

July 24, 2016

5th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: Romans 10:1-10. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 8:28-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1302 & 1154 in the Holy Bible or on pages 70-72 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 84 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: Greatmartyr Christina; Athanasios and Theophilos, Neomartyrs: athenagoras the Confessor; Martyr Capeto.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Chris, Kate, Peter, Alice and Rachel Cocoros *in honor of* Steven Cocoros on the occasion of his 15th birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

40-day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tsimis, will present their 2nd child, a daughter, Sophia Eleni Tsimis for the traditional 40-day blessing.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos Ladies will not be sponsoring or serving coffee during the remaining summer Sundays, except for Memorial family requests. If another ministry would like to sponsor coffee hour, please contact the church office.

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.

God Never Takes A Vacation: It's so easy to get caught up in our vacation plans and grow lazy in our church attendance and spiritual life during the summer months. God never goes on vacation and we shouldn't find excuses to take a vacation from church. The church feels a financial strain during the summer months with lower attendance. Please don't take a vacation from your monthly Stewardship commitment. Thank you to all of those who are faithfully fulfilling their pledge to the church.

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.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on Tuesday August 16th, 2016 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm The book of choice is Nightingale by Christen Hannah. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some nice conversation.

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.

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>.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2016-2017 school year is in the process of being worked on. The schedule will be available shortly.

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; 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'.

FESTIVAL CORNER

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

Festival Committee: Meetings will be held on Wednesday 8/10, 8/24, & 9/14 from 7:00 to 8:30.

Dolmathes: All are welcomed to assist in making Dolmades on Saturday, August 20th 8:30 – 12:00

Contact People: Festival Chair: Cathy Xanthakos 410.952.3576 **Kitchen Help:** Manuel Vendelis
Festival Ad Book:- Amanda Albright.

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.

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	\$295,389	\$196,131	394
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$300,618	\$206,134	389

*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 25th</u> Sweet Adelines</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, July 26th</u> GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 28th</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 31st</u> <i>6th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></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
Parish Council Meeting ~ August 23rd @ 7:00pm
Pre-School begins ~ August 24th @ 8:45am
Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner ~ August 30th at 6:00pm