

August 12, 2018

11th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 9:2-12. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 18:23-35. These Readings may be found on pages 1313 & 1166 in the Holy Bible or on pages 80-82 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 81 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: Post-Metamorphosis; Martyrs Photios and Aniketos; Martyrs Pamphile and Capito.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher and Helen Makres *in honor of* their grandson, Mathew Polites, on the occasion of his birthday. May God grant him many blessings.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Maria Giannaras *in loving memory of* her husband, Mihail Giannaras who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Panai, Elaine, Kostas & Mihails Patiniotis *in loving memory of* father & papou, Mihail Giannaras who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pericles and Eva Fokianos *in loving memory of* Ekaterini Fokianou who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Pericles and Eva Fokianos *in loving memory of* their sister, Stasa Kostopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Ted Kostopoulos & family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother Stasa Kostopoulos who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Manuel & Maria Antonakas & Family *in loving memory of* their parents, grandparents, great grandparents, Hariklia Antonakas who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago, and Antonios Antonakas, who fell asleep in the Lord 33 years ago, Antigone Wood Chekouras, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago, and Peter Wood Chekouras, who fell asleep in the Lord 46 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.
- Ted and Monica Agapaloglou, Meredith and Pandora *in loving memory of* their son and father, Konstantine Agapaloglou who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Eleni and Stephen Libertini, Gianna and Sophia *in loving memory of* their dear brother and uncle, Konstantine Agapaloglou who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Georgia Kerasiotes *for the health & welfare of* her children, grandchildren & nephew, Steve Zavakos.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Gary Tomaro will present their 2nd 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 Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Konstantine Agapologlou, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and Mihail Giannaros, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May their memories be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Andreyev and Maria Antonakas. **The Altar Bread for the Dormition of the Theotokos was prepared by:** Maria Andreyev and Maria Antonakas.

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

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 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 81 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.

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 9th** from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. Church School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 16th** at 9:55am.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table.

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, September 10th @ 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.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on **October 5th & 6th** and **November 23rd & 24th** to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online 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

Attention Ministry & Committee Chairpersons: We are transitioning to an electronic, keyless entry system. Individuals having a mechanical key to enter Church facilities need to obtain an electronic fob and should contact Mark Alberding (410.790.7523 of alberding@comcast.net) to arrange issuance of an electronic fob. Doors are targeted to be electronic access only by **September 1st**. Don't get locked out!

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2018-2019 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. **Don't miss out, classes are nearing full capacity!!!** To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net

FESTIVAL NEWS

Electric Frying Pans needed for preparing Diples. If you have one and would like to lend or donate to the church, please contact Ritsa Economakis at 410.256.0953.

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 needed. 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!

GOYA

Early Bird Registration & Orientation will be held on **Friday, August 24th at 7:00pm**. Join us for Pizza & Dodge Ball. Very important information regarding our GOYA program will be discussed on this night as well as Basketball registration. We encourage Parents & GOYAns to attend. Registration is \$40. Goyans who register on/or before August 24th will save \$10.00.

1st GOYA Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 7th**. Schedule is: Pizza at 6:30pm, Meeting & Guest Speaker, John C.M. Angelos at 7:00pm, Ice Breakers & Games at 9:00pm and Pick up at 10:00pm.

ADULT CHOIR

The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will resume rehearsal on **Thursday, August 30th at 7:00pm**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information call Jennie at 410.657.9772.

Axion Charity Events presents Renowned Greek singer Peggy Zina, **Sunday, October 28th** at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. Tickets on sale now: www.DCGreeks.com or call 443.621.0587. Proceeds to benefit the Annunciation Cathedral, Saint Demetrios, Saint Nicholas and Saints. Mary Magdalene & Markella churches. More information available at www.axioncharityevents.org. The more tickets sold, the better the proceeds, please support our church.

St. Mary Orthodox Church located at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD., will be holding their **Mediterranean Food Festival** on **September 14th thru 16th**. They offer delicious baked foods & desserts, 50/50 door raffles, Live DJ-Music, Community Yard Sale, Children's Entertainment & Traditional Dancing. For more information visit our website at: www.nativityofthetheotokos.org.

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

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$308,272	\$214,847	354
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$315,182	\$228,871	401

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, August 13th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, August 15th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Dormition of the Theotokos ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</p>	<p><u>Friday, August 17th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Exploring Greece K-2nd grade ~ 9:30am 3rd-5th grades ~ 11:00am</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, August 14th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, August 16th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, August 19th</u> 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Divine Liturgy ~ Dormition of the Theotokos ~ August 15th at 9:00am

Parish Council Meeting ~ August 21st

Festival Meeting ~ August 22nd

Crusaders Kids Summer Program ~ now through August 24th

Exploring Greece Program ~ Friday's now through August 24th

GOYA Early-Bird Registration & Orientation ~ August 24th at 7:00pm