

August 19, 2018

12th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 15:1-11. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 19:16-26. These Readings may be found on pages 1318 & 1167 in the Holy Bible or on pages 82-84 in the Divine Liturgy Book. 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: Post-Koimisis; Greatmartyr Andrew the Commander and the 2593 martyred with him; Righteous Theophanes of Athos; Timothy, Agapios, Eutychianos and Strategos, Martyres.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Stephanie, James, Ted & Kay Reed *in honor of* father & grandfather, Ted Kostopoulos on the occasion of his 90th birthday. May God continue to bless him.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Office Staff *in honor of* Ted Kostopoulos on the occasion of his 90th birthday.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in loving memory of* brother-in-law & uncle, James Latgis who fell asleep in the Lord 9 days ago. 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 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 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.

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 12th @ 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. 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.stdemetriusmd.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

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!

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 3rd at 6:00pm! Our kick-off to celebrating the 50th Year Anniversary of our beloved Saint Demetrios community with a **"Dinner and Fashion Show"**. Sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Society.

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.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland: A new book club is being initiated by the Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland and will be meeting on the second Sunday of every month. Men and Women are welcome as we discuss the fiction and non-fiction English writings of authors on a variety of Greek topics including history, travel and culture. The first of these gatherings will meet at the home of Helen Sarafidis, on **September 9, 2018** at 3:00pm. 1104 W. Joppa Road, Towson, MD. 21204. Please respond to 410.825.8532. Our first reading is from the "Collected Stories by Harry Mark Petrakis".

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parish Council Meeting ~ August 21st
- Festival Meeting ~ August 22nd
- Crusaders Kids Summer Program ~ August 20th to August 24th
- Exploring Greece Program ~ Friday, August 24th
- GOYA Early-Bird Registration & Orientation ~ August 24th at 7:00pm
- Labor Day ~ September 3rd ~ Pre-School & Office Closed**
- Pre-School Meet & Greet ~ September 4th at 11:00am
- Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ September 10th at 6:00pm
- Book/Knitters Club ~ September 11th at 9:00am
- Finance Committee Meeting ~ September 11th at 6:30pm
- 50th Anniversary Meeting ~ September 12th at 7:00pm
- Divine Liturgy ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14th at 9:00am**

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	\$218,683	357
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$317,267	\$234,447	405

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, August 20th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, August 21st</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, August 22nd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Pre-School Luau, 6:30pm (H/K) Festival Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 23rd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program, 8:30am-5:30pm (Early Care ~ 7:30am) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, August 24th</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 GOYA Early Bird Registration & Orientation, 7:00pm (Save \$10)</p> <p><u>Sunday, August 26th</u> 13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>
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