

**July 8, 2018**

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

**The Epistle Reading is:** Romans 12:6-14. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 9:1-8. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1154 in the Holy Bible or on pages 72-73 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 85 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:** Greatmartyr Prokopios; Theophanes and Anastasios, Neomartyrs; Righteous Theophilus the Outpourer of Myrrh.

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

- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* her mother-in-law, Maria Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago and father-in-law, Peter Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 69 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

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

- The Balis & Balis-Shurin Families *in loving memory of* Sophia Balis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 mothers ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Kalliopi Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Violette & Harry Cocoros & The Leventis Family *in loving memory of* father, Steven Leventis. May his memory be eternal.
- Violette & Harry Cocoros & The Leventis Family *in loving memory of* our beloved mother & grandmother, Koula Hondros. May her memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis & Family *in loving memory of* son & brother, Anastasios Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis & Family *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Peter Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

**Memorial Service:** The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Sophia Balis who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago and Kalliopi Theodore who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros and Tula Stamas.

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour is sponsored today *in loving memory* by the family of Sophia Balis and will be served by the Ladies of Philoptochos in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy.

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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.

**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.

**Congregational Singing:** Today, we continue 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 85 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.

**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](mailto:painterKateart@gmail.com).

**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, September 10<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.stdemetriusmd.org](http://www.stdemetriusmd.org). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online [www.stdemetriusmd.org](http://www.stdemetriusmd.org). This is free for all stewards. Each family gets a free 8x10 and a free commemorative 50th Anniversary book. We are also in need of volunteers to assist the photographers, if you can give us a couple of hours that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Simone Volikas for any questions, [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com)

**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.

**Crusader Kids Summer Program** ~ Began on **June 18<sup>th</sup>** and runs until **August 24<sup>th</sup>** it's not too late to register, we are still accepting Children 2 years to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay:** 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**. **Thank you to all of our volunteers, Campers and families...Camp is now full!!** For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

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## FESTIVAL NEWS

We will be rolling dolmades on **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** for our upcoming Greek Festival. Our plan is to begin at 8:30am and finish when we are done, usually around noon. We will need approximately 40 volunteers to complete on time. If you can spare an hour or 4 hours please join us on **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Katherine Strakes to confirm your availability; she can be reached at 410.828.4125.

## 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](mailto:spadousis@hotmail.com).

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**, as we honor our Scholarship recipients.*

**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.

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Crusaders Kids Summer Program ~ through August 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Exploring Greece Program ~ Friday’s July 13<sup>th</sup> – 27<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>**

## 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	\$301,463	\$183,577	347
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$283,503	\$178,440	336

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am                      (Early Care ~ 7:30am)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am                      (Early Care ~ 7:30am)                      Book/Knitting Club                      9:00am (L)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am                      (Early Care ~ 7:30am)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am                      (Early Care ~ 7:30am)                      Men’s Basketball,                      6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am                      (Early Care ~ 7:30am)                      Exploring Greece                      K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ 9:30am                      3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades ~ 11:00am</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b><i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i></b>                      Orthros 9:00am                      Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>
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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, 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!**