

**June 2, 2019**

## **Sunday of the Blind Man**

**The Epistle Reading** is Acts 16:16-34 The Gospel Reading is John 9:1-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1279 and 1246 in the Holy Bible or on pages 56-60 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** The Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind; Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council; Nikephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople; Neomartyrs Demetrios, John of Sochava, and Constantine of Mitylene.

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

- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* daughter, sister & aunt, Tina on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many more healthy & happy years.

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

- Col. John E., Patricia & Kelly Gavrilis *for the health & welfare of* The Oliphant Family.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* her daughter, Gina who fell asleep in the Lord 28 years ago and her husband, Gus who fell asleep in the Lord years ago. May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Anthi Papapavlou

**Coffee Hour:** Stanley and Evelyn Ambridge are **hosting the coffee hour today**, welcoming their daughter Stephanie Wilkinson and her sons on their visit to our Saint Demetrios Family from Jacksonville, Florida. Please join them in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy.

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

**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).

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

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Gala:** Tickets are now available for the *St. Demetrios 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Gala* to be held on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Hermes Rafailides Center. Tickets are \$125 per person (\$80 for ages 18 and under). The evening is one that you won't want to miss. Ticket price includes: Appetizers, Catered Meal, Dessert, Open Bar, Music by Zephyros and a Commemorative Souvenir. Tickets are available by contact Presvytera Alice 443.417.0975 ([anoplos@comcast.net](mailto:anoplos@comcast.net)). Reserve your tables now! Seating will be limited!

**Save the Date:** St. Demetrios 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Hermes Rafailides Fellowship Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy and hosted by the Koritsia group. Tickets will go on sale in early September through **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, and will **NOT** be sold at the door, so make sure to purchase them prior to **November 17<sup>th</sup>!** More information to follow.

**Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church!** As we get closer to our 50<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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](mailto:stdemetrios50@gmail.com) Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50<sup>th</sup> marketing and promotion material.

**Library News:** Today is the Sunday of the Blind Man. This man was born without eyes and sights. Jesus put clay into the empty eye sockets and told him to go and wash his face in the pool of Siloan. The blind man obeyed, and the clay became living eyes and he could see. Just like the blind man we are blind and don't see the many gifts God gives us every day. You can read about this miracle and Jesus' many other miracles by visiting our Library. Don't have time to visit the Library, no worries we now have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You take a book and give a book.

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at 9:00am.

**St. Demetrios Greek Festival:** **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**. Authentic Greek Foods, Desserts, Dancing, Music, Church Tours, and more! "Glendi on the Hill After Party Saturday Night." Free admission and on-site parking.

**Festival:** What is the famous saying "One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure." Spring Cleaning is here, and we are getting rid of stuff. Don't go to Good Will we are collecting gently used stuff for Father's Attic, 100% goes to St. Demetrios. You can bring with you on Sundays.

**Crusader Kids Summer Program** ~ to be held at Saint Demetrios Church. Children 2 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate. Drop-In / Part-time / Full-time ~ hours of operation are 7:30am-5:30pm daily. Summer Program begins June 17<sup>th</sup> and runs thru August 23<sup>rd</sup>. \$50.00 **Non-Refundable** Registration Fee (excludes registered Pre-School students). Topics include Babylon, God's Green Earth, Christmas in July, Dino-Mite & Shipwrecked. There will also be Arts & Cooking, Outdoor Activities, Thematic Activities; Music and Fieldtrips. 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).

**Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay:** Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on **July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at Camp Wo-Me-To in scenic Rocks State Park in Jarrettsville, Maryland. Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:painterkateart@gmail.com).

**AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS . . . Nikos Oikonomopoulos: Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront ~ 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore. Doors open at 6pm. Show begins at 7:30pm. General tickets on sale **June 7<sup>th</sup>** at DCGreeks.com (all tickets include Lite Appetizers, Free Parking & Cash Bar). Proceeds to Benefit The Greek Orthodox Churches In the Baltimore Area. For more information call Eleni Roros 443.621.0587/ [AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com](mailto:AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com); like us on Facebook @axioncharityevents.

**Axion Charity Events brings you . . . "Cruizin with the Greeks"** on the Carnival Pride to the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands - **Sailing Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020** from Baltimore. Join us for a fun filled 7-Day Cruise with several planned events sponsored by Axion Charity Events. A \$50/person deposit is required by **July 15<sup>th</sup>** to reserve your cabin. For stateroom pricing and info. contact [AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com](mailto:AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com). To pay your deposit, contact Effie Karabelas at Going Places Travel Agency at [410-284-9200/effie@goingplacesinc.com](tel:410-284-9200).

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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

**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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, where presentations will be made.**

**FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence:** Applications are available to be downloaded at: [thefaihtendowment.org/scholarships](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

### KORITSIA

**Summer Restaurant Night:** Saint Demetrios is bringing back Summer Restaurant Nights ~ organized by the Koritsia. Eat at a local restaurant while helping to support our church! Just notify restaurant that you are there for Saint Demetrios and 10% of the proceeds will come back to the church. Our first restaurant night is **Wednesday, June 5, 2019 from 10:00am to 8:30pm at The Sweet Greek Grill**, located at 2735 Fallston Road in Fallston, MD. You can order on-line and pick-up your order and sit and enjoy your meal. The food is great, and the owner is a Saint Demetrios Steward. Hope to see you there!

### PHILOPTOCHOS

**End of Year Dinner:** Join us on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** at Red Brick Station on the Avenue at White Marsh as we celebrate our Mother and Father of the year. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour and the price is \$31.00. Space is limited, so get your tickets early.

**Calling All Graduates:** On **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Ascension ~ Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00am*
- June 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Graduate Sunday
- June 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Memorial Sunday
- June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Ronald McDonald House
- June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting
- June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Book & Knitting Club
- June 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-School Graduation
- June 13<sup>th</sup>-June 16<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Theodore's Greek Festival
- Jun 15<sup>th</sup> ~ *Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy @ 9:00am (TIME CHANGE)*
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Luncheon
- June 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition of all Father's
- June 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Scholarship Committee Meeting
- June 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner
- June 17<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Crusaders' Summer Program
- June 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Meeting
- June 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Apostles of Peter & Paul ~ Divine Liturgy @ 10:00am*

## 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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$275,179	\$148,049	328
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$313,125	\$177,261	399

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Dance Practice</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Holy Ascension ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Beach Day, 11:30am (H/G) No Men's Basketball</p> <p><b><u>Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Hall Rental Set-Up 9:00am (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup></u></b> Hall Rental</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Fathers' of the First Ecumenical Council</i> <b>Orthros, 9:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> <i>Graduate Sunday</i> <b>Memorial Sunday</b></p>
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**Saint Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival:** Come join us and Go Greek ~ **June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** (Father's Day Weekend). Hours are Thursday: 11am-7pm / Friday & Saturday: 11am-9pm / Sunday: 11am-7pm. Festival will be held rain or shine! We'll have Greek Food, Greek Music, Greek Dancing, Vendors & Crafts. Saint Theodore's is located at: 7101 Cipriano Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706. For questions visit: [festival@sttheodores.org](mailto:festival@sttheodores.org), for more information visit: #sttheogreekfest2019. Hope to see you at the festival!