

August 26, 2018

13th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 16:13-24. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 21:33-42. These Readings may be found on pages 1320 & 1169 in the Holy Bible or on pages 84-85 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 84 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 62-27.

Today we remember: Martyrs Adrianos and Natalia; Righteous Ioasaph.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Joanne Sitaras-Pantelides *in loving memory of* her late husband, John Sitaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 23 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Don Brooks *in loving memory of* Michael Pulianas. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Antonakas.

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos will not be sponsoring or serving coffee during the remaining summer Sundays, with the exception of Memorial Sunday's.

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

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.

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. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 84 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 62-27. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari.

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break, please join us when we resume in the fall. All are welcome, we LOVE new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 9th** from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. Church School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 16th** at 9:55am.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 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. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12th @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

50th Anniversary Book: The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. This keepsake album will feature our history, family photos, ministries, personal ads, and memorial tributes. To prepare for the album creation, we are beginning the process of family photo shoots so that your family will be featured in this new album. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take family photos during this spring season. Appointments can be made during coffee hour or online through our website. www.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on **October 5th & 6th** and **November 23rd & 24th** to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online www.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family gets a free 8x10. We are also in need of volunteers to assist the photographers, if you can give us a couple of hours that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Simone Volikas for any questions, srintis@hotmail.com

Mark you calendar for a **PREVIEW SCREENING of FAITH, HOPE & LOVE** by Robert Krantz (meet him in person ~ same author and actor of **Christmas with the Karountzoses**). Preview Screening will take place on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 (6:30pm)** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Demetrios 50th Anniversary Mortgage Fund.

Fashion Show: Due to a scheduling conflict we had to cancel our Fashion Show in November.

Attention Ministry & Committee Chairpersons: We are transitioning to an electronic, keyless entry system. Individuals having a mechanical key to enter Church facilities need to obtain an electronic fob and should contact Mark Alberding (410.790.7523 of alberding@comcast.net) to arrange issuance of an electronic fob. Doors are targeted to be electronic access only by **September 1st**. Don't get locked out!

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2018-2019 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. **Don't miss out, classes are nearing full capacity!!!** 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

ADULT CHOIR

The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will resume rehearsal on **Thursday, August 30th at 7:00pm**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information call Jennie at 410.657.9772.

Axion Charity Events presents Renowned Greek singer Peggy Zina, **Sunday, October 28th** at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. Tickets on sale now: www.DCGreeks.com or call 443.621.0587. Proceeds to benefit the Annunciation Cathedral, Saint Demetrios, Saint Nicholas and Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella churches. More information available at www.axioncharityevents.org. The more tickets sold, the better the proceeds, please support our church.

FESTIVAL

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios Greek Festival 2018 is just around the corner ~ **September 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th**. Please mark your calendars.

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the Church School classroom directly across from the Library. **PLEASE! NO CLOTHES.** Please drop off your donations **Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.**

Festival Ad Book: Don't forget to place your business ad in the Festival Ad Book! You can include a personal message to your loved one(s) in our special dedication section! For just \$25, you can include a memorial donation or a best wishes / congratulations dedication. For more information or to place an ad, please contact Amanda Albright at 410.404.8611 or at stdemetriosads@gmail.com

Volunteers: We are always looking for volunteers. Contact Cathy Xanthakos at 410.952.3576.

GOYA

1st GOYA Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 7th**. Schedule is: Pizza at 6:30pm, Meeting & Guest Speaker, John C.M. Angelos at 7:00pm, Ice Breakers & Games at 9:00pm and Pick up at 10:00pm.

St. Mary Orthodox Church located at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD., will be holding their **Mediterranean Food Festival** on **September 14th thru 16th**. They offer delicious baked foods & desserts, 50/50 door raffles, Live DJ-Music, Community Yard Sale, Children's Entertainment & Traditional Dancing. For more information visit our website at: www.nativityofthetheotokos.org.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland: A new book club is being initiated by the Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland and will be meeting on the second Sunday of every month. Men and Women are welcome as we discuss the fiction and non-fiction English writings of authors on a variety of Greek topics including history, travel and culture. The first of these gatherings will meet at the home of Helen Sarafidis, on **September 9, 2018** at 3:00pm. 1104 W. Joppa Road, Towson, MD. 21204. Please respond to 410.825.8532. Our first reading is from the "Collected Stories by Harry Mark Petrakis".

The Women's Guild of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation invites you an evening with Ellen Karis ~ "The Greek Goddess of Comedy", **Friday, September 21, 2018**. Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$45 per person (includes Mezze & Desserts) & Cash bar. For more information please contact Melody Simmons 410.336.5279 or Womensguild24@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day ~ September 3rd ~ Pre-School & Office Closed

Pre-School Meet & Greet ~ September 4th at 11:00am

Choir Rehearsal ~ September 6th, 13th & 20th

1st Choir Sunday ~ September 9th

Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ September 10th at 6:00pm

Book/Knitters Club ~ September 11th at 9:00am

Finance Committee Meeting ~ September 11th at 6:30pm

50th Anniversary Meeting ~ September 12th at 7:00pm

Divine Liturgy ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14th at 9:00am

GOYA Shake-It Up ~ September 15th

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 is 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 considering 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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$308,272	\$221,324	361
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$321,083	\$238,940	413

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Thursday, August 30th</u> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)	<u>Saturday, September 1st</u> <i>Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year</i>	<u>Sunday, September 2nd</u> <i>14th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
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Kids' Clothing Exchange of Baltimore ~ One Weekend Only ~ Fall/Winter Sale! Saint Demetrios is proud to announce that the **Kids' Clothing Exchange of Baltimore** will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center the weekend of **October 5th thru 8th**. You can buy or consign *quality* fall and winter previously owned children's clothing (infant through pre-teen), Holiday wear, shoes, baby gear, children's furniture, Halloween costumes, play equipment, toys, games, bicycles, books, dvd's, as well as maternity wear. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ YOU DO NOT NEED TO CONSIGN TO BUY!** Anyone can participate, so if you have items that you would like to sell, please register. Consignors earn 55% of selling price! \$5.00 registration fee ~ (Refunded when you volunteer for one shift). To register for our upcoming sale, visit our website at kidsclothingexchange.net. Like us on Facebook: Kid's clothing exchange of Baltimore. Any questions, please email **Dawn @ thekidsclothingexchange@yahoo.com**.