

**September 3, 2017**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

**The Epistle Reading is:** I Corinthians 16:13-24. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 21:33-42. These Readings may be found on pages 1320 & 1169 in the Holy Bible or on pages 84-86 in the Divine Liturgy book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 84 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 Anthimos of Nikomedia; Chariton, Martyr; Neomartyr Polydoros of Neo-Ephesus; Righteous Theoktistos; and Phoibe the Righteous Deacon; Placement of the Sacred Relics in Aegina of Saint Nectarios of Pentapolis, the Wonderworker.

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

- Katina Yianakis *in loving memory of* her son-in-law, Michael Pulianas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Don Brooks *in loving memory of* Michael Pulianas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & 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.

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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.**

**Please give a warm welcome to** Rev. Patrick Viscuso who is celebrating the Divine Liturgy today. Father Patrick's a graduate of Holy Cross School of Theology and a school mate of Father Lou. Father Patrick also received his Doctrine in Orthodox Christian Canon Law. He currently lives in Virginia and works for the United States Government.

**ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA URGES FAITHFUL TO PRAY AND SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY** ~ In response to the unprecedented catastrophic Hurricane Harvey, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, speaking on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod and the entire Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America said:

“In the wake of Hurricane Harvey that hit Texas and continues to ravage through neighboring states causing unprecedented destruction, trauma and loss of life, we share in the pain of our brothers and sisters and express our solidarity, care and concern. As Orthodox Christians we are called to prayer and fervently pray that God gives strength to those so adversely affected by this natural disaster and delivers them safe through this continuing calamity. We are also praying for the eternal rest of those who lost their lives and for comfort and strength to be granted by the merciful God to their families and friends. Our prayers however, should be accompanied by tangible assistance to those who are now in dire need. We ask all faithful Orthodox Christians to contribute their donations directly to IOCC, the International Orthodox Christian Charities, which is an agency under the auspices of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America.”

To make your donation go to the IOCC's special page for Hurricane Harvey at [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org).

**Congregational Singing:** Today is our final Sunday for Congregational Singing during the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to participate in singing the responses and hymns of the Liturgy. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari. We look forward to hearing everyone “Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord.”

**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 Adult Choir rehearsal will be held on Thursday, 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\\_orjccocorosk@aol.com](mailto:410-256-2143_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 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 Diving 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 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.

**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 & 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING will be FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** GOYA must be between the ages of 13-18 and in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 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)

**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.

**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 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.

## 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.

## 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 your 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.

## **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
<b>2016</b>	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$310,154	\$236,215	404
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$299,626	\$223,466	361

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office ~ Pre-School, Closed</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School Meet &amp; Greet, 11:00am (C) Parish Council Exec. Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><b>Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) GOYA Mtg. &amp; Registration, 7:00pm (G)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup></b> GOYA Shake-It-Up Tournament (H/G)</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Welcome Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Choir Sunday Church School Registration, 9:55am – 12:00pm Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm (C)</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos General Meeting ~ September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Book / Knitters Club ~ September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Festival Meeting ~ September 13<sup>th</sup>  
*Divine Liturgy ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14<sup>th</sup>*  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of Church School ~ September 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Memorial Sunday ~ September 17<sup>th</sup>**