

July 31, 2016

6th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: Romans 12:6-14. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 9:1-8. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1154 in the Holy Bible or on pages 72-73 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 85 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: Eudokimos the Just; Joseph of Arimathea; Martyr Juliet.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Irene Peltsemes & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Helen Filipidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Jim & Stefany Goffredi *with love and honor for* their daughter, Elena on the occasion of her birthday.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamando Sarigianis & Mana Antonakas.

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.

Church School Registration: Will be held on Sunday, September 11th from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms are coming soon. Church School classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th at 9:55am.

Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero: We have had a great beginning, as of today we have collected \$6,195, 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. **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

GOYA REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24th at 6pm in the GOYA Room. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: **GOYAn Must be between the ages of 13-18 and in the seventh through twelfth grades, or are at least 12 years old on or before September 1st of that year and in the 7th Grade** (*taken from the Metropolis & Archdiocese Websites*) and whose Parent(s) are Members in Good Standing at our Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church as of September 1st of this year. Saint Demetrios Stewardship numbers will be required to register for GOYA If you know someone who meets the above requirements and would be interested in joining GOYA please give them this email ourgoya@gmail.com

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 this 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

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'.

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.

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: Our festival meetings will be on the following Wednesday's, **August 10th, 24th, September 14th** 7:00-8:30pm.

Festival Ad Book: Make your business shine with ad Ad in the Greek Festival Ad Book. To place an ad in this year's book, please contact Amanda Albright at avlangas@gmail.com.

Dolmades: All are welcomed to assist in making Dolmades on Saturday, August 20th, 8:30am - 12:00pm, just come and learn how it's done.

Pastitsio: If you are interested in helping with making Pastitsio, please call Cathy Xanthakos 410.952.3576.

Contact People: **Festival Chair:** Cathy Xanthakos 410.952.3576; **Kitchen Help:** Manuel Vendelis, 410.409.3047; **Festival Ad Book:** Amanda Albright avlangas@gmail.com.

Volunteers: We are always looking for volunteers. See Cathy Xanthakos at Coffee Hour or call her at 410.952.3576.

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the Philoptochos room, 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	\$295,639	\$198,646	395
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$302,553	\$212,604	393

*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

<u>Monday, August 1st</u> <i>Dormition Fast Begins</i> <i>Paraklesis Service, 7:00pm</i> Sweet Adelines <u>Tuesday, August 2nd</u> Parish Council Exec. Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)	<u>Wednesday, August 3rd</u> <i>Paraklesis Service, 7:00pm</i> <u>Thursday, August 4th</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)	<u>Friday, August 5th</u> <i>Paraklesis Service, 7:00pm</i> <u>Sunday, August 7th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Scholarship Sunday</i>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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