

June 19th, 2016

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 on pages 62-64 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Eighth Sunday of the Paschal Season, Pentecost; Holymartyr and Apostle Jude, Brother of God, of the Twelve Apostles; Righteous Paisios the Great; Righteous Zenon; Zosimos, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Regis & Jennie Kegel *in honor of* her sister, Alice West and her husband Bob, *on the occasion of* the birth of their Great-Grandson, Xander.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Voula Stamas & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Nicholas Stamas, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Daughters, Joanne, Stefany & Paula *in loving memory of* our wonderful father, John Skleres, Jr., on Father's Day.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamondo Sargianis.

Coffee Hour: All are welcome to attend the Philoptochos Father's Day Luncheon in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following Divine Liturgy. Coffee hour is being sponsored & served by the Ladies of Philoptochos *in honor of* Father of the Year.

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

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.

Holy Pentecost ~ June 19th. 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.

Congregational Singing: On **Sunday, June 26th** we will begin 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."

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.

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 the Coffee Hour downstairs in the Hermes Rafailides Center after the liturgy.

Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero: We have had a great beginning, as of today we have collected **\$5,245**, towards our committed gift of \$10,000 for the re-building of Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. We are appealing to each family of our parish to give a gift of \$50. Please consider joining us in assisting our sister church. Make your check payable to Saint Demetrios, memo it as "SNS" and return in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or bring it to the church. We thank you for helping to re-build the only church that was destroyed on 9/11.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay (formerly CYC): Will take place **July 18th-22nd** at scenic Camp-Wo-Me-To in Jarrettsville, MD., additionally, Day Camp will be held on **Thursday, July 21st** for children between the ages of 5-7. Register online at goannun.org, click on 2016 Summer Camp. Don't delay space is limited & camp fills up quickly! For more information, pick-up a flier from the Narthex table or contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

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.

Library News: Everyone says that February is the month for love, but I think June is also the month of Love. There are a lot of June brides during this month. Getting married? We have lots of books on the Orthodox faith and interfaith relationships. We have Greek cookbooks that will make your mother-in-law ask you for your recipes and make her proud of her new daughter-in-law. Going on a honeymoon to Greece, we can take care of that with our many books and CD's of Greece. Our library has many things to offer for everyone of all ages. Please don't forget this year the Vacation Bible School is going to come to the library, as one of their many adventures. We have a reading list for the children. Stop by the library and pick one up. The library will be open on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of July and August. If you need something on a Sunday and we are closed you can contact Mary Tsakiris at 410.245.1291 and I will be happy to make arrangements with you.

The Book & Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th, 2016** at 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Library. The book of choice is *The Life We Bury* by *Allen Eskens*. All are welcomed ~ knitters, those who sew or crochet, or if you would like to come and shoot the breeze you are welcomed.

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 saintdemetrius@comcast.net.

Cave Quest ~ Vacation Bible School June 20th - 24th 9am-12pm Saint Demetrius Church, \$20 per child. This summer at Cave Quest VBS, kids will go on an over-the-top underground adventure where they'll discover Jesus can be their trusted guiding light through life! Be a part of Vacation Bible School at Saint Demetrius. It's an adventure that'll help *everyone* involved to begin or grow in their relationship with Jesus! Register online <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stdemetrios2015/gpgs/home.aspx> or return completed registration forms (include checks payable to Saint Demetrius 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 410.917.2992.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Saint Demetrius Scholarships: *“Give instructions to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.” Please make plans to join us on Sunday, August 7th, 2016 as we honor our Scholarship recipients*

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 30, 2016**.

The Ladies Panchian Society “Chios” is offering scholarships. 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 **Friday, July 8th, 2016**. The scholarships will be awarded on **July 17th, 2016** at Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Perdika Stroumbis 410.327.8234.

United Chios Societies of Baltimore Scholarship: For over 50 years the United Chios Societies of Baltimore have 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 17th, 2016**.

27th Annual Greek Festival: St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean City, Maryland will be hosting their 27th Annual Greek Festival the weekend of **July 29th – August 1st** at the beautiful Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 41st & Coastal Highway. Fun for the whole family ~ All your favorite Greek Dishes & Desserts. Live Greek Music by The Golden Flames and don't miss the Folk Dancing Performances. So, if you are in Ocean City stop on by, we'd love to see you. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.stgeorgebythesea.org/greek-festival>.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Step-Fathers in our community. Everyone is invited to the Philoptochos Annual Father's Day Lunch and Coffee Hour in honor of all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Step-Fathers.

FAMILY NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS: Join us in the St Demetrio's Section on August 19th to watch the Orioles take on the Houston Astros. Stay in your seat afterwards for a spectacular fireworks display that is included in our ticket price. Our seats are great for both the game and the fireworks. Section 66 in the lower level, each ticket is \$33. Please contact Lisa Jones Venetos (410-529-9428) to reserve your seats Before July 25th to ensure you are with the group!

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 August, just a few short months away. A sample of supplies needed: 60 Backpacks; pocket folders - red, blue; black marble composition notebooks; loose leaf paper; rulers; #2 pencils and pencil cap erasers; colored pencils; 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 list of supplies needed is available on the Narthex table or contact Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Lisa Jones Venetos (410-529-9428). We ask you drop off your school supply donations throughout the summer to the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase needed supplies. Mail check to the church and make checks payable to Philoptochos, Attention: Elaine/Backpack Project and note on the check memo line 'backpack program'.

Chapter Challenge/Project Reboot: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner ~ June 20th

Vacation Bible School ~ June 20th – 24th ~ 9am-12pm

Scholarship Committee Meeting ~ June 23rd

GOYA End-of-Year Party ~ June 24th

GOYA End-of-Year Trip ~ June 28th & 29th

4th of July ~ Office Closed

Scholarship Sunday ~ August 7th

A Journey through Worship Music & Iconography ~ August 16th & 17th

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 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.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$292,044	\$175,475	387
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$294,808	\$184,957	383

*In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, June 20th</u> Summer Begins Vacation Bible School, 9:00am (H/G) Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner, (Bowman Restaurant), 6:00pm Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 21st</u> Vacation Bible School, 9:00am (H/G) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, June 22nd</u> Vacation Bible School, 9:00am (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, June 23rd</u> Vacation Bible School, 9:00am (H/G) Scholarship Committee Mtg., 6:00pm (O)</p> <p><u>Friday, June 24th</u> Vacation Bible School, 9:00am (H/G) GOYA End-of-Year Party, 5:30pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, June 26th</u> <i>All Saints</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></p>
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