

August 18, 2019

9th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is I Corinthians 3:9-17. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 14:22-34. These Readings may be found on pages 1309 and 1162 in the Holy Bible or on pages 77-78 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 89 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: Post-Koimisis; Martyrs Floros and Lavros; Righteous Sophronios, Barnabas and Christopher; Neomartyr Demetrios; Righteous Arsenios of Paros; Righteous Leon and Hermes, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Elaine, Sophia, Athena & Nicholas Sackleh *in honor of* husband and father Jerry, on the occasion of his birthday. May God grant him many blessings.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Children & Grandchildren of Basil & Margo Lambros wishing continued health & happiness from God on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Spicciati will present their 3rd 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 Ritsa Economakis.

Dormition of the Theotokos was prepared by Maria Andreyev, Maria Antonakas & Mary Tsakiris.

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos Ladies Society will resume sponsoring Memorial Coffee Hour September 8th, 2019.

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

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

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break and will resume on **Friday, October 11th at 9:30am** in the board room. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. 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 8th** 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 15th** at 9:55am.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table.

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 Center immediately following Divine Liturgy and hosted by the Koritsia. 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.

Library News: First we have Vacation Bible School on **August 26th-30th**. Don't forget to sign up for a fun week. The theme this year is *Mission to Mars* so make it your mission to check out your books. Then we have our Greek Festival in **September**. We have many books about our culture, food and religion. Don't have time to come to the Library no worries we have the Little Library. It is located in front of the church next to the mailbox. You take a book and replace it with one of your books. Don't have one to share no problem take one anyway we have plenty to share.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday September 10th, 2019** from 9:00am-12pm in the library. The book of choice is *A Place for Us* by *Nicholas Gage*. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to socialize.

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 **August 19th 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.

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 iocc.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.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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/>

GOYA

Early Bird GOYA Registration (Save \$10) & PARENT Orientation ~ Wednesday, August 28th ~ 6pm - 8pm. Important information regarding our GOYA program will be presented. **Registration is normally \$40 ~ On this night Registration will be \$30. According to the Archdiocese, to join GOYA, a child must be a least 13 years old OR 12 years old & in the 7th grade by September 1, 2019.** Basketball Practice: Girls 6pm-7:30 Boys 7:30pm-8:45. Players attending must be registered.

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars:

September 6th ~ 1st GOYA Meeting

September 14th ~ Our 7th Annual Shake It Up Basketball Tournament ("Getting along" games with GOYAns from our local Churches)

November 23rd ~ Our GOYA's 20th Annual Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church)

January 25th ~ Our 4th Annual Adult Basketball Tournament & Throwback Bull Roast/Dance Featuring the KOKO Brothers playing your favorite music from the 50's through the 90's (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church and securing a Bus for our GOYA Trip to Boston during Lent to visit The Holy Cross Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology)

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!

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.

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 tips, 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 / desipan5@gmail.com or Irene at 410.529.2653 / imvavas@gmail.com.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS . . . Nikos Oikonomopoulos: Sunday, September 29th at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront ~ 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD. 21202. Doors open at 6pm. Show begins at 7:30pm. Tickets on sale at DCGreeks.com or call 443.621.0587 / AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com; (all tickets include Lite Appetizers, Free Parking & Cash Bar). Proceeds to Benefit the Greek Orthodox Churches in the Baltimore Area. Like us on Facebook @axioncharityevents.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS BRINGS YOU . . . "Cruzin with the Greeks" on the Carnival Pride to the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands ~ Sailing 6/21 to 6/28/2020 from Baltimore, MD. Join us for a fun filled 7-day cruise with several planned events sponsored by Axion Charity Events. A \$50/per person deposit required to reserve your spot, with a \$250/per person deposit you can reserve a specific cabin. Contact Effie Karabelas at Going Places Travel Agency at [410.284.9200](tel:410.284.9200)/effie@goingplacesinc.com to pay your deposit or for more information.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

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 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 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 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

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$317,267	\$234,447	405
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$328,570	\$241,322	431

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, August 19th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, August 20th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, August 21st</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 22nd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, August 23rd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 7:30am-5:30pm Exploring Greece, 9:30am <i>(Kindergarten to 5th Grade)</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, August 25th</u> <i>10th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Hall Rental</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 19th ~ August 23rd ~ Crusader’s Kids Summer Program, 7:30am
- August 20th ~ Pre-School Ice Cream Social ~ 5:30-7:00pm
- August 23rd ~ Exploring Greece K-5th Grade ~ 9:30am
- August 28th ~ ***Beheading of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy, 10:00am***
- August 28th ~ GOYA Early Bird Registration & Orientation ~ 6:00pm
- September 6th ~ GOYA Meeting
- September 8th ~ Church School Registration ~ 9:55am
- September 9th ~ Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ 6:30pm
- September 10th ~ Book/Knitting Club ~ 9:30am
- September 10th ~ Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm
- September 14th ~ ***Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00am***
- September 14th ~ Shake It Up Tournament
- September 15th ~ Church School Begins ~ 9:55am