

September 23, 2018

6th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 4:22-27. The Gospel Reading is Luke 5:1-11. These Readings may be found on pages 1332 & 1207 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: Syllepsis of the Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; Martyr Raida; The Righteous Martyrs Xanthippe and Polyxene; Nicholas Pantopoles and John of Konitsa, Neomartyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Lewis & Toni Faraclas, Joseph & Irene McKenney, Eugenia Hawley & their families *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Bessie Butanis who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- John & Sophia Andreadakis *in honor of* their grandson, Maxwell Pandullo on the occasion of his Baptism. May God watch over him.
- John & Sophia Andreadakis *in honor of* their grandson, Niko Bara on the occasion of his 10th birthday. May God grant him many happy & healthy years.
- Sophia Andreadakis & Family *for the health & welfare of* her husband, their family & grandfather John. May God keep him in His care.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

The Memorial Service is being chanted *in loving memory of* Bessie Butanis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the "Orthodox Christian Way" Committee. It will be served by committee members in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy.

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.

Adult Choir: The Choir is always looking for additional members. These rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information contact Jennie at 410-657.9772 or jcocorosk@aol.com.

Orthodox Studies: Start your Ecclesiastical New Year off right, learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Please join us at 9:30am on **Friday, October 5th** in the board room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Attica Fires in Greece: Last month we generously gave \$694 towards the relief efforts for the victims of the fires that took place in Attica, Greece. So much pain and devastation took place with many people injured and countless homes and properties destroyed. Our Holy Metropolis asks us to once again dig deep into our hearts and give support to our brothers & sisters in Greece. We have been asked to pass a tray one last time to help those in need.

Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy: On **Thursday, 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 & a reception in the Hermes Rafailides Center following the Vespers. Please plan to attend.

Parish Council Nominations: Your Church Needs You!! You should have received a letter in the mail containing a Parish Council Nomination Form. This is a very important calendar time for our Church ~ the time when Parish Council members will be elected to serve for the next three years. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Parish Council, something that every member of the Church Parish should experience at least once. The Council is responsible for making major decisions concerning our Parish. In the next few weeks, someone from the Nominating Committee will probably come up to you to talk about a possible run in the elections held in November. But don't wait for them to come . . . send in your nominating form to the Office and be placed on the ballot. For any questions, or more information, please call Maria Stamas at: 443.253.2561.

Parish Assembly: The Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 21st**, 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 2018 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.

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, October 22nd @ 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, stintis@hotmail.com

Mark your 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 27th, 2018 (6:30pm)** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 for adults (13 & over); \$10 for children (under 12) and includes one FREE popcorn. Please contact Presvytera Alice at anoplos@comcast.net for more information. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Demetrios 50th Anniversary Mortgage Fund.

FESTIVAL

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

Glendi on the Hill: Don't let the fun of the St. Demetrios festival come to an end! The Demetrakia Dance Troupe proudly hosts Glendi on the Hill 2018! After the Saturday of the festival ends, come for a fun night of dancing till the early hours of the morning! Featuring LIVE music by Stoxos Entertainment!! \$15 admission at the door after 11:00pm!

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

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

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: October 1st at 6:30pm

General Meeting: October 15th – No Meeting - Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out: Presented by St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society **Monday, October 15th, 2018 6:30 pm.** Join us at Liberatore's, 5005 Honeygo Center Drive, Perry Hall MD 21128 for an evening filled with fellowship and fun. Ticket Price: \$35 (includes dinner) Also Available: Cash Bar & Silent Auction To benefit the St. Demetrios Mortgage Fund. For Tickets or Information, contact Violette Cocoros at violettec@gmail.com, or Christina Kakoullis at 443-326-3888.

SAVE THE DATE (more information to follow):

November 24th ~ Breakfast with Santa

December 1st & 2nd ~ Christmas Bazaar

December 11th ~Christmas Dinner (in the Hermes Rafailides Center)

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

Suburban Players ~ Mamma Mia: Show Dates: February 16th thru 18th and 23rd thru 25th.

Calling all singers, actors & dancers! Auditions for our 44th annual St. Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room: **Saturday, October 6th from 1:00-4:00pm and Monday, October 8th from 6:30-9:00pm.** Call backs will be **October 13th**. 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 Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990, smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or Tom Cook at 410.790.9370 or by email tcook@bpointwellness.com.

Don't want to be on stage but still want to help? Join the production crew by contacting Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990. Currently we are looking for someone to be the Dining Room Coordinator and Food Line Coordinator, as well as several other production crew roles. All are welcome to help.

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 Orthodox Christian Way: Coming Soon! The fall series of the Orthodox Christian Way program will take place on Tuesday evenings, **October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**. We are busy planning the programs, but the format will remain the same: we will begin with a light supper at 6:15pm, followed promptly at 7:00pm by the evening's presentation. You are encouraged to bring your children, as **BABYSITTING** will be provided at **ALL** sessions, and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30pm. Cost is \$35 for all four sessions. Individual sessions will be \$10. **Registration will begin today, Sunday, September 16th**. Please stop by the registration table at coffee hour or call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202.

Cards for a Cause: The Koritsia are sponsoring the "Cards for a Cause" fundraiser. Cost is \$30 per box of 30 cards ~ \$1 per card. Saint Demetrios will receive \$13 for every box sold. Every family will receive a packet and are asked to sell these boxes of cards to their friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. All proceeds will go to the mortgage fund.

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

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.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. is hosting "*Connecting the Future to the Past*". You are invited to participate in a seminar to explore your Greek ancestry, **Saturday, October 6th, 2018**, Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, 24 West Preston Street. \$40.00 per person, lunch is included. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Harry Maistros, 410.467.1836 or harry.maistros@comcast.net.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. and The Annunciation Women's Guild are partnering a Bus Trip to New York City on **Saturday, November 17th, 2018**, departing from Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride Lot at 8:00am. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Stephanie Link, 410.239.2189 or slinkylink828@aol.com.

Hellenic Genealogy Conference ~ Celebrate Our Greek Heritage ~ Saturday, October 13th, 2018 ~ 9:00am - 5:00pm. To be held at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA. Learn how to use U.S. Records to Prepare for Research: Census, Marriage, Social Security Applications, World War I & II Draft Registration Cards, Death Certificates, Obituaries, Cemetery Records/Tombstones, Personal Letters & Documents/Photographs. Locating & Using Records: Passenger Ships, Naturalization & Alien Registration Records of your ancestors. Ancestry DNA ~ Testing & Analysis. Civil & Church Records will also be offered. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Barbara Lyngarkos 610.764.7578 or HellenicGenealogyPhilly@gmail.com.

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	\$306,324	\$239,056	373
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$341,993	\$277,217	433

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) (1/2 day ~ Field Trip) No GOYA Basketball</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 27th</u> Pre-School Closed No Men's Basketball No Adult Choir <i>Greek Festival, 5pm-9pm</i></p> <p><u>Friday, September 28th</u> Pre-School Closed <i>Greek Festival, 5pm-10pm</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 29th</u> <i>Greek Festival, 12pm-11pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, September 30th</u> <i>2nd Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am No Church School <i>Greek Festival, 12pm-7pm</i></p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grecian Festival ~ September 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th
Church School Closed ~ September 30th
Play Auditions ~ October 6th & 8th
Greek School Begins ~ October 8th & 10th
The Way ~ October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th



SAVE THE DATE!
Saint Demetrios Designer Bag & Manly Man Stuff Bingo
New Bingo! New Prizes!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th

Hosted by: The Saint Demetrios GOYA

\$20 in Advance or \$25 at the Door
Doors open at 4:00pm

More information to come soon!



CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS' REMINDER



Due to our
Annual Grecian Festival

Church School Classes
will **NOT** be in session on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Classes will resume on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th at 9:55AM



SAINT DEMETRIOS GREAT VESPERS

Please join us on
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th at 7:00pm
Reception & Coffee Hour sponsored by The Ladies Philoptochos after Vespers



DIVINE LITURGY
Please join us on
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th
Orthros at 8:00am
Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

