

October 15, 2017

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

The Epistle Reading is: Titus 3:8-15. **The Gospel Reading is:** Luke 8:5-15. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 & 1211 in the Holy Bible or on pages 152 & 99 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in Nicea; Loukianos the Presbyter of Antioch, Martyr; Righteous Euthymios; The Righteous Sabbatinos, Bishop of Cyprus; Barsos the Confessor.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Pandora Agapaloglou, Ted & Monica Agapaloglou and Eleni Libertini & family *in loving memory of* father, son & brother, Konstantine Agapaloglou, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 4, 2017. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- John Xecominos & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister & aunt, Hoberta Xecominos, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Christina Kakoullis & Family *in loving memory of* husband & father, Kyriacos Kakoullis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Barbara Argyros & Elias Argyros *in loving memory of* husband & father, Praxitelis Argyros, who fell asleep 11 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Barbara Argyros & Elias Argyros *in loving memory of* parents & grandparents, Elias & Chrisoula. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Corey Lightner will present their 1st child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day Blessing. Please join me in praying for this family.

Coffee Hour: Mark and Zaviere Roros are sponsoring coffee hour today with the Philoptochos Ladies *in honor of* their newly Christened son.

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

Parish Assembly: The Parish Assembly will be held today, **Sunday, October 15th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2017 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish.

Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy: On **Wednesday, October 25th**, we will celebrate The Great Vespers for the Saint Demetrios Feast Day beginning at 7:00 pm. The Philoptochos will be hosting coffee hour & a reception in the Hermes Rafailides Center following the Vespers. Please plan to attend.

2017 Stewardship Luncheon: The Stewardship Committee is hosting our annual Stewardship Luncheon on **Sunday, October 29th**. Please join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center for a complimentary light lunch, immediately following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon is an expression of thanks to our committed Stewards for all their Time, Talent, and Treasure dedicated to our beloved Saint Demetrios Parish, and in recognition of the 2017 Steward of the Year. Stewardship sustains us and we thank you!

Orthodox Studies: Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30am. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

Church School: Due to a scheduling conflict with the General Assembly meeting, the Priest, Church School Director, Parents meeting has been rescheduled to **October 22nd**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Adult Choir: The Choir is always looking for additional members. Our rehearsals are held on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information, call Jennie at 410.256.2143.

Orthodox Christian Way: Registration has begun for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, November 7th**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Below is the program schedule:

◆ **November 7th ~ "The Beauty of Vesper Service:"** Learn about the importance of the Vesper Service and how it will enrich your spiritual life.

◆ **November 14th ~ "How Father Prepares for the Divine Liturgy ~ What You Do Not See:"** Father Lou will talk about the preparation services that must be performed before a priest offers the Divine Liturgy.

◆ **November 21st ~ "Hidden Treasures of the Divine Liturgy:"** Find out about aspects of the Divine Liturgy that will add to your appreciation of this jewel of our Faith.

◆ **November 28th ~ Question & Answer Session:** This session will be devoted to your questions about our Church and its teachings which have been submitted at the first three sessions. Father Lou will review the questions and prepare answers to as many as there are time for. **Please submit your questions to us in writing during the first three sessions or email them by November 23rd to the Church Office at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.**

Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30pm. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Register after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or by calling the Church Office at 410.661.1090 for more information.

"GUYS & DOLLS:" February 10th thru 11th and 16th thru 18th. Calling all singers, actors & dancers! Auditions for our 43rd annual St. Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room:

Saturday, October 14th from 12:00-3:00pm

Monday, October 16th from 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, October 21st from 12:00-2:00pm

Call backs – 3:00pm

Auditions for children will be held as follows: **Sunday, October 15th & 22nd** directly after Liturgy. Children ages 5-7 (Cameo) & ages 8-12 (Ensemble). **ALL** are invited to audition! All parts are open! Come and be a part of a wonderful community experience for music, fun & fellowship. For more information call Jennie 410.256.2143.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch: Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 22nd**, for a Gourmet Brunch, directly following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All proceeds will benefit our Pre-School. For more information, please contact Betty: 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

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.

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.

Youth Ministry: Saint Demetrios Hope/Joy Halloween Event. **Friday, October 27th** from 6:00-8:00pm. Free, Fun, Food, Entertainment, Costumes welcome (Church Appropriate). Presentation by *Eric Energy's: Extreme Jean*. Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell via email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com by **Oct. 23rd** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from 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. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7pm.**

GOYA ~ TOYS for TOTS: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 5th Annual toy drive for the US Marines Toys for Tots Program. Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes which are located throughout the Church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 400 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. We will be collecting Toys through December 17th. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

Festival / Suburban Players Chairperson: If you are interested in chairing either the 2018 Festival or Suburban Players please contact the Church office at 410.661.1090.

Greek School Registration: It isn't too late to register. Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd & 5th grades meet on Mondays and 2nd, 4th & 6th grades meet on Wednesdays. Contact the Church Office ~ 410.661.1090 to obtain a registration form(s), or pick-up a form when dropping your child(ren) off for class.

Unable to come to Church: If you or someone you know is unable to come to Church, but would like to receive a weekly bulletin via mail. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 or drop an email to saintdemetrios@comcast.net and we will gladly send you a bulletin.

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.

The Spirit: If you have any news that you would like to share in "**The Spirit**" please send your news to the Church office via: e-mail at: SaintDemetrios@comcast.net, we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is November 5th.** This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

SAVE THE DATE: Children Fun & Fellowship! Bounce Party N Play Fundraiser **November 24th** (Black Friday) from 4:30-6:30pm in White Marsh. Ticket information to follow! If interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact Theresa Tsamoutalis at theresa@allsafeelevators.com or Kara Cossis at capandonis@yahoo.com

Russian Festival: The 44th Annual Russian Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, 1723 E. Fairmount Ave, Baltimore, MD. 21231, on **Friday, October 20th thru Sunday, October 22nd.** Homemade ethnic dishes, artisan breads, live entertainment, icons, liturgical recordings and much more are available at the festival. For more information visit our website at www.russfest.org.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: **Monday, November 6th** at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room.
General Meeting: **Monday, November 13th** at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room.

FALLing . . . Back to Philoptochos. Please join me in thanking Christina Kakoullis and Violette Cocoros for hosting an incredible event this past Tuesday. It was an amazing evening with over 100 guests. Great job ladies!!

"Make a Difference Day," October 29, 2017: This year, on October 29th, our Philoptochos Ladies will once again come together with our Church School students and staff and to teach the value of "*acts of kindness*" in order to show them how to give back to communities, directly involving them in philanthropy.

Our 2017, "Make a Difference Day" goal is to create a "*sea of good deeds*" from the hearts and hands of our children, guided by our Ladies Philoptochos Society and our Church School teachers to help the victims that have suffered in Puerto Rico and other areas with the devastating flooding. The following items are needed and will be packaged by students, teachers and Philoptochos members on October 29th in Church School classrooms:

One hand towel and one wash cloth
One Comb
One metal nail clipper (small)
One bar of soap
One toothbrush (no toothpaste please)
Six Band Aids

Please have your child bring as many items to their classroom on or before October 29th. May we all work together to "Make a Difference" in the lives less unfortunate than us, while instilling Orthodox philanthropic values in our youth.

Saint Demetrios Vespers: Anyone that would like to donate food for the reception following our vespers service on **Wednesday, October 25th** please contact Smaro Cook at 410-340-4990.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council General Meeting ~ October 17th at 7:00pm
50th Anniversary Meeting ~ October 18th at 7:00pm
Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser ~ October 20th from 3:00-9:00pm
Demetrakia Dance Practice ~ October 22nd at 12:15pm
Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Demetrios Vespers ~ October 25th at 7:00pm
Orthros ~ Saint Demetrios ~ October 26th at 9:00am
Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Demetrios ~ October 26th at 10:00am
Hope/Joy Fall Event ~ October 27th at 6:00pm
Stewardship Sunday ~ October 29th
National Clergy Retreat ~ October 19th thru November 3rd
Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 5th

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 |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 2016 | \$395,000 | \$681,485 | \$320,718 | \$261,340 | 420 |
| 2017 | \$378,600 | \$657,842 | \$313,224 | \$255,304 | 380 |

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| <p><u>Monday, October 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) “Guys & Dolls” Auditions, 7:00-9:00pm (M/B) Festival Wrap-Up Meeting, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> | <p><u>Wednesday, October 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) 50th Anniversary Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> | <p><u>Saturday, October 21st</u> “Guys & Dolls” Auditions, 12:00-3:00 pm (M/B) Call Backs, 3:00pm</p> |
| <p><u>Tuesday, October 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am Parish Council General Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> | <p><u>Thursday, October 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> | <p><u>Sunday, October 22nd</u> 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) “Guys & Dolls” Auditions, After Liturgy (M) Pre-School Brunch, After Liturgy (H/G) Dance Practice, 12:15pm (C)</p> |
| | <p><u>Friday, October 20th</u> Pre School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser, 3:00-9:00pm</p> | |



Please join the families of
Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

at

Chuck E. Cheese

8886 Waltham Woods Road
 Parkville, Maryland 21234

on

Friday, October 20th, 2017

3:00-9:00pm

15% of all sales will be donated back to the church

Any questions please contact Simone Volikas ~ stintis@hotmail.com

Please bring this flyer or say you are with Saint Demetrios
 when you enter Chuck E Cheese