

**May 13, 2018**

**Sunday of the Blind Man**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Acts 16:16-34. The Gospel Reading is John 9:1-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1279 & 1246 in the Holy Bible or on pages 56-60 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember:** *Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind*; Glykeria, Martyr; Sergios the Confessor; Righteous Euthymios the Younger; translator of the holy scriptures; Puasicas, Bishop of Synados.

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

- Ray & Barb Hedrick *in loving memory of* their son, Nicholas Hedrick, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Joshua, Steven & Anastasia Hedrick *in loving memory of* their brother, Nicholas Hedrick, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Michallas *in loving memory of* her grandson, Nicholas Hedrick, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.
- Martha Sinis & family and her sister Barbara *in loving memory of* their brother, father, uncle & grandfather, Aris Kalothis, who fell asleep in the Lord two years ago on May 13 in Nafplion, Greece. May his memory be eternal
- Antonia Courtalis *in honor of* her granddaughters Cally Courtalis & Eva Macris on their graduation with honors from high school. May God guide them as they leave home and go on to college.
- Rhodea Tetteris & family *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, Steve Tetteris, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Diane Stavros & family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Angie McQueeney, Christina Markatos & Stephanie Kapetanakos & families *in loving memory of* their mother & grandmother, Irene Lewis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Angie McQueeney, Christina Markatos & Stephanie Kapetanakos & families *in loving memory of* their sister & aunt, Cathy Reiter, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

- Barbara Nicolaides & family *in loving memory of* husband, father, & grandfather, Manuel Nicolaides, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Vavas & family *in loving memory of* her mother, and their grandmother & great grandmother, Despina Katis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Jim & Lisa Mitsos & family & her father, James Stroumbis, *in loving memory of* his wife, her mother & their grandmother, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Thorina Trintis & family *in loving memory of* her beloved husband, their cherished father & grandfather, Basilios Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. **ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.**
- The Balis-Shurin family *in loving memory of* Sophia A. Balis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas & Alex Levas *in loving memory of* her husband & his father, Constantine Levas, who fell asleep in the Lord 24 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dr. & Mrs. Robert Padousis & family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Mr. Jeff Mitsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago on Mother's Day. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria Andreyev & family *in honor of* Andreana on the occasion of her birthday.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Maria Antonakas and Katherine Diafokiris

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Sophia A. Balis (40 days); George Stavros (6 months); Steve Tetteris (1 year); Basilios Trintis (3 years); Irene Lewis (5 years); Cathy Reiter (5 years); Manuel Nicolaides (5 years). May their memories be eternal.

**Coffee Hour:** The coffee hour is co-sponsored with the GOYA, *in loving memory of*, by the families of Sophia Balis, Irene Lewis, Cathy Reiter, Manuel Nicolaides, George Stavros, and Basilios Trintis.

**Mother's Day Brunch:** GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch today. Please join us after Divine Liturgy 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 today. We hope to see everyone there.

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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.**

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**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.

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**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](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net) to begin receiving electronic communications. Thank you for your help in this new exciting endeavor.

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

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stdemetriosmd.org). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

**50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:painterkateart@gmail.com).

**Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus:** Register Today! Will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 4-11 yrs. Volunteers needed! \$20 per child before June 1<sup>st</sup> (\$25 after June 1<sup>st</sup>) [vbspro.events/p/ship18](http://vbspro.events/p/ship18) to register. For more info contact Katie Gjoni @ 443-850-7454.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at Camp Wo Me To, in scenic Rocks State Park. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** To register for Camp, Day Camp, Staff, or volunteer, please visit: [www.goannun.org](http://www.goannun.org) Hurry, space is limited and Camp fills up quickly!! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

**The Pre-School** would like to thank Lambros and Lisa Venetos for providing (and serving!) treats to our mothers for our Annual Mother's Day Tea. Thank you for your hard work and support during this great event!

**Saint Demetrios PreSchool** is hosting a **Community Yard Sale on June 2, 2018 from 8-1 pm**(Rain or Shine). \$20 per space. Vendors provide their own tables. email [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net) for a contract, to reserve your space, or for more information

**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 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the Landmark Theatres ~ Harbor East. More information coming soon, send any questions to: [axioncharityevents@gmail.com](mailto:axioncharityevents@gmail.com)

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## **SCHOLARSHIP**

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or [ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:ltrianda28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or [ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:ltrianda28@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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after Church in the board room. For more details please contact: Stephanie Gavrilis at [spadousis@hotmail.com](mailto:spadousis@hotmail.com).

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**Gift Card Sale** - Just in time for Graduation Gifts and Fathers Day. Only 2 order dates remain. Orders placed by May 14<sup>th</sup> will be delivered by May 18<sup>th</sup> and orders placed by May 21<sup>st</sup> will be delivered on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Order sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Any questions - Maria Angelos (443) 280-2690"

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm to 7 pm, in the Hermes Raffailides Center, dinner will be served.

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## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**General Meeting: May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Please join the Philoptochos at their general meeting on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:anoplos@comcast.net)).

**Graduate Sunday:**

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday.

**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>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$275,808	\$133,919	363
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$262,128	\$131,672	306

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm(C)            Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm (P)            Way Back ~ Pre-School            Fundraiser 4:00pm – 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)            GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Metropolis Oratorical Festival @ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield, NJ</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i>  <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i>  <i>Church school Graduation</i>  <i>Pre-School Recognition</i>            Church School, 9:55am            Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm            Screenagers, 5:00pm – 7:00pm (H/G)</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Greek School Graduation ~ **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Holy Pentecost ~ **May 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Memorial Day ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ May 28<sup>th</sup>*