

August 4, 2019

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

**The Epistle Reading** is Romans 15:1-7, The Gospel Reading is Matthew 9:27-35. These Readings may be found on pages 1305 and 1155 in the Holy Bible or on pages 73-75 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 86 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** The Seven Children of Ephesos: Maximilianus, Exakustodianus, Iamblichos, Martinianus, Dionysios, Antonius, and Constantine.

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

- Mrs. Mercina Belios, Peter and Karen Belios *in loving memory of* brother-in-law, and uncle Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- George, Vikki, Christina and Cina Makres *in loving memory of* their uncle Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Triandafilou Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Christine Triandafilou, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Agapaloglou & Libertini Families *in loving memory of* Konstantine Agapaloglou who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago.

**40-Day Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Voxakis will present their 1<sup>st</sup> child, for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Mary Karavedas

**Coffee Hour:** The Philoptochos will not be sponsoring or serving coffee during the remaining summer Sundays, with the exception of Memorial Sunday's.

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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.

**A Big Thank You:** Father Lou & the Parish Council would like to thank Paul Rizas and his company 20/20, for giving the outside of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church a well-deserved power wash. Paul Rizas and his company graciously volunteered to take care of this task and did a wonderful job. May God continue to bless them.

**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).

**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.

**Upcoming Recognition Sundays:** September 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 50 Years of Marriage; September 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Demetrios Pre-School & Day School; September 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Greek Festivals.

**Vacation Bible School: Mission to Mars:** Register Today! Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held **August 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers needed ~ to register please visit: [ybspro.events/p/saintdemetrios19](http://ybspro.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 contacting 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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible to participate. Drop-In / Part-time / Full-time ~ hours of operation are 7:30am-5:30pm daily. Summer Program runs from August 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Library News:** It is hard to believe that August is here and in 15 days we will be celebrating the Dormition of the Theotokos. We have many cookbooks for those who are fasting. We have many books about the Blessed Mother. We have a lot to offer whether you are vacationing in Greece or just want to find a good book. Don't have time to stop by the Library. No problem you can take a book from the Little Library. It is located right next to the mailbox. You simply take a book and give a book. Don't have a book no problem we have plenty to share.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at 9:00am-12pm 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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://ioccc.org/Baltimore)). Make sure to also register for the race at [www.thebaltimoremarathon.com](http://www.thebaltimoremarathon.com). For more information, contact Presvytera Alice at 443.417.0975 or [anoplos@comcast.net](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 tips, including the driver. Full payment is due by **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 / [desipan5@gmail.com](mailto:desipan5@gmail.com) or Irene at 410.529.2653 / [imvavas@gmail.com](mailto:imvavas@gmail.com).

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## **SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:danskliese1@aol.com) or Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458. Thank you for your generous donations!

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## **KORITSIA**

**Farmer's Market:** Every Sunday until **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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!

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## **FESTIVAL NEWS**

**Dolmades Making:** We will be making Dolmades on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please reach out to Maria Antonakas at 410-995-0353 to volunteer.

**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 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.

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## **VOICE OF THE MARTYRS**

A Great Way to Stand with Persecuted Christians this Summer! The Need Is Great: Voice of the Martyrs has shipped thousands of Action Packs to persecuted believers, and yet the need is far greater than we are fulfilling. Each Action Pack is filled with daily necessities like soap, blankets, bed sheets and clothes. With each pack, we also include a Bible. The Voice of the Martyrs is currently distributing Action Packs in countries where Christians lack basic necessities and where they suffer for their faith in Christ. You can either fill the Action Pack or have VOM fill a pack on your behalf. When you choose to fill an Action Pack, VOM will send you an Action Pack kit with all the information you need to fill your bag. You can then return it to VOM. We will then ship your Action Pack to the field where it will be given to a Christian family. When you choose to have VOM fill the Action Pack, we will purchase the daily necessities, fill the bag and then distribute it in the country where it's needed most. Visit our website: [https://www.persecution.com/actionpacks/?\\_source\\_code=EM19G5](https://www.persecution.com/actionpacks/?_source_code=EM19G5) for more information.

## 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	\$310,982	\$219,841	395
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$325,560	\$224,856	426

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program                      7:30am-5:30pm  <b>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Holy Transfiguration</b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program                      7:30am-5:30pm                      Women’s Basketball,                      7:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program                      7:30am-5:30pm  <b>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program                      7:30am-5:30pm                      Men’s Basketball,                      6:30pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Crusader Kids Summer Program                      7:30am-5:30pm                      Exploring Greece, 9:30am                      (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Philoptochos Oath-Of-Office                      Dolmades Making</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</i>  <b>Orthros, 9:00 am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b>                      Women’s Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> ~ **Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm**  
 August 5<sup>th</sup> ~ August 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Crusader’s Kids Summer Program, 7:30am  
 August 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Exploring Greece K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ 9:30am  
 August 13<sup>th</sup>~ Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am  
 August 15<sup>th</sup> ~ **Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy, 10:00am**  
 August 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Exploring Greece K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ 9:30am