

May 7, 2017

Sunday of the Paralytic

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel Reading is John 5:1-15. These Readings may be found on pages 1271 & 1240 in the Holy Bible or on pages 50-52 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: *Fourth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Paralytic:* Commemoration of the Appearance of the Cross in the Sky in Jerusalem; Relocation of the Sacred Relics of St. Neilus of Myroblytus; Akakios the Martyr; Kodratos, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Katherine Strakes *in loving memory of* her dearly beloved sister-in-law, Georgia Stratakos. May her memory be forever eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of* Fr. Louis J. Noplos, *on the occasion of* his 35th anniversary of his Ordination and his birthday. We thank him for all he has done for the Saint Demetrios Community and we ask God to continue to grant him many more years!
- Sarandos “Sam” Macris, Tom & Letta, Joanna & Ryan, Eva, Sam & Kylee *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- John & Pauline Sakellarkos & Family *in loving memory of* sister, aunt & great aunt, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Maria Diamond & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law, aunt & great aunt, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Bessie Makris & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law, aunt & great aunt, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mihail Makris & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law, aunt & aunt, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law & aunt, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Pete & Bessie Conits & Family *in loving memory of* sister & aunt, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Margo Lambros & Family *beseaching God’s blessings* for husband, father & grandfather, Basil Lambros, for his health & welfare.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Christine Harris & Children *in loving memory of* husband & father, Steve Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago; *in loving memory of* mother-in-law & grandmother, Katie Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago and *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Stavros Karkoulas, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May their memories be forever eternal.
- George & Marcella Lambros with children & grandchildren *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Steve Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago and *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Katie Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May their memories be forever eternal.
- Violette & Harry Cocoros *in loving memory of* beloved mother, Koula Hondros, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

- Anna, Nico & Linda Leventis *in loving memory of* beloved grandmother, Koula Hondros, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- *In Thanksgiving for* the safe return of “Troy” to the John, Patty & Kelly Gavrilis family.

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

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Antonakas, Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Tula Stamas.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is co-sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Community as well as the family of Eva Macris and served by the Philoptochos Ladies.

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

Celebratory Coffee Hour: Please come and join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center, directly after the Divine Liturgy, to help celebrate Fr. Lou's 35th anniversary of his Ordination. Here we will also help him celebrate his birthday. Axios!!

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Please join us this **Friday, May 12th at 9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Church School Graduation (Apofitisi): Church School graduation be held on **Sunday, May 21st.**

The Koritsia of St. Demetrios is a growing ministry of young women working to build community and to financially support our church. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please join us for a meeting on **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**, directly after Divine Liturgy. Please contact Simone Volikas (strintis@hotmail.com) for more information.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 14th.** Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. A special planning meeting to establish the committee and lay the groundwork for a multitude of celebratory plans will take place on **Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Board Room. We need you...Hearts and Hands Together... to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at [410-529-5927](tel:410-529-5927) or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Make Fun Factory VBS Sign up NOW! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a> ~ **June 19th to 23rd** 9am-12 pm. All children 4yrs.-12yrs. welcome. Cost per participant is \$20 (before June 1st) \$25 (after June 1st) Checks made payable to Saint Demetrios Church. Please log on to sign up for participating/volunteering. Please contact Kelly MacDonnell (kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) for more information.

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date: **July 17th - 21st.** Stay tuned for more details, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Bulletin Deadline: Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles is on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you.

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: Thursday, June 1st, 2017. The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc., is hosting a trip to Onassis Cultural Center, NYC, to view the exhibit "A World of Emotions: Ancient Greece 700 B.C. – 200 A.D." View more than 130 masterpieces from leading museums, including the Louvre, the British Museum and the Vatican Museums. The price \$130 per person, includes bus transportation, a docent tour and a three-course dinner at the Fig and Olive Restaurant. Museum entry is free. For reservation and information, contact George Lintzeris at 410.235.1696 or petrafineart@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. **PLEASE NOTE:** A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance/of good standing, and recommendations from the Parish Priest and two faculty members under whom you have studied must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted. All applications must be **postmarked or hand delivered** to the Church office by **June 5th, 2017**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2017** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 30th, 2017**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30: Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2017-2018 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **June 30th, 2017**.

United Chios Societies of Baltimore Scholarship: For over 50 years the United Chios Societies of Baltimore have awarded scholarships to young people within our community. Selection is determined by scholastic achievement and financial need. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of church affiliation or regional heritage. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. Application deadline is **July 16th, 2017**.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos General Meeting and elections: **Monday, May 15th** 6:30pm. If you are running for the board you must be present at the meeting.

End of year Dinner: Join us as we bring the year to an end and celebrate our Mother and Father of the year at the Bowman Restaurant on **June 20th** at 6:00pm. The Bowman is located at 9306 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234. We will have dinner on the first floor, Main Dining room. Please contact Georgia Vavas (410-583-0068 / gvavas@comcast.net) or Angela Koursoutis at 410-825-2765 to make your reservation. See Georgia or Angela at coffee hour after Liturgy to purchase tickets, which are \$25.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by **June 11th**.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK "TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE"

Welcome: If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us. We pray that your visit here is uplifting. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the pangari (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door. Please also join us downstairs in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy.

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 God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully the body of Christ will function to its full potential.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$276,968	\$139,087	363
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$275,808	\$133,919	332

**Our goal as Christian Stewards is to fund 100% of the Church operating budget*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, May 8th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:00am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 9th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Mother's Tea Celebration, 5:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 10th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p>Thursday, May 11th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p>Friday, May 12th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p>Sunday, May 14th <i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i> <i>Mother's Day /Mother-of-the-Year</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church School Graduation ~ **May 21st**

Greek School Graduation ~ **May 24th**

Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy ~ May 25th @ 10:00am

Memorial Day ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ May 29th