

August 27, 2017

12th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 15:1-11. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 19:16-26. These Readings may be found on pages 1318 & 1167 in the Holy Bible or on pages 82-84 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 62-67.

Today we remember: Pimen the Righteous, Most-Holy Saint, Confessor, and Bishop of Cordu; Anthousa and Phanourios, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Manuel & Maria Antonakas & Family *in loving memory of* their parents, grandparents & great grandparents, Antogne, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago and Peter Chekouras-Wood, who fell asleep in the Lord 45 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Nancy Alexandrou & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Hilda Fernandez, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

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

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

Adult Choir: The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 10th**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. **Our first Adult Choir rehearsals will be held on Thursday, August 31st and September 7th 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 or orjccocorosk@aol.com.

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

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.

Welcome Sunday: Saint Demetrios will be celebrating its 19th annual Welcome Sunday, on **Sunday, September 10th**. 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.

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** 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 17th** at 9:55am.

Parish Council Nominations: Your Church needs You!! Soon you will receive a letter in the mail containing a Parish Council Nomination Form. This is a very important calendar time for our Church ~ the time when Parish Council members will be elected to serve for the next three years. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Parish Council, something that every member of the Church Parish should experience at least once. The Council is responsible for making major decisions concerning our Parish. In the next few weeks, someone from the Nominating Committee will probably come up to you to talk about a possible run in the elections held in November. But don't wait for them to come...send in your nominating form to the Office and be placed on the ballot. For any questions, or more information, please call Jennie Kegel at 410-256-2143.

GOYA REGISTRATION, ORIENTATION & 1st MEETING will be FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th at 7pm. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: GOYAn 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 1st 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

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms are available and can be found on the Narthex table. 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

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 12th, 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, we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is August 28th.**

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

General Meeting: "Join the Philoptochos as they meet for the new ecclesiastical year, **Monday, September 11th** 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: This is the last Sunday for school supply donations. 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 30th, and September 13th**. 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.

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

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	\$305,688	\$229,445	400
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$297,916	\$221,324	361

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Tuesday, August 29th</u> Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 30th</u> GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) 50th Anniversary Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, August 31st</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, September 1st</u> <i>Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 2nd</u> Festival ~ Pastry Baking</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 3rd</u> <i>13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day ~ Office Closed ~ September 4th
Pre-School Meet & Greet ~ September 5th
Parish Council Executive Meeting ~ September 5th
50th Anniversary Event Meeting ~ September 6th
Adult Choir ~ September 7th
GOYA Shake-It-Up Tournament ~ September 9th
Church School Registration ~ September 10th
Welcome Sunday ~ September 10th
Philoptochos General Meeting ~ September 11th
Festival Meeting ~ September 13th
Divine Liturgy ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14th
1st Day of Church School ~ September 17th
Memorial Sunday ~ September 17th