

May 6, 2018

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 11:19-30. The Gospel Reading is John 4:5-42. These Readings may be found on pages 1273 & 1239 in the Holy Bible or on pages 52-56 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: *Fifth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Samaritan Woman*; Sunday after Mid-Pentecost; Commemoration of the Patriarchs of Constantinople; Job the Just, Prophet; The Righteous Serapheim, Ascetic of Mt. Dombos.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Aristeia Matos *in honor of* her mother, Patricia Matos, on the occasion of her birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Kourtesis family *in loving memory of* Voula Kourtesis, beloved wife of Panagiotis, mother of Ligeri & Nick, grandmother of Chandler, Carson & Carington, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Irene Kaputsos & family *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, Marshall Kaputsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pericles & Eva Fokianos, Kostas & Mary Fokianos, Maria Markides, Athanasios Markides, Despina, Christos, Christina & Emily *in loving memory of* father & grandfather Christos Fokianos who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & family *in honor of* daughter, sister & aunt, Patricia Matos, on the occasion of her birthday.
- Georgia Kerasiotes *for the health and welfare of* her children & grandchildren.
- Demetra, Christina & Stelios Kokkinakos, Vasiliki Gregorakos & family *for the health & welfare of* mother, sister & aunt, Eleni Kokkinakos.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Voula Kourtesis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is being sponsored, *in loving memory*, by the family of Voula Kourtesis and served by the Philoptochos Ladies: Mary Karavedas, Georgia Kerasiotes, Diane Stavros and Vula Stamatopoulos.

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

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. Please also join us downstairs in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy.

Dear Saint Demetrios Parishioners: The time has come for our Church to reach out to each of you, in a more timely and effective manner. We will begin using email as an integral and efficient delivery method of Church Office communications to better serve you. We need your help to make this exciting change possible. If you haven't provided us with your email address, please kindly email your information to saintdemetrios@comcast.net to begin receiving electronic communications. Thank you for your help in this new exciting endeavor.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 13th**. Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

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. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 11th @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

50th Anniversary Book: The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. This keepsake album will feature our history, family photos, ministries, personal ads, and memorial tributes. To prepare for the album creation, we are beginning the process of family photo shoots so that your family will be featured in this new album. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take family photos during this spring season. Appointments can be made during coffee hour or online through our website. www.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

50th Anniversary Photo Sessions: Special Lifetouch **PHOTO PROMOTION** available **NOW!** Book your appointments for our upcoming May dates and you will receive:
*20% discount for all purchases made by Seniors 60 and over and for our military
*\$10 coupon towards your purchase
*FREE 8 X 10 portrait with any purchase

PLUS!! 5% of your total purchase comes back to Saint Demetrios as a cash donation! Take advantage of these savings while available. We want to see your beautiful smiles on the pages of the upcoming 50th Anniversary Commemorative Album.

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith with fun and fellowship; join us this Friday at **9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend and we love new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus... watch this space, more info to follow!! Will be held June 25th through 29th, from 9 am to 12 pm. Cost per participant is \$20. For more info contact Katie Gjoni @ 443-850-7454.

KORITSIA NEWS

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Don't miss out, a few spaces are still available, but camp is filing quickly!! Camp will be held on **July 16th – 20th, 2018** at Camp Wo Me To, in scenic Rocks State Park. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 19th, 2018**. To register for Camp, Day Camp, Staff, or volunteer, please visit: www.goannun.org Hurry, space is limited and Camp fills up quickly!! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc.: “Connecting The Future To The Past” Luncheon. Please join the Hellenic Heritage Museum Committee for an enjoyable luncheon on **Sunday, May 6th** after services in the Father Constantine Monios Hall, at the Annunciation Cathedral. Learn more about the museum's programs and plans; view a sampling of some of the treasures that the museum has in its collections. Hear a fascinating preview presentation about how to research our Greek ancestry. Donation is \$10.00. For more information pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact: Maria Letras at marigold1@me.com or 410.916.3764.

Axion Charity Events Presents EXCLUSIVE Private Pre-Screening of MAMMA MIA! Here We Go Again ~ The Feel Good Cinema Event Returns ~ SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, July 19th, at the Landmark Theatres ~ Harbor East. More information coming soon, send any questions to:

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or trianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2018 scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance, letter of good standing, and recommendations for the Parish Priest and two faculty members under whom you have studied must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted.

All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Church office by **Monday, June 4th, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2018** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22nd, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or trianda28@gmail.com.

Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **June 30th, 2018**.

United Chios Society of Baltimore ~ College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2018-2019 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. **The application must be post-marked no later than July 13th, 2018. Recipients or their representatives MUST be present during church services at Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church in Darlington, MD on Sunday July 22, 2018, where presentations will be made.**

Greek Festival Corner

Coming soon!! The Festival Committee will be sponsoring a Sunday Breakfast, keep an eye on this space, as a new date will be announced soon!

Koritsia Meeting: We are looking for new members. We are a group of busy women who are trying to develop community and raise funds for our Church. No fee to be a part of this group and there is only one meeting a year, which will be held on **Sunday, May 20th**, immediately after Church in the board room. For more details please contact: Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.com.

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, the donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom, which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is **May 18th**. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

We are thrilled to present **SCREENAGERS: Growing up in the Digital Age**, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time. Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid fire thumbs and six second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Rustin saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. SCREENAGERS addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on – depicting teen struggles over social media, video games, and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it. This film is for parents and kids 8 years and up. The cost is \$5 per person. Will be held on June 20th, from 5 pm to 7 pm, in the Hermes Rafailides Center, dinner will be served.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: May 7th at 6:30pm

General Meeting: May 14th at 6:30pm

Please join the Philoptochos at their general meeting on Monday, May 14th. We will be voting on delegates to send to Boston this summer for the Biennial Clergy Laity Conference. A quorum is needed to vote, so please plan on attending this important meeting. We will also discuss the results of our Bingo fundraiser as well as the Fall Fashion Show. Join us for a quick meeting (last one before summer break) and time for fellowship at 6:30. Also, Presvytera Alice is working on our next newsletter, so please send any photos you may have taken this year at Philoptochos events (anoplos@comcast.net).

Bingo: May 4th

A Big, “THANK YOU” to Mary Tsakiris and everyone who helped/attended our Bingo. It was a fun filled night!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

On May 20th, all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet.

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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$275,808	\$133,919	363
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$262,128	\$124,581	306

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, May 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm(C) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Pre-School Mother’s Day Tea (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Family Photo Sessions, 2:00pm – 9:00pm(L/B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, May 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G) Family Photo Sessions, 2:00pm – 9:00pm(L/B)</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, May 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 13th</u> <i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i> <i>Mother’s Day /Mother-of-the-Year</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy ~ May 17th @ 9:00am
 Church School Graduation ~ May 20th
 Pre-School Recognition ~ May 20th
 Greek School Graduation ~ May 23rd
Memorial Day ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ May 28th