

September 4, 2016

11th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 9:2-12. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 18:23-35. These Readings may be found on pages 1313 & 1166 in the Holy Bible or on pages 80-82 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 81 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: Holymartyr Babylus, Bishop of Antioch; Moses the Prophet, Leader of the Hebrews; Martyr Jerusalem and her Children; Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Phillip, and her sons Sekendos, Sekendinos, and Kegouros of Verroia; Righteous Anthimos the Younger of Kephallenia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Diamanto Serevetas *in loving memory of* Aristides Serevetas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Maria, Anthony, Diamando Katarina and Aristides Chirgott *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, Aristides Serevetas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Konstantinos, Sheryl, Eleni, and Ariana Serevetas *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, Aristides Serevetas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Kaikis-Lericos & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Paraskeve Kaikis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago and *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & great grandfather Andreas Kaikis, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 months ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Regis & Jennie Kegel *in loving honor of* their granddaughter, Addison Marie Clancy, on the occasion of her 1st birthday. May God continue to bless her, and her family, each and every day.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Aristides Serevetas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour is sponsored by Diamanto Serevetas Family *in loving memory of* Aristides Serevetas and served by The Philoptochos Ladies Society.

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

Congregational Singing: Today is our final Sunday for Congregational Singing during the Divine Liturgy. 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."

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 jcocorosk@aol.com.

Have You Noticed? We have a new roadside sign holder at the driveway entrance. Our thanks to the Xanthakos family for donation of the construction material to meet this need. All Ministries and Committees are asked to use this sign holder for all roadside advertising. Contact Mark Alberding at 410.790.7523 for information on ordering signs.

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 **\$6,495**, 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.

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.

Library News: It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. Schools have started and the days are getting shorter, fall is on its way. The Library has many books and DVD's to help the children with their homework, and Church school projects. Stop by and see what we have to offer. Do you have a couple of hours a month to volunteer? We would love for you to be a part of our winning team. No experience necessary. You get hands on training. Stop by and say hi; we would love to meet you.

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

*Philoptochos General Meeting – Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm
Due to the festival using the Philoptochos room our meeting will be upstairs in the Art Room.*

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF ALL AGES FROM SAINT DEMETRIOS!! Please join us for the first Philoptochos general meeting of the new ecclesiastical year. **WE WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS** to join us as we continue our good works to be “friends of the poor”. Come and share your ideas. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare is available by calling Presvytera Alice at 410-817-9651 before **September 10th**.

Macy’s Shop for a Cause: “Thank you” to Violette Cocoros for once again chairing this fundraiser. Totals will be announced at the General Meeting.

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 **Wednesday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 14th**, beginning at 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.

Contact People: Festival Chair: Cathy Xanthakos 410.952.3576; **Festival Ad Book:** Amanda Albright avlangas@gmail.com.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to work all booths, especially the Gyro & Squid booths. Please pick up a volunteer sheet from the Pangari or Narthex table or contact Cathy Xanthakos 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.**

Greeks Got Talent! Do you have a hidden talent you’d like to showcase? Always thought you could do something unique and would like for all to see? Then we’ve got the event for you! Saint Demetrios will be kicking off their Festival weekend with “Greeks Got Talent!” All acts and ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Whether you’re participating or want to come have a fun night out supporting our community and enjoying great food with friends and family, we’re waiting for you to kick-off the 2016 Saint Demetrios Greek Festival right! For additional information and to sign up please email Irene Giannaros at igiannaros@aol.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 Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$302,961	\$225,209	408
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$310,154	\$236,215	404

*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, September 5th</u> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office & Pre-School Closed</i> <i>No Sweet Adelines</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Parish Council Meeting,</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, September 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 10th</u> GOYA Shake-Up (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 11th</u> <i>Sunday before Holy Cross</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> 1st Choir Sunday Church School Registration, 9:55am D-4 Practice, 12:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting ~ September 6th & 13th @ 7:00pm
D-1 & 2 Practice ~ September 6th, 13th & 20th
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 (*in the Art Room*)
Book / Knitters Club ~ September 13th @ 9:00am (L)
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy ~ September 14th at 10:00am
Church School (1st day) ~ September 18th
Church School Staff & Student Blessing ~ September 18th
Pre-School Closed ~ September 22nd & 23rd
No Church School ~ September 25th