

August 6, 2017

Holy Transfiguration

The Epistle Reading is: II Peter 1:10-19. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 17:1-9. These Readings may be found on pages 1378 & 1164 in the Holy Bible. 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: Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Manuel & Maria Antonakas & Family *in loving memory of* their parents, grandparents, great grandparents, Hariklia, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 20 years ago and Antonios Antonakas, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 32 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their dear friend, Stasa Kostopoulos, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. May God rest her soul and keep her memory eternal.
- Mary & Sissy *in loving memory of* Stasa Kostopoulos, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. May her memory be forever eternal.
- Vasiliki Maggelakis *in loving memory of* her mother, Anastasia Maggelakis, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 13 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Andrew & Sophia Vendelis *in loving memory of* mother, Anastasia Maggelakis, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 13 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Emanuel, Dina, Andrew, Christina & Jonathon Vendelis, *in loving memory of* grandmother & great grandmother, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 13 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Jamie, Anastasia, Sophia, Drew & Alex Klima, *in loving memory of* grandmother & great grandmother, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 13 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Christina, Andy, Elizabeth, Peter, Megan & Brien Makris *in loving memory of* grandmother & great grandmother, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 13 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

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. **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.**

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.

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

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms are coming soon. Church School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 17th** at 9:55am.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms will be available shortly. Please call the Church office 410.661.1090 x 202, if you have any questions.

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**.

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.

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.

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 went on sale July 1st. Proceeds to benefit: Saint Demetrios, Annunciation, Saint Nicholas and Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella. More info available at **www.axioncharityevents.org**. Like us on Facebook: Axion Charity Events.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Board Meeting will be on August 7th at 7:00pm (after service) in the Philoptochos room.

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.

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: 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 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.

Festival Ad Book: Make your business shine with an Ad in the Greek Festival Ad Book. To place an ad in this year's book, please contact Amanda Albright at avlangas@gmail.com.

Volunteers: We are always looking for volunteers. See Cathy Xanthakos at Coffee Hour or call her at 410.952.3576.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Paraklesis Services August 7th, 9th, 11th, and 14th at 6:00pm in the Chapel of Saint Kyriaki
Divine Liturgy ~ Dormition of the Theotokos ~ August 15th at 9:00 am
 Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ August 7th at 7:00pm
 Festival Meeting ~ August 9th at 7:00 pm
 Parish Council Meeting ~ August 29th at 7:00pm
 50th Anniversary Meeting ~ August 30th at 7:00pm
 Adult Choir ~ August 31st at 7:00pm

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	\$303,153	\$215,879	394
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$308,272	\$208,683	350

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, August 7th</u> <i>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</i> Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7:00pm (P)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, August 9th</u> <i>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</i> Festival Meeting, 7:00pm (P)</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 10th</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, August 11th</u> <i>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, August 13th</u> <i>10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i></p>
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