June 26th, 2016 All Saints

**The Epistle Reading is:** Hebrews 11:33-12:2. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30. These Readings may be found on pages 1156 & 1244 in the Holy Bible or on pages 64-66 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Sunday of All Saints; Righteous David of Thessalonica; Righteous John, Bishop of Gothia.

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

• Mrs. Soula Athas & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Michael Athas, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Soula Athas *in loving memory of* her in-laws, Arhoudoula & George Athas, her parents, Ioannis & Ekaterine Petropoulea and sister-in-law, Cleo Stamidis. May their memory be eternal.
- Irene Vavas *in loving memory of* her mother, Despina Kaitis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Stephen, Stephanie, Nick, Nicoll, Jim, Lisa, Alex, Zachary, Daniel, Stephen, Connor & Christian *in loving memory of* grandmother & great grandmother, Despina Kaitis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Martha Sinis & Family *in loving memory of* her brother & their uncle, Aris Kalothis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago in Nafplion, Greece. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamondo Sargianis & Mary Karavedas.

**Memorial Service:** The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Despina Kaitis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and Michael Athas, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Coffee Hour:** The coffee hour is sponsored today by the families of Michael Athas & Despina Kaitis and served by our Philoptochos members.

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.

**Congregational Singing:** Today, we 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. The responses to the Liturgy are sung in Greek except for the following pages where English is sung: page 89. We look forward to hearing everyone "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord."

**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 **\$5,795**, 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: <a href="mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net">sdpreschool@comcast.net</a>.

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., 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 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Call for Associate Producers: Have you ever considered getting more involved in the life of our Saint Demetrios parish? Here's your opportunity to become an Associate Producer for the Suburban Players 2017 production of Beauty and the Beast. This call is placed in consideration of all Parish members and their talents to ensure the longevity of this long-standing and successful fund-raiser. The Associate Producer(s) will assist and learn the role to transition to Producer for future productions. Please contact the Church Office (410-661-1090) and ask to speak with Father Lou.

**Library News:** Our library is one of the least visited places in the church. We have so many things that we offer our church community. We have the Craig Arambiges Lecture every year that is free to the public. We also give scholarships *in memory of* Craig Arambiges. We have the Book and Knitters Club that meets every month and we have also attracted outside ladies that can not wait till we meet. After every book club and knitters meeting we make a day of it and we choose a restaurant and we have lunch. We have partnered with the Pre-School and the children meet once a month for story time and a craft. We also joined Vacation Bible School for their adventure and I hear it was a great success. Remember we are all volunteers and we would like to keep this important ministry going. So please, if you can volunteer a couple hours of your time that would be great. It really is not that demanding. We have a great bunch of ladies but we need more volunteers. Our library will be open the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of July & August. If you need something on the Sundays we are 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, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Library. The book of choice is *The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens*. All are welcomed ~ knitters, those who sew or crochet, or if you would like to come and shoot the breeze you are welcomed.

### **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 7th, 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**th, **2016.** 

**27**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Greek Festival:** St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean City, Maryland will be hosting their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Festival the weekend of **July 29**<sup>th</sup> – **August 1**<sup>st</sup> at the beautiful Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 41<sup>st</sup> & Coastal Highway. Fun for the whole family ~ All your favorite Greek Dishes & Desserts. Live Greek Music by The Golden Flames and don't miss the Folk Dancing Performances. So, if you are in Ocean City stop on by, we'd love to see you. For more information, please visit our website at: <a href="http://www.stgeorgebythesea.org/greek-festival">http://www.stgeorgebythesea.org/greek-festival</a>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Clergy-Laity (Nashville) ~ July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>

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

Memorial Sunday ~ July 10<sup>th</sup>

Book / Knitting Club ~ July 12<sup>th</sup>

Parish Council Meeting ~ July 12<sup>th</sup>

GOYA Basketball ~ July 13<sup>th</sup>

Men's Basketball ~ July 14<sup>th</sup>

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

A Journey through Worship Music & Iconography ~ August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

A Big THANK YOU to Georgia Vavas and Kitsa Padussis for a wonderful End of Year Dinner. From the flowers to the food it was perfect! Congratulations again to our Mother and Father of the year, Tina Pedrick and Peter Sorvalis.

**FAMILY NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS:** Join us in the St Demetrios 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!

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 all weekend, Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at each Macy store. You'll receive 25% off\* on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, including designer brands, usually excluded as well as 10% off electronics, furniture, mattresses and area rugs. You will be eligible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary. We were able to generate over \$2,000 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.

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; lunchboxes; 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 in 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.

# 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<br>Operating Budget * | Total Commitments<br>to Date | Collections<br>to Date | # of Stewards |
|------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 2015 | \$395,000         | \$612,300                          | \$292,309                    | \$177,690              | 389           |
| 2016 | \$375,000         | \$579,300                          | \$296,884                    | \$189,787              | 385           |

<sup>\*</sup>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**

| Monday, June 27 <sup>th</sup> Sweet Adelines (H/G)     | Saturday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clergy-Laity (Nashville)                        |
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| Tuesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> GOYA End-of-Year Trip   | Sunday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 9:00am |
| Wednesday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> GOYA End-of-Year Trip | Divine Liturgy, 10:00am<br>Clergy-Laity (Nashville)                            |

