May 31st, 2015 Holy Pentecost

The **Epistle Reading** is Acts 2:1-11. **The Gospel Reading** is John 7:37-52; 8:12. These Readings may be found on pages 1262 & 1244 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 62-64 in the **Divine Liturgy Book.**

Today we remember: Eighth Sunday of the Paschal Season, Pentecost, Hermeias, of the 70 Apostles; Eusebios, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

• Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in honor of* her grandson & their nephew, Jimmy Garcia, on the occasion of his high school graduation from Harford Christian School. May God Bless him as he continues his educational journey.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Martha Sinis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Stamatios, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Gus Stamatopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* his brother, John Stamatopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas & Aristea Daniels.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Philoptochos Ladies Society and served by Athena Garcia and Diana Zamaria.

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

Holy Pentecost ~ May 31^{st.} The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Paschal (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrated the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. To read the entire biblical story, please visit the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's website at: www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost/index_html

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break, we will resume in the fall. See you in Church! For more information contact Kate at 410.692.7590.

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.

Orthodox Christian Network offers "The Children's World" ~ The Children's World is a weekly Sunday bulletin for Orthodox Christian young people. Each issue includes a message on the Sunday Gospel lesson and on one of the saints for the week. You'll also find a coloring page and other activities. It is designed for an 8.5 x 14 page, and it can be downloaded and printed. Check it out: http://myocn.net/orthodox-christian-news/orthodox-christian-childrens-newsletter

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.groupvbspro.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. For additional information contact Father Dean Moralis, 410.727.1831 or Kate Cocoros at 410.692.7590.

Bulletin Deadline: Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles this week is on **Tuesday on/or before 12:00pm**. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you.

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 & 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.

GOYA will be accepting registrations throughout the summer for the 2015-2016 GOYA calendar year. To join our GOYA, the child's family must be members in good standing here at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, the child must be at least 13 years old or older, or be 12 and in the 7th grade as of September 1st, 2015. Please email <u>paulrizas.saintdemetriosgoya@gmail.com</u> for a registration form.

Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Festival: Join us the weekend of June 5th, 6th & 7th, 2015 at The John Carroll School, 703 E. Churchville Road in Bel Air, Maryland as we host the annual Greek Festival. Come out and enjoy our greek food, desserts, music, amusements for the children and vendors. Free Admission and Free On-Site Parking. Our festival will be held rain or shine. For more information please call 410.826.9754 or check out our website: www.stsmm.org. Hope to see you at the Festival.

St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival: Join us the weekend of June 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th, 2015 at Saint Nicholas' Annual Greek Folk Festival, to be held at Greektown Square & Events Center, located at 701 S. Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. Come out and enjoy four days of non-stop greek fun! Indulge in authentic greek food while enjoying live music & dancing. There's something for everyone . . . kid's zone (featuring Arts & Crafts & Kiddie Rides); regional greek dance troupe performances; greek wine & beer; homemade desserts, baklava & loukoumades; fire roasted lamb souvlaki & gyro; and for the first time ever a Vegan Kitchen. Eat, Drink & Dance Under the Stars. Free Admission & Parking. For more information visit our website: GreekFolkFestival.org or call the church office at 410.663.5020. Make plans to join us. Rain or Shine.







Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.458.1589 or https://linear.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, 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.**

Daughters of Penelope Scholarship: There are three separate scholarships being offered by the Daughters of Penelope, these applications are open to the young women of the community who are recent high school graduates and/or in undergraduate programs. If you are interested in applying, please pick up a scholarship packet from the Narthex Table. Please be advised that the deadline for accepting applications is **June 30th, 2015.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ June 1st @ 7:00 pm Pre-School Last Day ~ June 3rd Apostles Fast Begins ~ June 8th Philoptochos Chapter Challenge ~ June 10th @ 6:30 pm Flag Day ~ June 14th Memorial Sunday ~ June 14th Vacation Bible School Meeting ~ June 15th @ 6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting ~ June 16th @ 7:00 pm Scholarship Committee Meeting ~ June 17th @ 6:30pm Festival Meeting ~ June 17th @ 7:00 pm Father's Day ~ June 21st Vacation Bible School ~ June 22nd thru June 26th Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner ~ June 23rd @ 6:00 pm Nativity of John the Baptist ~ June 24th GOYA End-of-Year Party ~ June 26th Graduate Sunday ~ June 28th Synaxis of the Holy Apostles ~ June 29th

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

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today 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 join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafalides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

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 comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church. ~ *Fr. Anthony Coniaris*

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$302,551	\$180,645	437
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$285,854	\$156,276	379

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, June 1st	Wednesday, June 3 rd	Saturday, June 6 th
Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)	Pre-School Graduation, 8:45 am (C)	GOYA Boys Basketball, 8:00 am (H/G)
Parish Council Executive	GOYA Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G)	
Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)		Sunday, June 7 th
Sweet Adelines (H/G)	Thursday, June 4 th	All Saints Sunday
	Men's Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G)	Orthros, 9:00 am
Tuesday, June 2 nd		Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)		

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

'Step Into Summer' end of season celebration honoring the Mother and Father of the Year and recognizing the supportive efforts of the Philoptochos members, will be held Tuesday, June 23rd at Sparrows Point Country Club. Festivities will begin at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$35. Contact co-chairs: Kitsa Padousis 410.687.2318, Georgia Vavas 410.583.0068, or Stephanie Apostolou 410.340.6300. Plan to join in the fun and friendship.

Ronald McDonald House Dinner Visit, Monday, June 8th. This month the Ronald McDonald House dinner crew will be serving up 'Summer Grillin'. If you would like to contribute a menu item (hot dogs, burgers, buns, salads, drinks, fruit, dessert) or if you are able to join us that evening to help at the grill and to serve, please call Mary Tsakiris 410.592.7319 or Renee Papavasiliou 410.529.9378.

Do you have a computer you are no longer using? Is your company upgrading the computers or laptops for the employees? If the answer is YES, then we can help recycle computer hard drives, monitors, keyboards and laptops. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Chapter is linking computer access and literacy to the underprivileged of the Baltimore metropolitan area. We have teamed up with Project Reboot and Baltimore social service agencies - connecting eligible families with low cost computers from Project Reboot, a non-profit organization that refurbishes unwanted computers and sells them to qualified parents, students, and single people seeking to better their lives in today's world of technology. Drop off your unwanted computer monitors keyboards, cords, hard drives and laptops in the Philoptochos Blue Bin. For more information on how you can help with this project, please attend our next Chapter Challenge meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room or contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589 or Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458.

Summer School Supplies Collection ~ It's that time of year to be on the watch for school supply sales over the summer. We will once again assist students in need, by filling backpacks with the required supplies to begin a new school year in September, just a few short months away. Flyers with a more complete list of supplies needed, is available on the Narthex table or contact Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458. We ask you drop off your school supply donations throughout the summer in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building.

Liven up your graduation parties and summer barbecues with new recipes from our latest cookbook, Kali Orexi IV. Ever grill cabbage with bacon, butter, and parmesan? WOW! Try "My Favorite Crunchy Salad" with a flavorful tahini dressing or Broccoli with Greek olives or Greek Roasted Potato Salad? The list goes on so pick up your copy of Kali Orexi IV cookbook, \$20 each, and perk up your picnic! To keep yourself tidy during those wild grilling sessions, don't forget to pick up a Kali Orexi apron, \$15 each. See us in the Hermes Rafailides Center during coffee hour or contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589. You'll be glad you did!

**Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center ~ Collection of donations will continue through the summer as we are halfway to our commitment of \$11,700 and are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. It is not too late to contribute. Let's have a great response for the July 15th, 2015 report. For questions or information call Margo Lambros, 410.465.0371.

Tickets for the Saint Demetrios Community are now available and going fast!

Stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase your tickets for today's performance!

Orchestra Seating \$150; Front Promenade Seating \$85; Rear Promenade Seating \$65; Mezzanine Seating \$40.

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