

August 21, 2016

9th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 3:9-17. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 14:22-34. These Readings may be found on pages 1309 & 1162 in the Holy Bible or on pages 77-78 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 89 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: Post-Koimisis; Samuel the Prophet; Heliodoros and Photeine, Martyrs; Lucius the Senator, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their grandson, Mathew Polites, on the occasion of his birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Chris, Kate, Rachel & Steven Cocoros *with love & prayers to* Peter & Alice Cocoros, on the occasion of their 1st wedding anniversary.
- Gabriel & Joanne Pantelides *in loving memory of* her late husband, John Sitaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

40 Day Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Moshonisiotes will present their 1st child, a son, for the traditional 40-day blessing.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis. **The Altar Bread for the Dormition of the Theotokos was prepared by:** Maria Andreyev, Maria Antonakas & Mary Tsakiris.

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos 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 on **October 7th, 2016**. See you in Church! For more information, contact Kate at 410.692.7590.

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.

Adult Choir: The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 11th**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. The first rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm** in the music room. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** So place these dates on your calendar and come and share in musical fellowship. For more information contact Jennie at jcocoros@aol.com.

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 11th** from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. 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 **\$6,445**, 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 \$50, any amount to help us reach our goal is appreciate and tax-deductible.*** Please consider joining us in assisting our sister church. Make your check payable to Saint Demetrios, memo it as "SNS" and return it to the church. We thank you for helping to re-build the only church that was destroyed on 9/11.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2016-2017 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms are available and can be found on the Narthex table. Please call the Church office 410.661.1090 x 202, if you have any questions.

GOYA REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24th at 6pm in the GOYA Room. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: **GOYA 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.

Spaghetti Dinner: The Saint Demetrios Pre-School will hold its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Tuesday, August 30th at 6:00pm** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday September 13th, 2016** at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some nice conversation.

Library News: On August 27th we celebrate St. Phanourios, saint of lost items. St. Phanourios was the son of a harlot and a great sinner. He had great love for his mother even while he was stoned to death as he prayed, "For the sake of my suffering Lord help all those who will pray for the salvation of Phanouris Sinful Mother." St. Phanourios in turn prays for the salvation and enlightenment of relatives and friends. On the day of the Saint the brethren that are faithful bake a special bread and give it to the poor in the name of his mother and others who share it. You can read about St. Phanourios and other saints by visiting our library. We have many new books and DVDs, come and see what we have to offer.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum & Archives of Maryland, Inc. is planning a bus tour to see the blockbuster exhibition ~ **THE GREEKS: AGAMEMNON to ALEXANDER THE GREAT** at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C., on **Saturday, September 17th, 2016**. The price is \$75.00 per person, includes the fees for the bus, museum entry, special guided tour by a docent and lunch at a D.C. restaurant. Leaving from the Annunciation Cathedral North Parking Lot, 9:00am and return approximately 4:30pm. Make checks payable to "**HHMAM**" and mail to: Stacy Kosmides, 11936 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD. 21093. Contact Stacy at 410.560.1095 for more information.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting ** Re-scheduled to August 22 at 6:30p.m. ******

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 24th and 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. We will take any time that you can give.

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 410.952.357

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	\$298,216	\$212,279	400
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$305,688	\$223,151	400

*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 22nd</u> Sweet Adelines	<u>Wednesday, August 24th</u> Pre-School (1 st Day), 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Festival Committee Mtg., 7:00pm (B)	<u>Friday, August 26^h</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)
<u>Tuesday, August 23rd</u> Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)	<u>Thursday, August 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)	<u>Sunday, August 28th</u> <i>10th Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner ~ August 30th at 6:00pm
The Way Committee Meeting ~ August 30th
Labor Day ~ September 5th ~ Office & Pre-School Closed
Parish Council Meeting ~ September 6th @ 7:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal ~ September 8th @ 7:00pm
GOYA Shake-Up ~ September 10th
Home |School Co-Op (1st day) ~ September 12th @ 9:30am
Philoptochos General Meeting ~ September 12th @ 6:30pm
Book / Knitters Club ~ September 13th @ 9:00am (L)
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy ~ September 14th at 10:00am