

July 12, 2015

6th Sunday of Matthew

The **Epistle Reading** is Romans 12:6-14. The **Gospel Reading** is Matthew 9:1-8. These Readings may be found on pages 1304 & 1154 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 62-73 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 85 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 62-67.

Today we remember: Martyrs Proklos and Hilarion; Righteous Veronica, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in loving memory of* Father Lou's mother, Catherine Noplos, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Mr. & Mrs. George Chrisovergis *in loving memory of* Catherine Noplos, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Col. & Mrs. John Gavrilis *in loving memory of* Catherine Noplos, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Soula Athas *in loving memory of* her husband, Michael Athas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George Athas & Family and John Athas & Family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Michael Athas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Georgia Eliopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, James Eliopoulos. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Georgia Eliopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* parents & grandparents, Nicholas & Eugenia Courtalis. May their memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Georgia Eliopoulos *in loving memory of* her brothers Pete & Gus Courtalis and her niece, Gina Courtalis. May their memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas & Alex Levas *in loving memory of* her son & his brother, John Levas, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas & Alex Levas *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Mathildi Zografos, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago and *in loving memory of* husband & father, Constantine Levas, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis *in loving memory of* their son, Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Elias Rallis, brother, Tony and nieces, Maria & Jeannette *in loving memory of* Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Bessie Makris & Family *in loving memory of* her nephew & cousin, Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mihail & Penny Makres *in loving memory of* their godson & nephew, Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam & Eva Macris *in loving memory of* their nephew Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

- Mrs. Bessie Makris & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father and grandfather, Peter Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Stergos & Lucy Kosmos *in loving memory of* their cousin, Raja, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 23rd in New South Wales, Australia. May her memory be eternal.
- Col. & Mrs. John Gavrilis *beseaching Gods' blessing* on the occasion of the birth of their grandson, John Paul Oliphant.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* John Levas, Mathildi Zografos, Constantine Levas and Anastasios "Andy" Rallis. May their 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, except for Memorial family requests. If another ministry would like to sponsor coffee hour, please contact the church office.

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

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. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari. We look forward to hearing everyone "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord."

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:00pm in the board room.

Scholarship Sunday: Sunday, July 19th is Scholarship Sunday and we will present the scholarships directly to the recipients. We wish to thank all scholarship donors and ask God to bless them for their generosity.

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>

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 13 or older, or be 12 and in the 7th grade as of September 1st, 2015. Please email paulrizas.saintdemetriosgoya@gmail.com for a registration form.

The Parish of Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella invites everyone to join us in a celebration for our Patron Saints on July 26th from 1:00-5:00 pm on the church grounds. Food, drinks and desserts will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Fotini Kaminaris 443.463.6458 or Stanley Giannas 443.567.1628. Please join us.

God Never Takes A Vacation: It's so easy to get caught up in our vacation plans and grow lazy in our church attendance and spiritual life during the summer months. God never goes on vacation and we shouldn't find excuses to take a vacation from church. The church feels a financial strain during the summer months with lower attendance. Please don't take a vacation from your monthly Stewardship commitment. Thank you to all of those who are faithfully fulfilling their pledge to the church.

**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 Rafailides 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.

We are Stewards of the love, authority, trust and respect that exist among members of the family. Unlike material possessions, these are not diminished by use. But, if mishandled, they can be lost. Once they are lost, they are most difficult to recover.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$311,557	\$206,345	448
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$292,309	\$186,130	389

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, July 13th</u> Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 14th</u> GOYA Soccer, (Field)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 15th</u> GOYA Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 16th</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, July 18th</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, July 19th</u> <i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> <i>Scholarship Sunday</i></p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



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. A sample of supplies needed: 50 Backpacks; Binder Divider Tab Sets (5 tab set); pocket folders ~ red, blue; black marble composition notebooks; 2" binders; loose leaf paper; rulers; #2 pencils and pencil cap erasers; colored pencils; washable colored markers; yellow highlighters; lunchbox; pencil box/zippered pencil pouch; box (24) crayons; red pens; glue sticks; scissors; Clorox cleanup wipes; Kleenex tissues; quart size baggies. 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.



Do you have a computer in working order 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 working 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 and working computer monitors keyboards, cords, hard drives and laptops in the Philoptochos Blue Bin. For more information on how you can help with this project, contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.



Macy's "Shop For A Cause" ~ Our Philoptochos is partnering again this year with Macy's "Shop For A Cause" charity event. We will be selling savings passes to this event, which will take place on **Saturday, August 29th** at each Macy store throughout the country. "Shop For A Cause" on **Saturday, August 29th, 2015**, you'll receive 25% off* on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, including designer brands you love, throughout the store, as well as 10% off electronics, furniture, mattresses and area rugs. And, you will be eligible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary. We were able to generate over \$1500 the last few years from this event, which helped fund our various outreach programs, as well as the Benevolent and Emergency Funds. Tickets are \$5 each and Philoptochos will keep 100% of the proceeds. They are available by contacting Violette Cocoros at 410-256-6283. Buy savings passes for your family and friends to use...good at all Macy's stores throughout the United States!



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center ~ Thank you to all who have given generously to the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at the World Trade Center in NYC. 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 Philoptochos chapter members, family and friends. It is not too late to contribute. Let's continue with the generous and supportive response for the **July 15th, 2015 report. For questions or information call Margo Lambros, 410.465.0371.

FESTIVAL CORNER

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios' Greek Festival is just around the corner ~ September 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Please mark your calendars.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers.

Dolmades ~ Check back for information on making dolmades.

Moussaka ~ We will be making Moussaka on August 18th, 19th & 20th. If you wish to help, please contact Sophia Vendelis at 410.252.9062.

Kitchen ~ If you wish to help in the kitchen during the festival, please contact Smaro Cook at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or 410.342.1000.

Festival Committee: We are looking for volunteer help with several booths. We need someone to take charge of the kitchen. Please contact Smaro Cook at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or 410-342-1000 as soon as possible. Thank you for any help you can provide. Our next committee meeting is **Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm.**

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the old narthex of the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm.

Festival Ad Book: Make your business shine with an ad in the 41st Annual Greek Festival ad book. To place an ad in this year's Ad Book please contact Presvytera Alice at anoplos@comcast.net.

Festival Silent Auction: Items are now being accepted for the festival silent auction. Please consider donating a new item by contacting Presvytera Alice at anoplos@comcast.net.

Barely Worn Clothes Booth: We are accepting donations for our Barely Worn Clothes Booth. All donations can be placed in the old narthex of the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Demetrakia I performs at St. George's Festival in Ocean City, July 12th & 13th

Sweet Adelines, July 14th, 20th & 27th

GOYA Basketball, July 15th, 22nd & 29th at 6:00 pm

Men's Basketball, July 16th, 23rd & 30th at 6:30pm

Festival Meetings, July 22nd at 7:00 pm

Scholarship Sunday, July 19th, following Divine Liturgy

CYC Camp, July 20th thru July 24th

SAVE THE DATE

*The Saint Demetrios Music Ministry
will sponsor An Orthodox Celebration:
A journey through Worship Music, Iconography &
Instrumental Music
for adults & children ages 5 and up.*

*This event will be held on
Tuesday, August 18th & Wednesday, August 19th
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon*

*Join Jennie Kegel and Tina Pedrick
for mornings of Orthodox Fellowship.*

*This Music Ministry is free to all.
More information and registration sheets to come!*

