

May 3rd, 2015

Sunday of the Paralytic

The **Epistle Reading** is Acts 9:32-42. The **Gospel Reading** is John 5:1-15 These Readings may be found on pages 1271 & 1240 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 50-52 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Fourth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Paralytic, Martyrs Timothy and Mavra; Peter, Archbishop of Argos; Oikoumenios, Bishop of Tricca; Righteous Luke; Xenia of Kalamata.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* their daughter, Patricia Matos-Karavedas, on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many more.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Bill & Thorina Trintis and Pete & Sally Kootsikas *in honor of* their Koumbari, Manuel & Maria Antonakas, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Wishing you much love & happiness.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- The family of Yianni Liadakis for continued prayers for his *health & welfare* and wishing him a speedy recovery and safe travels.
- Mr. & Mrs. George Lambros & Mr. & Mrs. Steve Harris *in loving memory of* their mother, Katie Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vangie Demetrakis *in honor of* the birth of her great granddaughter Evie Grace Sidor. May God always shine his blessings on her.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy and served by Penny Makris, Jean Roussos & Carolyn VanRoden.

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

Divine Liturgy: On Thursday, May 21st we will celebrate the *Divine Liturgy of Saints Constantine & Helen* at 10:00am. Please come and join us.

Orthodox Studies: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us in the board room at 9:30am on Friday mornings. We are winding down for the summer; our final Orthodox Studies session will be Friday, May 29th. We will resume in the fall. For more information contact Kate at 410.692.7590.

Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy. Also, please join us at Coffee Hour downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10th. Please join us after Divine Liturgy on that day 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.

We Heard You!!! During Holy Week, especially on Holy Friday & Saturday evenings, we heard many beautiful and enthusiastic voices singing along with the Choir from the congregation pews. Every year we hear these beautiful voices sing during Holy Week, but then those voices are silent the rest of the year. It is time that you brought that God given gift to share during the Divine Liturgy. Some of you say, "I really love to sing but my voice is not that good." ***IF GOD GAVE IT TO YOU, IT IS GOOD ENOUGH TO SING PRAISES TO HIM ON SUNDAYS!!!*** So, I want to tell you that this is the best time to join the Saint Demetrios Choir, and we hope that you will! All are welcome!! No experience necessary!! We rehearse every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. So come and share in our musical fellowship, in fact, bring a friend. For questions or more information, please call Jennie at 410.256.2143.

Email Records: We are updating our email records in the Church Office. Please give us your preferred email by dropping it off to the office, calling the office or better yet email to saintdemetrios@comcast.net. This will not be shared and will only be used for church-related communications. Thank you.

Moving? Please help us reduce the costs and update our database. Please provide us with your updated information by calling the Church Office at 410.661.1090 or via email at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

One-Call: We have a system here at Saint Demetrios that notifies its parishioners when there is an upcoming event, a date or time change, or a cancellation (due to inclement weather, etc.). This system is called **The One Call** or **Robo-Call**. If you do not receive these automated phone calls and you would like to be added to the list, please email your name, address and phone number to Mark Alberding at alberding@comcast.net.

Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th 9am-12pm Saint Demetrios Church, \$20 per child. Register online <https://www.groupvbbspro.com/vbs/hl/stdemetrios2015/gpgs/home.aspx> or return completed registration forms (include checks payable to Saint Demetrios Church memo VBS) to Kelly MacDonnell, 9404 Good Spring Drive, Perry Hall, MD 21128 or during Church Coffee Hour. For more information or questions call Kelly at 410.256.4487.

CHESAPEAKE YOUTH COUNCIL: It's time to begin making your plans for the Chesapeake Youth Council (CYC) Summer Camp. CYC registration packets can be found on the Narthex Table. Camp dates are July 20th - 24th, 2015. **Reserve the dates now.** Camp fills up quickly. Don't be left behind. All documents & payment must be received no later than July 10th. The fee for the child(ren) of a parishioner in good standing for a one week session at camp is \$495 per child. **Early bird special is offered for \$425, and payment must be received by May 15th, 2015. There are no exceptions!** For additional information contact Father Dean Moralis, 410.727.1831 or Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

The AHEPA Worthington Chapter #30, and the Daughters of Penelope Alcmene Chapter #27, will host the annual District 3 Convention in Baltimore from May 15-17, 2015. This is the first time we will be including District 4 Chapters from Pennsylvania, in addition to our own District 3 Chapters from Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina. This is a great opportunity for AHEPANs, Maids of Athena, Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles to become re-engaged in Hellenic life and the positive impact they make on our community and our culture. Activities will include a crab feast at Jimmy's Seafood May 15th and a banquet at Columbus Gardens on May 16th. For details, call Peter Sourlis, 410.967.0053 or Bill Bond 410.913.2350.

Bulletin Deadline: Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles is on Wednesdays at 3:00pm. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you

The Spirit: If you have any information that you would like to share with the community, please send, via email to: saintdemetrios@comcast.net. The deadline has been extended to **Friday, May 8th**.

Email Bulletin: If you wish to receive the weekly church bulletin via: email, please send us an email at (saintdemetrios@comcast.net), stating your request and we will add you to the list of recipients.

Library News: Graduations, weddings, vacations are coming at us very quickly. Our library has a lot to offer. We have books that give marriage tips and interfaith books. We have cookbooks or CD's for your vacation/honeymoon to Greece. We have so much to offer. Stop in on your way to coffee hour for a visit. We are looking for new faces to assist in the library.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.458.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2015 scholarship, ***application packets are now available and can be found on the Narthex table or by contacting the Church office at 410.661.1090. All applications must be postmarked by June 3rd, 2015.*** PLEASE NOTE: A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance/of good standing, and recommendations from the Parish Priest and **two faculty members under whom you have studied** must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted. *Scholarship Sunday will be July 19th, 2015.*

United Chios Societies of Baltimore Scholarship: For over 50 years the United Chios Societies of Baltimore has awarded scholarships to young people within our community. Selection is determined by scholastic achievement and financial need. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of church affiliation or regional heritage. Stop by the Narthex table and pick-up an application. Application deadline is **July 19th, 2015.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 10th
Mother-of-the-Year ~ Sunday, May 10th
Holy Ascension ~ May 21st
Sts. Constantine & Helen Divine Liturgy ~ May 21st @ 10:00 am
Memorial Day ~ May 25th (Office & Pre-School Closed)
Saturday of Souls ~ May 30th
Holy Pentecost Sunday ~ May 31st

St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival: Please join us on May 15th, 16th & 17th, 2015 for our Greek Festival. Come enjoy all your favorite foods, drinks, pastries, music and shops. The festival hours are 11:00am to 9:00pm on Friday & Saturday and 11:00am to 7:00pm on Sunday. The Festival-After-Hour Party ~ Greek Taverna Night will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00pm to 2:00 am the price is \$20, which includes a free drink. Visit our outdoor Gyro / Souvlakia Stand. Our address is: 7101 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD. 20706, please feel free to contact us at 301.552.3540 or visit our website www.sttheodores.org.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: "TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE"

If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the *Pangari*. For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes can also be found at the *Pangari*

Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask you to include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Are you actively serving God and sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before use. 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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$294,745	\$155,287	426
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$279,089	\$133,753	363

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, May 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School, 9:00 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (A) Parish Council Exec. Board Mtg., 7:00 pm (B) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (A) GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G) Demetrakia Dance 1 & 3, 7:00 pm (C)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, May 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School Co-Op End-of-Year Program, (H/G & C) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, May 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B) Sweet Adelines Tea Set-Up, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, May 9th</u> Sweet Adelines Tea (H/G) GOYA Soccer Tournament, (Soccer Field)</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 10th</u> <i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Mother-of-the-Year</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Church School, 9:55 am</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Calling all dads. Mother's Day is the perfect time to show your wife how much you appreciate her. Start by cooking a delicious meal or two! There are plenty of recipes to try in our latest cookbook, Kali Orexi IV, \$20 each. And don't forget a nice Kali Orexi apron, \$15 each, to keep yourself tidy. Stop by to see us in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or call Mary Triandafilou at [410.528.1589](tel:410.528.1589). You'll be glad you did!



Graduate Sunday Booklet information needed ~ Reminder to those with upcoming spring graduations. The Ladies Philoptochos Society is putting together the booklet recognizing our graduating class of 2015 (high school, college and advanced degree candidates included) for Graduate Sunday to be held on **Sunday, June 14th**. Graduate Letter and Biography Forms are on the Narthex Table. Please complete form and return to Church no later than **Sunday, May 24th**. For questions, please contact Jean Sfikas at j.sfika@comcast.net



Save the dates! Philoptochos Board Elections will be held at the next General Meeting ~ **Tuesday, May 19th**. To round out the year the 'Step Into Summer' end of season dinner will be held **Tuesday, June 23rd** at Sparrows Point Country Club. Summer collection of school supplies begins in **June - August 23rd**. Watch for more details about these activities and plan to join in the fun and friendship.



****Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero ~** We are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. Each Philoptochos member is asked to contribute \$100 per person, in a single check or over the course of several months, whichever fits your budget. Your contribution will help to achieve a total Philoptochos commitment of more \$2 million towards this worthy project. Please direct your donation to 'Saint Demetrios Philoptochos' and specify in the memo line 'Saint Nicholas Shrine'. For questions about this initiative, please contact Margo Lambros. Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be the only religious structure at Ground Zero and it will be ORTHODOX. Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this important Christian Orthodox project!

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society
presents

A BIG FAT GREEK BINGO NIGHT

to benefit the the many
charities of the
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Friday, May 15, 2015
Hermes Rafailides Center at Saint Demetrios
2504 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, MD. 21234

Tickets are \$15 in advance; or \$20 at the door
Doors open at 6pm; First game begins at 7pm
Refreshments will be available
Extra cards and special games will be available

Join us for a fun evening
and win great prizes for all

For tickets,
please call the office at 410-661-1090

