

June 24, 2018

Nativity of John the Baptist

The Epistle Reading is: Romans 13:11-14:4. The Gospel Reading is Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1201 in the Holy Bible. 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 62-27.

Today we remember: Nativity of the honorable John the Baptist, Forerunner and Prophet; Neomartyr Panagiotes.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Sophia Andreadakis & Family *for the health & welfare of* husband, father & grandfather, John Andreadakis. May God watch over him and keep him in His care as he recovers from surgery.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos will not be sponsoring or serving coffee during the remaining summer Sundays, with the exception of Memorial Sunday's.

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.

Congregational Singing: Today, we begin 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. 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 62-27. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari.

Benefit Concert: The Saint Demetrios Music Ministry is proud to present an Instrumental Ensemble Concert featuring our own Alice Cocoros (Piano) and Carolyn Rosinky ('Cello). The concert will be held today, **Sunday, June 24th** in the Music Room from 3:00-4:00pm, with a small reception to follow. All proceeds from the Free-will donation collection will go directly to benefit our beloved Saint Demetrios Church. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of wonderful music, and bring your family & friends.

Attention all Ministry and Committee Chairpersons: The Church is transitioning to an electronic key entry system and standard keys will soon be obsolete. Ministry and Committee Chairpersons who have standard keys need to return them and an electronic key will be issued. Mark Alberding will be in the Hermes Rafailides Center for coffee hour and available to issue electronic keys to those who turn in a standard key. Please contact Mark at 410.790.7523, if you are unable to make the key exchange during coffee hour.

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break, please join us when we resume in the fall. All are welcome, we LOVE new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

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 25th @ 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.stdemetriusmd.org.

50th Anniversary Photo Sessions: Special Lifetouch **PHOTO PROMOTION** available **NOW!** Book your appointments for our upcoming June 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 8x10 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 Dress Etiquette: With the warm weather quickly approaching, we would like to remind you that you are attending an Orthodox Christian Church and modesty and humility should always be in your forethought. Therefore, **shorts, flip-flops, spaghetti straps, short skirts, etc. are not acceptable.** Please remember that this is a House of God and dress accordingly.

Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus: Register Today! Will be held June 25th – 29th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 4-11 yrs. Volunteers needed! \$25 per child. vbspro.events/p/ship18 to register. For more info contact Katie Gjoni @ 443-850-7454.

Crusader Kids Summer Program ~ Began on **June 18th** and runs until **August 24th** it's not too late to register, we are still accepting Children 2 years to 5th grade. Drop-In / Part-time / Full-time ~ hours of operation are 7:30am-5:30pm daily. \$50.00 **Non-Refundable** Registration Fee (excludes registered Pre-School students). Topics include: Ancient Times / God is my Friend; Son & Surf / God's Creatures; Camp Kaboom / God's Energy; Christian Crusaders / Be a Hero for God and Wild About God / Discovering Hawaii. There will also be Arts & Cooking, Outdoor Activities, Thematic Activities; Music and Field trips. Snacks will be provided. To register or for more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact the Saint Demetrios Pre-School at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Don't miss out, a few spaces are still available, but camp is filling 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.

SCHOLARSHIP

Saint Demetrios Scholarships: “Give instructions to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.” *Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, July 22nd**, as we honor our Scholarship recipients.*

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**.

The Ladies Panchian Society “Chios” is offering scholarships. If you are interested in applying, please pick up a scholarship packet from the Narthex Table. Please be advised that the deadline for accepting applications is **Friday, July 6th, 2018**. The scholarships will be awarded on **July 17th, 2016** at Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Perdika Stroumbis 410.327.8234.

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.

Presbytera Athena Kalpaxis Memorial Education Fund Award ~ Each year the Fund grants awards to enable qualified students to pursue college and university studies; thus fulfilling Presbyter’s strong belief in the wisdom of acquiring knowledge, not only for educational goals, but also to attain the higher goals of understanding, tolerance and spirituality. Any undergraduate, graduate, law or medical student pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university who is a baptized Orthodox Christian and a participating communicant of an Orthodox Church in the State of Maryland is eligible to apply. There is no definite deadline for submission of an application and all supporting materials, but it would be appreciated if applicants for the coming academic year, apply as soon as possible. Please pick up an application from the Narthex Table.

KORITSIA NEWS

Koritsia Members Wanted: 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. For more details please contact: Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.com.

GOYA NEWS

GOYA will be ordering NEW uniforms for all GOYAn basketball players over the summer. If your child is joining GOYA this upcoming fall and plans on playing on the basketball team, please email: Manuel Diacogiannis at diaco1@hotmail.com ASAP and let him know your child’s jersey & short size. Men’s/Women’s jerseys & shorts come in XS thru XXL. A deposit of \$50 is required and the remaining balance is due when the uniform arrives. Total price of uniform will be between \$87 to \$97.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS **EXCLUSIVE** PRIVATE PRE-SCREENING

MAMMA MIA!

~~~~ HERE WE GO AGAIN ~~~~

**THURSDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**LANDMARK THEATERS ~ HARBOR EAST**  
**645 President Street, Baltimore, MD**

**TICKETS \$25.00**

*(Includes ticket & parking)*

**FOR TICKETS:**

ELENI ROROS 443.621.0587 / OLGA PATERAKIS 410.491.4066  
or axioncharityevents@gmail

**Proceeds will benefit the Greek Orthodox Youth ministries of our sister churches:  
Annunciation, St. Demetrios, St. Nicholas and Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella**

**Matinee**  
Doors Open  
11:00am  
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Movie Begins  
11:30am

**Main Showing**  
Doors Open  
6:45pm  
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Moving Begins  
7:30pm

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Crusaders Kids Summer Program ~ June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Vacation Bible School ~ June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

GOYA Trip ~ June 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

**Saints Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy ~ June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

Family Photo Sessions ~ June 29<sup>th</sup> 2:00-9:00pm

June 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00-9:00pm

**4<sup>th</sup> of July ~ Office & Crusaders Kids Summer Program, Closed**

Exploring Greece Program ~ Friday’s July 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial Sunday ~ July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Book/Knitting Club ~ July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**Camp Good Shepherd ~ July 16<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Council Meeting ~ July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Scholarship Sunday ~ July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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Summer is in full swing. That means trips to new, exotic places or maybe trips to visit friends in old familiar places. Either way, summer often means being away from home for some period of time, and that means not being home for Sunday Liturgy. So, what do you do when you’re traveling on a Sunday?

**It doesn’t matter how you do it, just keep  
GOD in your summer plans!**

**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<br/>Commitment</b> | <b>Goal ~ Total<br/>Operating Budget *</b> | <b>Total Commitments<br/>to Date</b> | <b>Collections<br/>to Date</b> | <b># of Stewards</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>2017</b> | \$378,600                    | \$659,042                                  | \$300,323                            | \$162,430                      | 345                  |
| <b>2018</b> | \$380,000                    | \$727,395                                  | \$283,028                            | \$171,478                      | 336                  |

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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| <p><b><u>Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>                     Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am<br/>                     (Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br/>                     Vacation Bible School, 9:00am-12:00pm</p>                                     | <p><b><u>Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>                     Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am<br/>                     (Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br/>                     Vacation Bible School, 9:00am-12:00pm<br/>                     GOYA Trip</p>                     | <p><b><u>Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/> <i>Saints Peter &amp; Paul ~<br/>                     Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i><br/>                     Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am<br/>                     (Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br/>                     Vacation Bible School, 9:00am-12:00pm<br/>                     Family Photo Sessions, 2:00-9:00pm</p> |
| <p><b><u>Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>                     Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am<br/>                     (Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br/>                     Vacation Bible School, 9:00am-12:00pm<br/>                     GOYA Trip</p> | <p><b><u>Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>                     Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am<br/>                     (Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br/>                     Vacation Bible School, 9:00am-12:00pm<br/>                     Men’s Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> | <p><b><u>Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>                     Family Photo Sessions, 2:00-9:00pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b><u>Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup></u></b><br/> <i>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i><br/>                     Orthros 9:00am<br/>                     Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |