

May 5, 2019

Thomas Sunday

The Epistle Reading is Acts 5:12-20. The Gospel Reading is John 20:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1265 and 1259 in the Holy Bible or on pages 46-48 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Second Sunday of the Paschal Season, New or Thomas Sunday; Greatmartyr Irene; Righteous Euthymios, Bishop of Madytos, Wonderworker; Righteous Ephraim of Nea Makri.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Olga Zavakos, Bertha Boring, Janie Brewer & Bessie Perez in loving memory of their dear brother, Peter John Stratos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Georgia Kerasiotes and family *in loving memory of* nephew and cousin John Paul Stratos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dimitria and George Mexis and family and Jim and Karen Zavakos and family *in loving memory of* their dear uncle Peter John Stratos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- John and Stefany Speck, *in loving memory of* their dear uncle and nuno Peter John Stratos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Jim, Andrew and Olga Handakas *in loving memory of* their dear cousin Peter John Stratos who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George P Stratos *in loving memory of* his dear cousin Peter John Stratos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Violette and Harry Cocoros and the Leventis Family *in loving memory of* our beloved mother and grandmother, Koula Hondros. May her memory be eternal.
- Basil and Margo Lambros and family *in honor of* their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Effie Bourdosis, *on the occasion of* her 100th birthday. May God continue to bless her and keep her well.
- Sam and Mary Karavedas and family, *in honor of* their daughter, sister & aunt Patricia *on the occasion of* her birthday
- Aristeia Matos *in honor of* her mother Patricia, on the occasion of her birthday.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Peter John Stratos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: There is no coffee hour due to the GOYA Tournament

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith with fun and fellowship; join us on **Friday, May 10th at 9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend and we love new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

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 and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

50th Anniversary: Our next meeting is planned for **Wednesday, May 8th** at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 12th**. Please join us after Divine Liturgy, as we honor all Mothers in our community. Along with a wonderfully prepared brunch for the community our GOYA youth will also be hosting the coffee hour on that day. We hope to see everyone there.

Library: Ever wonder why someone might call another a "Doubting Thomas" where that phrase came from. This is reference to the Apostle Thomas who refused to believe that the resurrected Jesus had appeared to the other apostles, until he could see and feel the wounds that Jesus received on the cross. You can read about Thomas and all the other disciples by visiting our Library. Don't have time to visit our Library no worries we now have the Little Library right next to the mailbox.. You take a book and you leave a book. Don't have a book just take one they are free. Today is the last day to Guess How many Jelly Beans are in the Jar. Stop by the Library and take a guess. The person who guesses closest to the amount of jelly beans in the jar will win the prize and the jelly bean jar. The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday May 14th, 2019** at 9:00am - 12:00pm in the Library. The book of choice is "If You Only Knew" by Kristin Higgins.

Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church! As we get closer to our 50th Anniversary, we are looking to highlight our history. You, our parishioners, are a very special part of the decades that have unfolded here at 2504 Cub Hill Road since 1969. So, tell us what Saint Demetrios means to you. What is your favorite memory? Did you get married here? Were you children baptized here? What ministries do you enjoy the most? Please email us your short responses and/or photos to our dedicated anniversary email address at: stdemetrios50@gmail.com Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School: *Has moved the date of their 20th year heritage celebration and talent show from Saturday, May 11th 2019 to Saturday, October 12th, 2019* from 4:00-8:00pm/ Calling all alumni to participate in the talent show. There will be Greek DJ's & Dancing, Procession of Greek Flags all while we honor past administrators, teachers, alumni & students. All You Can Eat Food for \$15; children ages 5-11~\$15, under 4 are free! For more information, contact Betty at 410.661.100 ext. 204.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School: The Pre-school is having a Greek Potluck dinner on **Tuesday, May 14th** from 6:00-8:00pm. Bring a dessert or dish to share. Enjoy a procession of Greek flags made by the children and join in as the children Greek dance.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on **July 15th – 19th, 2019** at Camp Wo-Me-To in scenic Rocks State Park in Jarrettsville, Maryland. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 18th, 2019**. To register a camper or to volunteer, please use the following link: <http://app.campdoc.com/register/goodshepherd>. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held, **Monday, August 26th – Friday, August 30th ~ 9am-12pm**. Ages 4 to 5th grade. Volunteers needed ~ to register please visit: ybspro.events/p/saintdemetrios19. Any questions please contact: Kelly MacDonnell at: 410.917.2992 or via email at: kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com.

AHIF Student Foreign Policy Trip to Greece and Cyprus: AHIF is accepting applications for its leading travel abroad program the AHIF College Student Foreign Policy Study Trip to Greece and Cyprus aimed to help Greek and Cypriot American college students better understand the core foreign policy issues important to the Greek American community. Info. & Application: <https://www.aheworld.org/students/policy-trip>.

Pan- Orthodox Church School Ages 6-12 Camping Trip: Friday, May 17th – Sunday, May 19th at Camp Running Bear, Monkton, MD. Students ages 6-12, Teachers, and Parents of Orthodox Church Sunday Schools are invited to attend and learn about the Path of the Holy Cross. Cost: \$25 for first camper/family, and \$15 for additional children and adults. For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland Book Club: You are invited to join the **HHMM Book Club**. Both men and women are welcome as we discuss a variety of Greek and Greek American topics focused on History, travel, fiction and non-fiction, poetry & culture. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at the home of Helen Sarafidis. For more information please contact Helen at 410.825.8532.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS ~ A BIBLE FOR EVERY BELIEVER: Placing a Bible in the hands of every Christian Believer is a task that the global body of Christ can accomplish in this generation. The Voice of the Martyrs are committed to making it happen in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith and we need your help. In recent years, thanks to the generous support of American Christians like you, VOM has been able to distribute more than 1 million Bibles each year on the world's most difficult and dangerous mission fields. Together we can make sure every Christian in a hostile area or restricted nation has his or her own Bible. To learn more and how you can donate please visit us at: www.persecution.com.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at 410.661.1090 x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2019 scholarship, applications packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance, letter of good standing, and recommendations for the Parish Priest and two faculty members under whom you have studied must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted.

All applications must be post-marked or hand delivered to the Church office by **Monday, June 3rd, 2019**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2019** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 28th, 2019**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com.

United Chios Society of Baltimore: College Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2019-2020 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. **The application must be post-marked no later than July 12th, 2019.** *Recipients or their representatives **MUST** be present during church services at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church located at 520 S. Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland on Sunday, July 21st, 2019, where presentations will be made.*

FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence: Applications are available to be downloaded at: thefaihtendowment.org/scholarships. To be eligible, applicants must be a member of a Greek Orthodox parish and graduating high school senior enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this Fall. Application deadline is **June 17th, 2019**.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: May 6th at 6:30pm
General Meeting: May 15th at 6:30pm ~ Elections

Bingo: May 10th: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night . . . Join us on **Friday, May 10th** (doors open at 6:00pm) for a fun evening and win great prizes. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Proceeds benefit the many charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. If you are holding a table, tickets must be paid for in advance. Last day to by discounted ticket is **May 5th**. See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410-245-1291.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: On **June 9th**, all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet.

Please have graduates you know fill out a biography form on the narthex table and submit it along with both a baby and senior photo for inclusion in this year's booklet. We don't want to miss recognizing any graduate. **Sunday, May 12th** is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at colossalcare@gmail.com. If you have any questions or need a form emailed to you, please email or call Maria Stamas, 443-253-2561.

KORITSIA NEWS

2019 SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER: Please visit Burton Farms, located at 11031 Factory Road, Glen Arm, MD. **Sunday, May 5th** from **9AM-5PM**. Burton Farms is a local family farm and has beautiful hanging baskets, annuals, herb gardens, vegetables and much more! Saint Demetrios will receive 10% of all plant sales. Please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table, you must take the flyer with you when you visit Burton Farms.

SAVE THE DATE: An evening at Boordy Vineyards ~ **Friday, May 17th, 2019 6:00pm- 9:30pm**. There will be a Take-A-Chance Raffle for Hamilton & Dinner at FORNO including 2 tickets for 6/28/19 @ The Hippodrome and parking. Live music by Jimmy Solesky. Food trucks will be available from Slice, Mr. Souvlaki, Holy Cow and The Sweet Greek. There will be a cash bar with Boordy wines. Pre-Sale tickets are \$20, and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 depending on availability. To purchase tickets, you can email Monica at mneel1@comcast.net. For electronic payments you can use Venmo: @Monica-Neel-1 or PayPal: agisi1@comcast.net.

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: In the spirit of environmental and economic sustainability Saint Demetrios has partnered with Got Sneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate us \$1.00 for every wearable sneaker and 10¢ for every other type of shoe. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked "**SHOE DONATION**" in the hall by the ladies' room. We will collect shoes up to our Boordy Vineyards event on **May 17th**. Contact Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

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 scheduled for **Sunday, May 19th**, immediately following Divine Liturgy in the board room. All are invited. For more details please contact Simone Trintis at strintis@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5th ~ Koritsia Plant Sale Fundraiser
 May 5th ~ GOYA Tournament
 May 6th ~ Philoptochos Board Meeting
 May 7th ~ Parish Council Executive Board Meeting
 May 8th ~ Pre-School Mother's Day Tea
 May 8th ~ 50th Anniversary Meeting
 May 9th ~ Philoptochos Bingo Set-Up
 May 10th ~ Philoptochos Bingo
 May 12th ~ 50th Anniversary Recognition of all Mother's
 May 14th ~ Pre-School Field Trip & Pot luck Dinner
 May 15th ~ Philoptochos General Meeting & Elections
 May 17th ~ Boordy Event & Last Day to donate Sneakers
 May 19th ~ Worthington AHEPA Breakfast at Saint Demetrios
 May 19th ~ Church School Graduation
 May 19th ~ Koritsia Meeting
 May 21st ~ Pre-School Paint Night
 May 21st ~ Parish Council Board Meeting
 May 22nd ~ Greek School Closing Program
 May 27th ~ Memorial Day (Office & Pre-School Closed)

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
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$262,129	\$112,527	306
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$304,737	\$156,007	380

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, May 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Mother's Day Tea, 6:30pm (H/G) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) 50th Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, May 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Philoptochos Bingo Set-Up</p> <p><u>Friday, May 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Philoptochos Bingo (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 12th</u> <i>Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am 50th Anniversary Recognition of All Mother's Memorial Sunday Mother's Day Mother-of-the-Year Church School, 9:55am</p>
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*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ **2 Corinthians 9:7***

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents

My Big Fat Greek Bingo Night

Longaberger
 Tory Burch
 Coach
 Jewelry
 Man Prizes
 Door Prizes
 Sports Events



Doors open
 at 6pm
 ~
 Early Bird
 Games start
 At 6:45pm

Friday, May 10th, 2019

Saint Demetrios Hermes Rafailides Center
 2504 Cub Hill Road

Tickets: \$20.00 in advance / \$25 at the door
 Extra games will be available for purchase
 Refreshments / Food will be available for purchase

For more information: contact Mary Tsakiris ~
 410.245.1291 or Church office ~ 410.661.1090