

September 30, 2018

2nd Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 9:6-11. The Gospel Reading is Luke 6:31-36. These Readings may be found on pages 1326 & 1209 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: Holymartyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia, the Illuminator; Repsemia, Gaiana, and their Companions.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Father Lou & the Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* Cathy Xanthakos, our Festival Committee & our volunteers, who gave their time and talent to make our 45th Grecian Festival a success. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the Church.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

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

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today due to our Grecian Festival.

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.

Grecian Festival: The Saint Demetrios Greek festival is in full swing and has proven to be very successful thus far. If you haven't stopped by to see all the great festivities and food that we have to offer, why not stop by after church today and grab a quick bite to eat.

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.

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.

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

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, strintis@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.

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

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 violettelc@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 cook@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.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch: Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 28th** 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.

Hope/Joy Halloween Event: Saint Demetrios Hope/Joy Halloween Event. **Friday, October 26th,** from 6:00-8:00pm. Free, Fun, Food, Entertainment, Costumes welcome (Church Appropriate). Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell via email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com by **Oct. 22nd** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table.

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.

Orthodox Christian Way: Registration has begun for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, October 9th,** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Below is the program schedule:

October 9th ~ "The Vision of Jesus to my Conversion"

October 16th ~ "Journey as an Orthodox Military Chaplain"

October 23rd ~ "The Spiritual Significance of the Human Body"

October 30th ~ "The Power of Human Freedom"

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.

Koritsia: The following events are sponsored by the Koritsia and all proceeds will help to pay down the mortgage of the church. Please show your support for Saint Demetrios!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Simone Volikas at srintis@hotmail.com.

Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table, pick-up a packet and share with a friend

Savers Thrift Store

Clean out your closets of old clothes, towels & bedding. Place all items in a trash bag and drop them off between **October 14th & December 14th.** You can bring the items to the Church any time after October 14th. Savers Thrift Store will pay the church 20 cents for every pound of items.

Script Gift Cards

Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIP rebates a percentage to the Church. All you need to do is complete the Family Order Form, attach a check payable to Saint Demetrios and mail or drop off the form (w/check) to the church office or to the white "Gift Card Box" on the Narthex table. 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards the Church Mortgage. Please contact Maria Angelos at mvailas@aol.com or 443.280.2690 with any questions.

Russian Festival: The 45th 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.

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.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 9th** at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some nice conversation.

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	\$307,124	\$242,053	375
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$342,973	\$279,264	435

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, October 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Kid’s Clothing Exchange (H/G) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Kid’s Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, October 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) No GOYA Basketball Kid’s Clothing Exchange (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, October 4th</u> Pre-School 8:45am (C) No Men’s Basketball Kid’s Clothing Exchange (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, October 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Lifetouch Photos Kid’s Clothing Exchange (H)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, October 6th</u> MAMA MIA Auditions, 1:00-4:00pm (M) Lifetouch Photos Kid’s Clothing Exchange</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 7th</u> <i>3rd Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Honoring Palikaria & Levendes Choir Sunday Church School, 9:55am (C) Church School Staff Mtg.</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

