

September 2, 2018

14th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 1:21-2:4. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 22:2-14. These Readings may be found on pages 1321 & 1170 in the Holy Bible or on pages 86-87 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: Mamas and his Parents, Martyrs; John, Patriarch of Constantinople, the one who Fasts; Nesteutou.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Rudy Bucci & Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather Strati Yorgiadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

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: Diamando Sarigianis.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Stamidis will present their 1st child, a son for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Memorial Service is being chanted *in loving memory of* Strati Yorgiadis who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

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 is our final Sunday for Congregational Singing during the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to participate in singing the responses and hymns of the Liturgy. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari. We look forward to hearing everyone "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord."

Adult Choir: The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 9th**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. These rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information contact Jennie at 410-657.9772 or jcocorosk@aol.com.

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.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

Mark you calendar for a **PREVIEW SCREENING of FAITH, HOPE & LOVE** by Robert Krantz (meet him in person ~ same author and actor of **Christmas with the Karountzoses**). Preview Screening will take place on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 (6:30pm)** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Demetrios 50th Anniversary Mortgage Fund.

Fashion Show: Due to a scheduling conflict we had to cancel our Fashion Show in November.

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

GOYA

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.

FESTIVAL

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios Greek Festival 2018 is just around the corner ~ **September 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th**. Please mark your calendars.

Glendi on the Hill: Don't let the fun of the St. Demetrios festival come to an end! The Demetrakia Dance Troupe proudly hosts Glendi on the Hill 2018! After the Saturday of the festival ends, come for a fun night of dancing till the early hours of the morning! Featuring LIVE music by Stoxos Entertainment!! \$15 admission at the door after 11:00pm!

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the Church School classroom directly across from the Library. **PLEASE! NO CLOTHES.** Please drop off your donations **Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.**

Festival Ad Book: Don't forget to place your business ad in the Festival Ad Book! You can include a personal message to your loved one(s) in our special dedication section! For just \$25, you can include a memorial donation or a best wishes / congratulations dedication. For more information or to place an ad, please contact Amanda Albright at 410.404.8611 or at stdemetriosads@gmail.com

Volunteers: We are always looking for volunteers. Contact Cathy Xanthakos at 410.952.3576.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: September 10th at 6:30pm

General Meeting: Join the Philoptochos as they meet for the new Ecclesiastical Year, **Monday, September 17th at 6:30pm** in the Philoptochos room. All women of the community are invited to come and see what we're all about. The meeting will be short, and the fellowship afterwards will be fun! We need your new, fresh ideas for fundraisers! Desserts and drinks will be provided.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

Suburban Players ~ Mamma Mia: Show Dates: February 16th thru 18th and 23rd thru 25th.

Calling all singers, actors & dancers! Auditions for our 44th annual St. Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room: **Saturday, October 6th from 1:00-4:00pm and Monday, October 8th from 6:30-9:00pm.** Call backs will be **October 13th**. ALL are invited to audition! All parts are open! Come and be a part of a wonderful community experience for music, fun & fellowship. For more information call Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990, smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or Tom Cook at 410.790.9370 or by email cook@bpointwellness.com.

Don't want to be on stage but still want to help? Join the production crew by contacting Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990. Currently we are looking for someone to be the Dining Room Coordinator and Food Line Coordinator, as well as several other production crew roles. All are welcome to help.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 11th, 2018** at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some nice conversation.

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.

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	\$223,466	361
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$323,833	\$242,512	417

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 3rd</u> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Pre-School & Office Closed</i></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (Gym)</p>	<p><u>Friday, September 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Mtg., 7:00pm (Gym)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, September 4th</u> Pre-School Meet & Greet, 11:00am (C)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (Gym) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, September 9th</u> <i>Sunday before Holy Cross</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday 1st Choir Sunday Church School Registration, 9:55am Demetrakia, 12:15pm (C)</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
 GOYA Shake-It Up ~ September 15th

Kids' Clothing Exchange of Baltimore ~ One Weekend Only ~ Fall/Winter Sale! Saint Demetrios is proud to announce that the **Kids' Clothing Exchange of Baltimore** will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center the weekend of **October 5th thru 8th**. You can buy or consign *quality* fall and winter previously owned children's clothing (infant through pre-teen), Holiday wear, shoes, baby gear, children's furniture, Halloween costumes, play equipment, toys, games, bicycles, books, dvd's, as well as maternity wear. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ YOU DO NOT NEED TO CONSIGN TO BUY!** Anyone can participate, so if you have items that you would like to sell, please register. Consignors earn 55% of selling price! \$5.00 registration fee ~ (Refunded when you volunteer for one shift). To register for our upcoming sale, visit our website at kidsclothingexchange.net. Like us on Facebook: Kid's clothing exchange of Baltimore. Any questions, please email Dawn @ thekidsclothingexchange@yahoo.com.

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.

The Women's Guild of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation invites you an evening with Ellen Karis ~ "The Greek Goddess of Comedy", **Friday, September 21, 2018**. Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$45 per person (includes Mezze & Desserts) & Cash bar. For more information please contact Melody Simmons 410.336.5279 or Womensguild24@gmail.com.

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 9th, 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".

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. is hosting "*Connecting the Future to the Past*". You are invited to participate in a seminar to explore your Greek ancestry, **Saturday, October 6, 2018**, Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, 24 West Preston Street. \$40.00 per person, lunch is included. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Harry Maistros, 410.467.1836 or harry.maistros@comcast.net.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. and The Annunciation Women's Guild are partnering a Bus Trip to New York City on **Saturday, November 17, 2018**, departing from Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride Lot at 8:00am. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Stephanie Link, 410.239.2189 or slinkylink828@aol.com.

Hellenic Genealogy Conference ~ Celebrate Our Greek Heritage ~ Saturday, October 13, 2018 ~ 9:00am - 5:00pm. To be held at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA. Learn how to use U.S. Records to Prepare for Research: Census, Marriage, Social Security Applications, World War I & II Draft Registration Cards, Death Certificates, Obituaries, Cemetery Records/Tombstones, Personal Letters & Documents/Photographs. Locating & Using Records: Passenger Ships, Naturalization & Alien Registration Records of your ancestors. Ancestry DNA ~ Testing & Analysis. Civil & Church Records will also be offered. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Barbara Lyngarkos 610.764.7578 or HellenicGenealogyPhilly@gmail.com.
