

July 17, 2016

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The Epistle Reading is: Titus 3:8-15. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 5:14-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 & 1150 in the Holy Bible or on pages 152 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: 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon; Greatmartyr Marina; Martyr Faust and those martyred with him.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their mother & grandmother, Georgia Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The family of Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* her dear friend, Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vasiliki Makris *in loving memory of* her sister-in-law, Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Pete, Joanna, Anthony, Maria & Deanie Beleos *in loving memory of* their aunt, Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis & Tony Rallis & his children, Maria & Jannette, *in loving memory of* Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Georgia Vavas & Family *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Stanley Neamonitis. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus, Pete, Joanna, Anthony, Maria & Deanie *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Maria Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* Peter Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 67 years ago and Maria Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May their memories 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* Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Tsakiris

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored today by the family of Penelope Makris, *in her loving 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.

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 continue 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."

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.

Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero: We have had a great beginning, as of today we have collected **\$6,095**, 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. ***If you are unable to gift the \$50, any amount to help us reach our goal is appreciated.*** 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.

Save the Date: The Saint Demetrios Music Ministry will sponsor an Orthodox Celebration: A Journey through Worship Music, Iconography & Instrumental Music for adults & children ages 5 and up. This event will be held on Tuesday, August 16th & Wednesday, August 17th from 9:00am until 12:00 noon. Join Jennie Kegel and Tina Pedrick for mornings of Orthodox Fellowship. This Music Ministry event is free to all. More information and registration sheets to come!

Scholarship Sunday: Please make plans to join us on Sunday, August 7th, 2016 as we honor our Scholarship recipients. We wish to thank all scholarship donors and ask God to bless them for their generosity.

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.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on Tuesday August 16th, 2016 at 9:00am - 12:00 pm at Mary Tsakiris' house. If you would like to join us just give me a call at 410-245-1291 for directions. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just like some nice conversation. The book of choice is *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens.

Saint Demetrios Community Day: Volunteers are needed to clear weeds from a number of mulch beds on Church grounds. Saturday, August 6th, 2016 has been set as Community Day to tend to this need and other outdoor light-duty cleanup. We'll start at 8:00am and expect to finish by noon. Please join us in keeping our Church grounds beautiful. Contact Mark Alberding (410-790-7523) for details.

The Parish of Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella invites everyone to join us in a celebration for our Patron Saints ~ Vespers on July 21st at 6:00pm and Orthros on July 22nd at 9:00am and Liturgy @ 10:00am. For more information, contact Father Gregory Gilbert at 410.457.0303.

27th Annual Greek Festival: St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean City, Maryland will be hosting their 27th Annual Greek Festival the weekend of July 29th – August 1st at the beautiful Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 41st & 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: <http://www.stgeorgebythesea.org/greek-festival>.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

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 26th through Sunday, August 28th 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. And, 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; 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'.

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	\$293,924	\$193,124	392
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$300,418	\$201,747	388

*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, July 18th</u> Sweet Adelines Camp Good Shepherd</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 19th</u> Camp Good Shepherd</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, July 20th</u> Camp Good Shepherd GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 21st</u> Camp Good Shepherd Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, July 22nd</u> Camp Good Shepherd</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 24th</u> <i>5th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ August 2nd at 7:00pm
Scholarship Sunday ~ August 7th
Stewardship Committee Meeting ~ August 9th at 6:30pm
Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ August 15th at 6:30pm
Book / Knitting Club ~ August 16th at 9:00am
A Journey through Worship Music & Iconography ~ August 16th & 17th

FESTIVAL CORNER

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios' Greek Festival 2016 is just around the corner ~ September 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th. Please mark your calendars.

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the stairwell of the narthex in the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm.