

**October 7, 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading is:** II Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The Gospel Reading is Luke 7:11-16. These Readings may be found on pages 1316 & 1210 in the Holy Bible or on pages 95 & 97 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY, Martyrs Sergios and Bakchos; Holymartyr Polychronios; Presbyter Julianos and Deacon Caesarios, Martyrs; Righteous John of Crete, the hermit and his 90 Companions.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* our Church Musicians, who give their time and talent each Sunday to enhance our Divine Liturgy on this National Music Sunday. A special thank you to our Choir Director, Jennie Kegel, our Organist, Olga Polites, our Psalti, George Chrisovergis and all the members of the Adult Choir, Junior Chorus & Bell Choir. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the Church.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Toula Woods & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Victor Woods, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. 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: Toula Woods & Gloria Koukoulas.

**40-day Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Smith will present their 1<sup>st</sup> child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day Blessing. Please join us as we pray for this family.

**Coffee Hour:** There **will not** be a coffee hour today due to the Hermes Rafailides Center rental.

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

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**National Church Music Sunday:** Each year, Parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate National Church Music Sunday, during the month of October. The commemoration was inaugurated by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South American in 1982, and has been reaffirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America. Today, the Saint Demetrios Community will honor members of our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Junior Choir and our Psalti, George Chrisovergis. National Church Music Sunday is a day that is set aside, particularly to honor the contributions of local Choir Members, Psalti and Music Educators who serve their Churches through the Hymnology of our Orthodox Church. Please take a moment and congratulate the Musicians of Saint Demetrios and thank them for sharing their talents so that our Divine Liturgy is augmented by their wonderful music.

**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.

**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

**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 [jcocoros@aol.com](mailto:jcocoros@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 12<sup>th</sup>** in the board room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / [painterkateart@gmail.com](mailto:painterkateart@gmail.com).

**Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy:** On **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** will commemorate the **50<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: [stephanie2twins@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie2twins@yahoo.com).

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stdemetriosmd.org). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on **November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online [www.stdemetriosmd.org](http://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](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com)

**The Orthodox Christian Way:** Our fall series begins on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** with our guest speaker Afrooz Emami., a Muslim convert to Christianity ~ she was questioning Islam and devotedly praying for answers. She had two visions of Jesus and converted to Christianity. She was arrested for converting. Fascinating story of a tough Christian. Don't miss hearing her. We need you to register today or call Maria Antonakas at 410.978.9244 or the Church Office at 410.661.1090.

As usual we will begin at 6:15pm with a light supper in the Board Room. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm in the Chapel or Sanctuary. The evening usually concludes at 8:30pm. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:anoplos@comcast.net) for more information. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Demetrios 50<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net)

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch:** Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00-8:00pm. Free, Fun, Food, Entertainment, Costumes welcome (Church Appropriate). Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell via email [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) by **Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table.

**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](mailto:SaintDemetrios@comcast.net), we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is November 5<sup>th</sup>.** This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

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

**Russian Festival:** The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, 1723 E. Fairmount Ave, Baltimore, MD. on **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Homemade ethnic dishes, artisan breads, live entertainment, icons, liturgical recordings and much more are available at the festival. For more information visit our website: [www.russfest.org](http://www.russfest.org).

**The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade** presents Dimitris Mphasis on **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Doors open at 8:00pm / Concert begins at 9:00pm. Greektown Square & Event Center, 700 S. Quail Street, Baltimore, MD. Mezedakia & Cash Bar. All proceeds support the Maryland Greek Day Independence Day Parade 2019. \$60 Admission. For Tickets contact Emily 443.838.1248 or Manoli 410.790.7542.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

**General Meeting: October 15<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting - Ladies Night Out**

**Ladies Night Out:** Presented by St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society **Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:violettelc@gmail.com), or Christina Kakoullis at 443-326-3888.

**Saint Demetrios Vespers:** Anyone that would like to donate food or a monetary gift for the reception following our Vespers Service on **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** please contact Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990, 410.342.1040 or email her at [smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com](mailto:smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com)

**SAVE THE DATE (more information to follow):**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Breakfast with Santa**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Christmas Bazaar**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> ~Christmas Dinner (in the Hermes Rafailides Center)**

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## **SUBURBAN PLAYERS**

*Suburban Players ~ Mamma Mia: Show Dates: February 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**Calling all singers, actors & dancers!** Auditions for our 44<sup>th</sup> annual St. Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room: **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm.** **Call backs** will be **October 13<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com) or Tom Cook at 410.790.9370 or by email [tcook@bpointwellness.com](mailto: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.

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## **KORITSIA NEWS**

**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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> & December 14<sup>th</sup>.** You can bring the items to the Church any time after October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:mvailas@aol.com) or 443.280.2690 with any questions.

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## 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
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$310,694	\$251,738	379
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$345,618	\$286,668	439

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G) Mama Mia Auditions, 6:30pm (M)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Kid's Clothing Exchange (H/G) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L) The Way, 6:15pm (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><b>Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b> MAMA MIA Call-Backs</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</i> <b>Orthros 9:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> <b>Memorial Sunday</b> Church School, 9:55am (C) Dance, 12:00pm</p>
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Play Auditions ~ October 8<sup>th</sup> / Call-backs ~ October 13<sup>th</sup>  
The Way ~ October 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Philoptochos Ladies Night Out & Dinner ~ October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Parish Council Meeting ~ October 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Elections Forms Due ~ October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saint Demetrios Designer Bag & Manly Man Stuff Bingo**  
**New Bingo! New Prizes!**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Hosted by: The Saint Demetrios GOYA*

\$20 in Advance or \$25 at the Door  
Doors open at 3:30pm

More information to come soon!



### **SAINT DEMETRIOS GREAT VESPERS**

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



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



### **AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS . . .**

## **PEGGY ZINA**

**Doors open at 6pm**  
**Show starts at 7pm**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Marriott Baltimore Waterfront**  
**700 Aliceanna Street**  
**Baltimore, MD. 21202**

**Tickets can be purchased at:**  
**DCGreeks.com**

**All tickets include Appetizers & Free Parking, Multiple Dance Floors & Cash Bar.**  
**For more information contact: 443.621.0587 or AxionCharityEvents.org**

*Proceeds to Benefit: Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation,  
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
Saints. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church*