

July 21, 2019

5th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is Roman 10:1-10, The Gospel Reading is Matthew 8:28-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1302 and 1154 in the Holy Bible or on pages 70-71 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 84 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 Righteous Symeon and his companion John, who feigned idiocy for Christ's sake; Parthenios, Bishop of Rodovizi, Arta.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Demetrios and Rena Makres and family *in loving memory of* their mother and grandmother, Georgia Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The West, Meyer, Kegel and Cocoros Families, *in loving memory of* Robert West, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Mary Tsakiris

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

A Big Thank You: Father Lou & the Parish Council would like to thank John & Gina Logothetis of Omega Painting & Contracting, LLC., for giving our beloved Saint Demetrios Church a well needed fresh coat of paint. John & Gina graciously volunteered to take care of this task and they did a wonderful job.

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.

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 84 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 Dress Etiquette: With the warm weather quickly approaching, we would like to remind you that you are attending an Orthodox Christian Church and modesty and humility should always be in your forethought. Therefore, **shorts, flip-flops, spaghetti straps, short skirts, etc. are not acceptable**. Please remember that this is a House of God and dress accordingly.

Vacation Bible School: Mission to Mars: Register Today! Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held **August 26th - 30th**, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Ages 4 to 5th grade. Volunteers needed ~ to register please visit: vbspro.events/p/saintdemetrios19. Any questions please contact: Kelly MacDonnell at: 410.917.2992 or via email at: kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com.

50th Anniversary Golden Gala: Tickets are now available for the *St. Demetrios 50th Golden Gala* to be held on **Saturday, November 9th** 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 contacting Presvytera Alice 443.417.0975 (anoplos@comcast.net). Reserve your tables now! Seating will be limited!

Save the Date: St. Demetrios 50th Anniversary Luncheon on **Sunday, December 1st** 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 17th**, and will **NOT** be sold at the door, so make sure to purchase them prior to **November 17th!** More information to follow.

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 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 Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School 2019-2020 Teacher/Senior Staff Needed: (2) Positions in the Infant/Toddler Room ~ Senior Staff Qualified Hours: 8am-3pm (7 hours daily/ 35 hours weekly) & 1pm-6pm (5 hours daily / 25 hours weekly) Start Date: **Thursday, September 5, 2019** (Year-Round Position). (1) 2 year old Teacher: Hours: 8am-4pm (8 hours daily / 40 hours weekly) Start Date: **Wednesday, August 28, 2019** Requirements: 90 Hour Certificate (High School with student teaching) and / or Associates Degree in Early Education: (1) 3 year old Teacher ~ Hours: 8am-3pm (7 hours daily/ 35 hours weekly) Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Education or Bachelor's Degree. Requirements for ALL POSITIONS: We are seeking high energy, motivated individuals that will incorporate our Motto of Faith, Family and Education into their teaching practices. All applicants will be required to complete a medical report prior to employment (Office of Child Care).

Crusader Kids Summer Program ~ to be held at Saint Demetrios Church. Children 2 years to 5th grade is eligible to participate. Drop-In / Part-time / Full-time ~ hours of operation are 7:30am-5:30pm daily. Summer Program runs from July 22nd thru August 23rd. \$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.

Library News: July is a very holy month. Greece is celebrating the many religious holidays with special celebrations that last throughout the night. Some of the celebrated saints are St. Kyriake ~ July 7th, St. Nectarios ~ July 11th, St. Irene Chrysovalantou ~ July 28th, St. Panteleimon ~ July 27th. Come by the library and learn how to pray and party like a Greek before you take your trip to Greece. We will be open during the summer on most Sundays. If the Library is closed you can visit our Little Library and it is right outside next to our mailbox. How convenient is that? You just take a book and replace it with one of your books. Don't have a book, no worries take one anyway we have plenty to share.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday August 13th, 2019** at 9:00am in the library and book of choice is *Irena's Children* by Tilar Mazzeo. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some good socializing.

TEAM IOCC at the Baltimore Running Festival. Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Join the IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival on **October 19th** and help raise money for those in need of places like Ethiopia, Greece, Middle East and right here in the US!. Sign up to run in the full marathon, half marathon, team relay or 5K and receive a personal fundraising page, promotional materials, and additional incentives when you meet certain fundraising goals. (Sign up for the IOCC at ioccc.org/Baltimore). Make sure to also register for the race at www.thebaltimoremarathon.com. For more information, contact Presvytera Alice at 443.417.0975 or anoplos@comcast.net. **Join us and receive a TEAM IOCC t-shirt and additional benefits when you meet fundraising goals: \$500** ~ Receive a free participant goody bag with IOCC swag, **\$1,000** ~ Receive a framed keepsake print of people you've helped through IOCC, **\$2,500** ~ Receive a handcrafted item from a country where IOCC works.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS . . . Nikos Oikonomopoulos: Sunday, September 29th at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront ~ 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore. Doors open at 6pm. Show begins at 7:30pm. General tickets are now on sale 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; like us on Facebook @axioncharityevents.

Saint Demetrios, The Guys & Dolls Senior Social Group is sponsoring a bus trip to the *"Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre"* in Strasburg, PA. to see the live presentation of *"Jesus"* on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2019**. Bus leaves at 10:30am and returns at 7:30pm. Cost is \$115 per person which includes, Transportation, buffet lunch (Arthur's Terrace), reserved seats for the show, all taxes and trips, including the driver. Full payment is due by **September 3rd, 2019**. Make checks payable & mail to Despina Panageotou, 8614 Sherington Road, Nottingham, MD. 21236 or Irene Vavas, 9601 Amberleigh Lane, Unit N, Perry Hall, MD. 21128. For more information please contact Desi at 410.256.8593 / despian5@gmail.com or Irene at 410.529.2653 / imvavas@yahoo.com.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Saint Demetrios Scholarships: *"Give instructions to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding."* **Please make plans to join us on Sunday, July 28th, as we honor our Scholarship recipients.**

Daughters of Penelope: Two separate applications are being offered by the Daughters of Penelope, **Past President's Memorial Scholarship (for high school students), Cleo Cardiges Endowment Scholarship (for undergraduate college students)**. These applications are open to the women of the community who are recent high school graduates and in undergraduate programs. Pick-up an application from the Narthex Table. All applications must be post marked no later than **August 15th**.

ST. PHOTIOS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE ~ 2019 ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST: The Essay Contest Program is generously supported through the estate of Mrs. Katie D'Anna and AHEPA Socrate Chapter #6, located in Jacksonville, Florida. The St. Photios Foundation, Inc. invites all teenagers 13-19 years of age to submit a 1,000-word essay to the St. Photios Essay Committee to participate in the annual Essay Contest. Prizes are awarded to the top three essays: 1st place wins \$500; 2nd place wins \$250 and 3rd place wins \$100. The Committee accepts submissions through **January 6th, 2020**. The essays are judged by an independent panel. To learn more about this contest and for the essay topic please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table or visit our website: <http://www.stphotios.org/>

PHILOPTOCHOS

Collection of Back-to-School Supplies has begun and will continue through Mid-August. Supplies can be deposited in the Philoptochos blue bin in the church building during regular church office hours or on Sunday at Liturgy. On the Narthex table you will find a list of supplies that will be needed for the local schools. If you'd like more information, please contact Lisa Jones-Venetos, danskliese1@aol.com or Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458. Thank you for your generous donations!

KORITSIA

Farmer's Market: Every Sunday until **September 1st**, Burton Farms will be hosting a farmer's market on the upper parking lot of St. Demetrios from 11am-1pm. They will be selling seasonal produce including corn, tomatoes, zucchini, yellow and white squash, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, peaches etc. Payment for all purchases will be accepted in either cash or checks made out to Burton Farms. 10% of all proceeds will come back to St. Demetrios and be put towards the mortgage. Come enjoy fresh local produce and help the church!

Summer Restaurant Night #1: Saint Demetrios Summer Restaurant Nights ~ organized by the Koritsia. Eat at a local restaurant while helping to support our church! Pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table and show it to the restaurant and 25% of all proceeds will be donated back to Saint Demetrios. Our next restaurant night is: **Tuesday, July 23rd** from 11:00am to 10:00pm at **Bertucci's**, located at 9081 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia, MD. If ordering on-line, please select "Pay at Restaurant, present flyer when picking up your order to ensure Saint Demetrios receives your donation. Hope to see you there!

Summer Restaurant Night #2: Saint Demetrios Summer Restaurant Night at The All-American Steakhouse, 3615 E. Joppa Road, Perry Hall, MD. On **Monday, August 12th** from 4:00pm-9:00pm. The All-American Steakhouse will give back 10% of all the sales from Saint Demetrios Parishioners. Pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table and show it to the restaurant to ensure Saint Demetrios receives your donation.

FESTIVAL NEWS

St. Demetrios Greek Festival: **September 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th**. 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 drop off your items Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm or on Sundays. All items will be placed in the **computer lab**, which is located across the hall from the Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23rd ~ Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm
July 25th ~ Men's Basketball
July 26th ~ Exploring Greece, 9:30 am Kindergarten to 5th Grade
July 28th ~ Scholarship Sunday
July 29th ~ August 2nd ~ Crusader's Kids Summer Program, 7:30am
August 2nd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th & 14th ~ **Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm**
August 15th ~ **Dormition of the Theotokos 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

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$291,019	\$195,451	365
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$324,473	\$218,390	421

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, July 22nd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm	<u>Wednesday, July 24th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm	<u>Friday, July 26th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm Exploring Greece, 9:30am (Kindergarten to 5 th Grade)
<u>Tuesday, July 23rd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm Parish Council Mtg. 7pm (B)	<u>Thursday, July 25th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)	<u>Sunday, July 28th</u> <i>6th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am <i>Scholarship Sunday</i>

Summer is in full swing.

That means trips to new, exotic places or maybe trips to visit friends in old familiar places.

Either way, summer often means being away from home for some period of time,

and that means not being home for Sunday Liturgy.

So, what do you do when you're traveling on a Sunday?

It doesn't matter how you do it, just keep GOD in your summer plans!