

October 22, 2017

6th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 1:11-19. **The Gospel Reading is:** Luke 8:27-39. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 & 1329 in the Holy Bible or on pages 123 & 102 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Equal to the Apostles Averkios, Bishop of Hierapolis; The Seven holy martyred Children of Ephesus; Bishop Eulalios.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* their grandson, nephew & cousin, Demetrios Alexander Karavedas, on the occasion, of his Nameday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* their granddaughter, niece & cousin, Isabella Gabriella Karavedas.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Pre-School Gourmet Brunch.

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

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!

Parish Council Elections: The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held in the boardroom on **Sunday, November 19th** directly after the Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to be in attendance to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2018, 2019 & 2020. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Maria Angelos, Stephen Christ, Kate Cocoros, Jimmy Kastanaras & Nicholas Kosmas. **Again, the date is Sunday, November 19th. Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

Parish Assembly: A Special Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 19th**, immediately following the Elections, in the Hermes Rafailides Center, to discuss the HVAC (Heating & Air Conditioning). 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.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 23rd**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

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.

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.

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, November 15th, 2017 at 7pm**.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms can be found on the Narthex table. The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our Church for the season are needed as well. Please return the form to the church office by **November 22nd**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. **No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Nativity Pageant Choir and Bell Choir: Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform as our Nativity Pageant Chorus/Bell Choir during the Church School Nativity Play which will be presented on **Sunday, December 17th**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy and will only take about 30 minutes (if everyone gets there on time). The first rehearsal will be held on **Sunday, November 5th** and will continue on the following **Sundays: November 12th, 19th and December 3rd & 10th**. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. There are many **solo and duet opportunities** throughout the Pageant. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-256-2143 for more information. We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and continue to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Advent & Christmas Program: Beginning **November 26th** we will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. All Church School students are to wear their "most Sunday best" on the week that their class is performing. We will rehearse for the **December 3rd & the December 10th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 26th ~ Reader and Choir

Sunday, December 3rd ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 10th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 17th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

"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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 29th thru November 3rd

Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 5th

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Bull Roast ~ November 11th

50th Anniversary Meeting ~ November 15th @ 7:00pm

Pre-School Thanksgiving Program ~ November 16th @ 6:30pm

Divine Liturgy ~ Thanksgiving ~ November 23rd @ 9:00am

Divine Liturgy ~ St. Catherine ~ November 24th @ 9:00am

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 25th

Divine Liturgy ~ St. Andrew ~ November 30th @ 9:00am

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

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	\$322,638	\$272,631	422
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$314,547	\$261,439	382

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, October 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, October 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00am</i> Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, October 29th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> <i>National Clergy Retreat</i> Church School, 9:55am No Dance Rehearsal</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, October 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am</p>	<p><u>Friday, October 27th</u> Pre School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Hope/Joy Fall Event, 6:00-9:00pm (H/G)</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday, October 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Godparents Sunday Meeting, 11:00am (B) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) <i>Divine Liturgy ~ St. Demetrios</i> <i>Vespers, 7:00pm</i></p>		

Come one, come all to the
Saint Demetrios Annual

Stewardship Celebration!

All are invited to enjoy our complimentary

LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 29th, after the
Divine Liturgy

To thank and celebrate those who support
our Church as Stewards of Saint Demetrios
and to honor the

Steward of the Year

