

July 23, 2017

7th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: Romans 15:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 9:27-35. These Readings may be found on pages 1305 & 1155 in the Holy Bible or on pages 73-75 in the Divine Liturgy book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 86 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 Phokas, Holymartyr Apollonios; Ezekial the Prophet, Anna of Macedonia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Cathy Xanthakos *in loving memory of* her mother Cleo, who would have turned 92 on July 20th. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Laurie Beck *in loving memory of* Yotis Myriallis who fell asleep on the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Chris, Kate, Peter, Alice, & Rachel Cocoros *in honor of* Steven Cocoros on the occasion of his 16th birthday.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas

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.

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.

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.

Sexton Needed: Sam Karavedas has advised Father Louis Noplos and the Parish Council he is ready to step down from his position as the parish Sexton. With that being said, we are seeking a Sexton for Sam to train and take over his duties. If you or anyone you know is interested in assuming this position, please reach out to Father Lou through the church office.

Father Lou and the Parish Council on behalf of Saint Demetrios would like to express our sincere gratitude to Sam for his many years of dedicated service to our parish.

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.

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

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.

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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

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.

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.

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

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.**

FESTIVAL CORNER

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios Greek Festival 2017 is just around the corner ~ **September 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th**. Please mark your calendars.

Festival Meeting Dates: **July 26th, August 9th, August 30th, and September 13th**. These meetings will all be held at **6:45 pm with the exception of August 9th, which will be at 7:00pm, location for all is the the Hermes Rafailides Center.**

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the stairwell of the narthex in the educational building, 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 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	\$300,618	\$206,134	388
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$301,983	\$194,722	348

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

WEEKLY

SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 27th Men's Basketball (H/G)	Sunday, July 30th <i>8th 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

Divine Liturgy ~ Dormition of the Theotokos ~ August 15th 9:00 am
Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ August 15th at 6:30pm