

**May 20, 2018**

## ***Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council***

**The Epistle Reading is:** Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel Reading is John 17:1-13. These Readings may be found on pages 1284 & 1255 in the Holy Bible or on pages 60-62 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember:** *Seventh Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea;* Sunday Post-Ascension; Thallelaios, Martyr; Nikostratos and Antiochos, Martyrs; Righteous Niketas; John and Righteous Joseph of Chios; Lydia of Phillipi; Greatmartyrs Isa and Photine.

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

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their grandsons, Christopher & Peter Makres, on the occasion of their graduation from Towson University. May God bless them in their future endeavors.

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

- Mark & Susie Alberding *in honor of* their son, Joseph Alberding, on the occasion of his graduation from Loyola University with a B.S. in Physics. Well done, Joseph, and may God continue to bless you!
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Foudos *in loving memory of* her husband, Louis John Foudos who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Foudos *in loving memory of* her father, Nick Houzouris, who fell asleep in the Lord 46 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**40-Day Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Giannakis will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a son, for the traditional 40-day blessing today. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Athena Kakavas

**Coffee Hour:** There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Pre-School Brunch.

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**Pre-School Brunch:** The Saint Demetrios Pre-School will be hosting a brunch immediately following the Divine Liturgy today. Please join us for this delicious brunch in support of our Pre-school, tickets are \$5 each.

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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:** 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! This will be our final class before we break for the summer, we will then resume in the fall. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / [painterart@gmail.com](mailto:painterart@gmail.com).

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**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.

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 [trianda28@gmail.com](mailto:trianda28@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 [trianda28@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.**

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## **KORITSIA NEWS**

**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 today, **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 Fundraiser - There's still time to purchase gift cards for Graduation and Fathers Day gifts. One order date left. Place your orders by Monday, May 21st and they will be delivered by May 25th. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex or can be emailed to you. Any questions - Maria Angelos (443) 280-2690 or [mvailas@aol.com](mailto:mvailas@aol.com)**

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 today, **May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm to 7 pm**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center, dinner will be served.

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## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

### **Graduate Sunday:**

Honoring high school and college graduates at church is re-scheduled for Sunday, June 10th instead of Sunday, May 20th. We hope to see our 21 graduates then! Please reply by Sunday, June 3rd to Maria Stamas, [colossalcare@gmail.com](mailto:colossalcare@gmail.com) or 443-253-2561 if your graduate will be attending. Thank you!

### **End of Year Dinner:**

Join us as we bring the year to an end and celebrate our Mother and Father of the year at By The Docks Restaurant on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. By the Docs is located at 3321 Eastern Blvd, Middle River, MD 21220. Please contact Kitsa Padousis during coffee hour to purchase tickets or call her at 410-687-2318. Tickets are \$28.00 and must be purchased by June 11<sup>th</sup>. The restaurant will hold only 60 guests so get your tickets early!

**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	\$281,224	\$152,985	341
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$262,428	\$137,013	307

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b><u>Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Demetrakia 2, 5:30pm-7:00pm Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <b><i>Greek School closing program, 5:00pm (H/G)</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Family Photo Sessions 2:00pm – 9:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Family Photo Sessions 2:00pm – 9:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b><i>Holy Pentecost Orthros, 9:00am</i></b> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dancers, 12:15pm</p>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Memorial Day ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-School ~ Community Yard Sale ~ June 2<sup>nd</sup>*