

April 30, 2017

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 6:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Mark 15:43-16:8. These Readings may be found on pages 1266 & 1199 in the Holy Bible or on pages 48-50 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: *Third Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Myrrh Bearing Women*, Apostle James of the Twelve Apostles, Son of Zebedaios; Donatos, Bishop of Evroia; Argyre, Neomartyr; Righteous Clement.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makris *in honor of* their grandsons, Christopher & Peter Makres, on the occasion of their "Special" birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* Niki Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vasilios Pikounis, Konstantinos Pikounis, Stamatia Diane Mecham, Socrates Pikounis and their families *in loving memory of* their beloved mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Elaine Pikounis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Angelos & Apostolo Families *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Fannie Angelos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Angela P. Joiner *in loving memory of* her beloved sister, Demetra P. Wilhelm, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago, on Good Friday. May her memory be forever eternal.
- Savvas, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Anastasia Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Niki Pappas, Elaine Pikounis, Fannie Angelos, Demetra P. Wilhelm & Anastasia Tsakiris. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas & Christoula Kakavas Kucharski

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the coffee hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center, directly following the Divine Liturgy. Coffee hour is sponsored and served by the Saint Demetrios GOYAn's.

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: Christos Anesti! Learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Please join us this **Friday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m.** in the board room. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Church School Graduation (Apofitisi): Due to a scheduling conflict Church School graduation **will not** be held on **Sunday, May 14th**. New date for graduation will be **Sunday, May 21st**.

It's a Celebration! - Save the Date: On **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**, we will have a celebratory Coffee Hour *in honor of* Fr. Lou and his 35th Anniversary of his Ordination (and also his birthday). Please plan to join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly after the Divine Liturgy to offer your congratulations. All are invited to attend. Anyone interested in helping please contact Jennie Kegel at 410-256-2143 or [jccocorosk@aol.com](mailto:jcocorosk@aol.com).

The Koritsia of St. Demetrios is a growing ministry of young women working to build community and to financially support our church. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please join us for a meeting on **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**, directly after Divine Liturgy. Please contact Simone Volikas (strintis@hotmail.com) for more information.

Mother's Day Brunch: GOYA will be hosting their traditional Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 14th**. 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.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. A special planning meeting to establish the committee and lay the groundwork for a multitude of celebratory plans will take place on **Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Board Room. We need you...Hearts and Hands Together... to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at [410-529-5927](tel:410-529-5927) or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Make Fun Factory VBS Sign up NOW! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a> ~ **June 19th to 23rd** 9am-12 pm. All children 4yrs.-12yrs. welcome. Cost per participant is \$20 (before June 1st) \$25 (after June 1st) Checks made payable to Saint Demetrios Church. Please log on to sign up for participating/volunteering. Please contact Kelly MacDonnell (kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) for more information.

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date: **July 17th - 21st**. Stay tuned for more details, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

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

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or saintdemetrios@comcast.net. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. **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. All applications must be **postmarked or hand delivered** to the Church office by **June 5th, 2017**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2017** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 30th, 2017**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Order of AHEPA ~ Worthington Chapter #30: Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2017-2018 are now available. Stop by the Narthex table and pick up an application. The application must be post-marked no later than **June 30th, 2017**.

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 16th, 2017**.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting: **Monday, May 1st** at 6:30pm

Philoptochos General Meeting and elections: **Monday, May 15th** 6:30pm. If you are running for the board you must be present at the meeting.

Bingo: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night.... Join us on **Friday, May 5th** (doors open at 6pm) for a fun evening and win great prizes such as Vera Bradley, Longaberger Baskets, Ravens items and much more. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House and the many charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410-245-1291.

End of year Dinner: Join us as we bring the year to an end and celebrate our Mother and Father of the year at the Bowman Restaurant on **June 20th** at 6:00pm. The Bowman is located at 9306 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234. We will have dinner on the first floor, Main Dining room. Please contact Georgia Vavas (410-583-0068 / gvavas@comcast.net) or Angela Koursoutis at 410-825-2765 to make your reservation. See Georgia or Angela at coffee hour after Liturgy to purchase tickets, which are \$25.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by **June 11th**.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 1st, 2017. The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc., is hosting a trip to Onassis Cultural Center, NYC, to view the exhibit "A World of Emotions: Ancient Greece 700 B.C. – 200 A.D." View more than 130 masterpieces from leading museums, including the Louvre, the British Museum and the Vatican Museums. The price \$130 per person, includes bus transportation, a docent tour and a three-course dinner at the Fig and Olive Restaurant. Museum entry is free. For reservation and information, contact George Lintzeris at 410.235.1696 or petrafineart@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos Basket Bingo ~ **May 5th @ 6:00pm**
 Coffee Hour *in honor of* Father Lou's 35th Anniversary of his Ordination (and his birthday) ~ **May 7th**
 Beauty & The Beast Video Viewing ~ **May 12th @ 6:30pm**
 Church School Graduation ~ **May 21st**
 Greek School Graduation ~ **May 24th**
Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy ~ **May 25th @ 10:00am**
Memorial Day ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ **May 29th**

PARISH DIRECTORY

IF YOU HAVEN'T RETURNED YOUR PARISH DIRECTORY FORM, PLEASE DO SO, ON/OR BEFORE MAY 5th (Extended Deadline)!!
YOUR INFORMATION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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 (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door. Please also join us downstairs in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy.

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 God that He will be 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 in light of 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
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$271,119	\$136,522	353
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$273,183	\$130,480	327

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, May 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:00am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, May 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Friday, May 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Philoptochos Basket Bingo</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, May 7th</u> <i>Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dance Special Coffee Hour (<i>in honor of</i> Fr. Lou) Koritsia Meeting, after Liturgy (B)</p>
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