and Brian the manager, without them, community involved charity breakfasts would not be possible! We also thank all of our community members that were able to attend in person or just purchased a ticket to support our ongoing philanthropic events. It was nice to see families sharing time together. THANK YOU as well to our helpers, Lambros Venetos, Presvytera Alice, Cathy Xanthakos, Kate Cocoros, Barbara Rouse and James Messick.

**Philoptochos End of year Dinner:** Last call to purchase your tickets as the final guarantee must be in by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup>** to ensure you are with the group!

**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 August, just a few short months away. A sample of supplies needed: 60+ Backpacks; pocket folders - red, blue; black marble composition notebooks; loose leaf paper; rulers; #2 pencils and pencil cap erasers; colored pencils; 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 list of supplies needed is available on the Narthex table or contact Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Lisa Jones Venetos (410-529-9428). We ask you drop off your school supply donations throughout the summer to the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase needed supplies. Mail check to the church and make checks payable to Philoptochos, Attention: Elaine/Backpack Project and note on the check memo line 'backpack program'.

**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](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com).

## **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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$290,075	\$164,621	386
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$292,879	\$180,587	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><b><u>Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Saturday of Souls</i> Hall Rental</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Holy Pentecost</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Father's Day Lunch</i> <i>(Sponsored by Philoptochos)</i></p>
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