

**July 15, 2018**

## ***Sunday of the Holy Fathers***

**The Epistle Reading is:** Titus 3:8-15. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 5:14-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 & 1150 in the Holy Bible. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 86 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:** 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon; Kerykos and his mother Julietta, Martyrs; Vladimir, Equal of the Apostles, Abudim, Martyr.

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

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

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

- Nancy Alexandrou & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Hilda Fernandez who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her 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.

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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.

**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 86 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).

**Book & Knitting Club:** The book / knitting club **will not** be meeting for the month of August. We will resume on **September 11, 2018** at 9:00am in the Library. Have a great Summer.

**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.stdemetriosmd.org](http://www.stdemetriosmd.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.stdemetriosmd.org](http://www.stdemetriosmd.org). Each family gets a free 8x10. 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, [stintis@hotmail.com](mailto:stintis@hotmail.com)

**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).

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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.

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### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Every year the Rev. Ernest Arambiges Library and the Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School have a Summer Reading Program. This is a very successful program because children get to utilize our library. This year over 300 books were checked out and all were returned except 10. I would like to thank Katie Gjoni and all her crew and the Parents who brought their children to VBS we couldn't do it without you. Our library is blessed to be a part of this event. We are a very busy ministry. We give scholarships and we have incorporated the Craig Arambiges Lecture with The Way. Sundays wouldn't be fun without our Church School visits or our Pre-School visits on the first Monday of each month. There is always something happening at our library, come check us out and if you would like to be a part of this ministry we are always looking for volunteers.

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### **PHILOPTOCHOS**

**BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE:** It's time to begin preparing to send our children near and wide back to school. In order to help them be more successful we are requesting donations of the following items: backpacks, binders, loose leaf paper (regular and college ruled), scientific calculators, spiral notebooks, kindergarten smocks for painting, baby wipes (to clean little hands). Please check back as this list will change to the specific items requested by teachers. Monetary donations will be accepted to purchase the items needs. Items can be placed in the bin in the hallway. We currently anticipate supporting, Martin Blvd., Pleasant Plains, Bohman, Wildwood Elementary/Middle School #88 (Formerly Lyndhurst EMS) and St. Demetrios schools. Thank you for your generous support!

## **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                                  | \$301,983                            | \$191,349                      | 348                  |
| <b>2018</b> | \$380,000                    | \$727,395                                  | \$291,019                            | \$195,451                      | 365                  |

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

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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| <b><u>Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup></u></b><br>Crusader Kids Summer<br>Program, 8:30am-5:30pm<br>(Early Care ~ 7:30am)   | <b><u>Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup></u></b><br>Crusader Kids Summer<br>Program, 8:30am-5:30pm<br>(Early Care ~ 7:30am)                                     | <b><u>Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup></u></b><br>Crusader Kids Summer<br>Program, 8:30am-5:30pm<br>(Early Care ~ 7:30am)   |
| <b><u>Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup></u></b><br>Crusader Kids Summer<br>Program, 8:30am-5:30pm<br>(Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br>Parish Council Meeting,<br>7:00pm (B) | <b><u>Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup></u></b><br>Crusader Kids Summer<br>Program, 8:30am-5:30pm<br>(Early Care ~ 7:30am)<br>Men's Basketball,<br>6:00pm (H/G) | Exploring Greece<br>K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade ~ 9:30am<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades ~ 11:00am   |
|   |  | <b><u>Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b><br><i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</i><br>Orthros 9:00am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am<br><i>Scholarship Sunday</i> |

### **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>

*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>*