

**August 20, 2017**

**11<sup>th</sup> 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 80-81 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:** Post-Koimisis; Samuel the Prophet; Heliodoros and Photeine, Martyrs; Lucius the Senator, Martyr.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Chris, Kate, Rachel & Steven Cocoros *in honor of* Peter & Alice Cocoros on the occasion of their 2 year wedding anniversary. May God grant them happiness & blessings always.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Joanne Sitaras-Pantelides *in loving memory of* her late husband, John Sitaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 22 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Maria Andreyev.

**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.

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**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

**Adult Choir:** The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. **Our first Adult Choir rehearsals will be held on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Choir Loft. These rehearsals will run from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** So place these dates on your calendar and come and share in musical fellowship. For more information contact Jennie at [410-256-2143](mailto:410-256-2143) or [orjccocorosk@aol.com](mailto:orjccocorosk@aol.com).

**Welcome Sunday:** Saint Demetrios will be celebrating its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Welcome Sunday, on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Beginning in 1999, the event has been an opportunity for the Church community to recognize individuals and families who have joined the Parish as new Stewards during the previous 12-month period. The new members will be introduced to the Congregation. We will co-sponsor the coffee hour to be held in honor of all Stewards, after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to join us in giving our special guests a hearty Saint Demetrios greeting.

**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.

**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.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms are available on the Narthex Table. Church School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9:55am.

**GOYA EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (save \$10) & ORIENTATION will be WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.** GOYA will also hold their 1st basketball practice on this night. **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** GOYA must be between the ages of 13-18 and in the 7th through 12th grades, or are at least 12 years old on/or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of that year and in the 7th Grade (taken from the Metropolis & Archdiocese Websites) and whose Parent(s) are Members in Good Standing at our Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church as of September 1st of this year. Saint Demetrios Stewardship numbers will be required to register for GOYA. If you know someone who meets the above requirements and would be interested in joining GOYA please give them this email [ourgoya@gmail.com](mailto:ourgoya@gmail.com)

**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.

**50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** will commemorate the **50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net)

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School** is seeking a donation of a (new or used) 3-drawer locking file cabinet, a tv/dvd combo and a small mini refrigerator. If you are able to assist with any of these items please contact Ms. Betty, 410.661.1090 ext.204.

**The Book & Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some nice conversation.

**The Spirit:** If you have any news that you would like to share in **“The Spirit”** please send your news to the Church office via: e-mail at: [SaintDemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:SaintDemetrios@comcast.net), we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**General Meeting:** "Join the Philoptochos as they meet for the new ecclesiastical year, **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. All women of the community are invited to come and see what we're all about. The meeting will be short and the fellowship afterwards will be fun! Desserts and drinks will be provided.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars

**Festival Meeting Dates:** **August 30<sup>th</sup>, and September 13<sup>th</sup>**. These meetings will all be held at **6:45 pm in 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:** Don't forget to place you business ad in the Festival Ad Book! New this year ~ include a personal message to your loved one(s) in our special dedication section! For just \$25, you can include a memorial dedication or a best wishes / congratulations dedication. For more information or to place an ad, please contact Amanda Albright at 410.404.8611 or at [stdemetriosads@gmail.com](mailto:stdemetriosads@gmail.com).

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting ~ August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Adult Choir ~ August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm  
**Labor Day ~ Office Closed ~ September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Pre-School Meet & Greet ~ September 5<sup>th</sup>  
Church School Registration ~ September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Welcome Sunday ~ September 10<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of Church School ~ September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Sunday ~ September 17<sup>th</sup>

## **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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2016</b>	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$305,688	\$226,352	400
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$295,621	\$218,683	357

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Demetrakia Dance Lessons,  
7:00pm (H/G)

### Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

GOYA Early Bird Registration  
& Orientation,, 6:00pm

### Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Hall Rental, 8:00am-4:00pm  
Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew*  
*Orthros, 9:00am*  
*Divine Liturgy, 10:00am*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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.

**Wine and dine** with the Hellenic Heritage Museum Committee's planned bus trip to the Mediterranean Cellars, in Warrenton, VA., **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. We will have a tour of the facilities, a tasting of 12 wines and a delicious lunch. The cost is \$75 per person. The bus will leave from the Annunciation Cathedral north parking lot at 9:00 A.M., and plan to return approximately 4:30 P.M. for reservations, call 410.296.2522 or email [azplato@verizon.net](mailto:azplato@verizon.net). Please, send your check payable to HHMM to: Anna Z. Pappas, 1055 W. Joppa Rd., #428, Towson, MD 21204.

**Axion Charity Events** presents Renowned Greek singers Marinella and Antonis Remos along with Manolis Karantinis on Bouzouki, **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. Call 443-621-0587 for Sponsorship or to Pre-Purchase table. Individual tickets went on sale July 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds to benefit: Saint Demetrios, Annunciation, Saint Nicholas and Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella. More info available at [www.axioncharityevents.org](http://www.axioncharityevents.org). Like us on Facebook: Axion Charity Events.