

July 2, 2017

4th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 9:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 8:5-13. These Readings may be found on pages 1364 & 1153 in the Holy Bible or on pages 69-70 in the Divine Liturgy book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 83 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 62-27.

Today we remember: Placement of the Sacred Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernai; Patriarch Jovenalius of Jerusalem; the Neomartyrs of Samothrake.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Fred & Angelica Schwallenberg & family *for the health and welfare of* brother and uncle, John Schwallenberg, prayers for healing.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Elaine Sain *for the health and welfare of* her daughter, Pauline Ebeling and a speedy recovery.
- Margo Lambros & family beseeching God's grace & blessings *for the health and welfare of* their husband, father & grandfather, Basil.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas

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.

40-Day Blessings:

- Mr. & Mrs. John Blair will present their 2nd child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-Day Blessing today. May God continue to bless this family.
- Mr. George Gregourakos and Ms. Rachael Williams will present their 1st child, a son for the traditional 40-Day Blessing today. May God continue to bless this family.

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, 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. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 83 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 62-27. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari.

Weekday Services: Many parishioners have asked that weekday and Saturday Services/Divine Liturgies begin at 9:00 am. **Starting August 1, 2017, all Divine Liturgies/Services will begin at 9:00 am Monday through Saturday.** Sunday Orthros and Divine Liturgy will remain the same with Orthros beginning at 8:45 am followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please make note of this change.

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.

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. 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 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2017-2018 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Two Year Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. A Summer Program will become available as of June 2018. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. **Don't miss out, classes are nearing full capacity!!!** 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

Camp Good Shepherd: Will be held: **July 17th ~ 21st** at scenic Camp Wo.Me.To in Jarrettsville, Md, for children ages 8 - 18. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 21st for children ages 5-7. Campers and Volunteers wanted!! Register now at www.goannun.org, don't miss out, space is limited!! For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com

Festival Meeting: Wednesday, July 12th, 7:00 pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. For more information please contact Cathy Xanthakos at 410-952-3576

Save the Date! Saturday, July 15th, from 9am til 12pm, please join in dolmades making for the Greek Festival. **Many hands needed!** For more information please contact Katherine Strakes 410-828-4125

Learn to Greek Dance!!! Open to Adults of All Ages! Drop-in lessons include beginner, intermediate and advance dances. Come to practice dances you know, learn new ones, and have fun! No Experience Necessary. \$5.00 Donation. Lesson held on August 22nd, in the Hermes Rafailides Center, 7:00-8:30pm.

Axion Charity Events: Presents renowned Greek singers Marinella and Antonis Remos along with Manolis Karantinis on Bouzouki, Sunday, October 1st at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. Call 443-621-0587 for Sponsorship or to Pre-Purchase table. Individual tickets go on sale July 1. Proceeds to benefit the St. Demetrios, Annunciation, St. Nicholas and Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella. More info available at www.axioncharityevents.org, Like us on Facebook: Axion Charity Events.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Make your summer one to remember, share your Orthodox Faith with the youth of our communities. No prior experience necessary! Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay/CYC Camp has an almost 35 year history of bringing together the Orthodox youth of our area as they grow in their faith and where life long friendships are made through the common bond of faith. For more info and to register as a volunteer contact Kate Cocoros 443-564-6618/ painterkateart@gmail.com .

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

School Supplies:

Happy summer to all!! Please remember our school children when shopping this summer. The blue bin is ready to accept donations of school supplies. We hope to supply 100 students for the new school year. Lists will be on the narthex table but the old standards still apply, #2 pencils, binders, crayon's, rulers, composition books, Ziploc bags, tissues hand sanitizers. If you would like to donate towards purchasing please write the check out to St Demetrios Philoptochos, memo line – 2017 school drive and mail it to the church. Questions can be directed to Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428

SCHOLARSHIP

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. **UPDATED** application deadline is **July 7th, 2017.** Recipients or their representatives **MUST** be present during church services on **Sunday July 23, 2017** at St. Nicholas Church.

Daughters of Penelope: Three separate applications are being offered by the Daughters of Penelope, **Past President's Memorial Scholarship (for high school students), Cleo Cardiges Endowment Scholarship (for undergraduate college students), and Cynthia Fangikas Memorial Scholarship (for high school and college under graduates).** These applications are open to the women of the community who are recent high school graduates and in undergraduate programs. **All applications must be post marked no later than July 31st.**

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.

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 is 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 considering 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	\$296,884	\$192,842	385
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$300,323	\$180,458	346

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Tuesday July 4th</u> 4th of July Office Closed</p>	<p><u>Thursday, July 6th</u> Men's Basketball 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 9th</u> 5th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Festival Meeting ~ **July 12th**
4th of July ~ **Office Closed**

Divine Liturgy of Saint Kyriaki~July 7 10:00 am
Camp Good Shepherd ~ **July 17th ~ 21st**
Scholarship Sunday ~ **July 30th**

