October 25, 2026 **6th Sunday of Luke**

The Epistle Reading is Galatians 2:16-20. **The Gospel Reading** is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1330 and 1224 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: Markianos and Martyrios the Notaries, Martyrs; Chrysaphos, Martyr; Chrysanthe and Tabetha the Merciful, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Chris Spanos and Family ***in loving memory of*** husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jimmy Spanos, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- Shirley Spanos-White and Family ***in loving memory of*** her husband, their father and grandfather, William White, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Chris Spanos ***in loving memory of*** her son-in-law, William White, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Artoclasia for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Name Day Celebration is offered for the health and welfare of the entire Saint Demetrios Community and was prepared by Ritsa Economakis, Aristea Daniels, Mary Bilis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Christina Meraklis, Sheryl Serevetas and Paula Weigand.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis, Aristea Daniels, Mary Bilis, Sheryl Serevetas and Paula Weigand.

Flowers: The baskets of flowers that adorn the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Name Day Celebration have been donated by the following:

- Diamando Sarigianis ***in honor of*** her grandson, James Nicholas Galanakis, on his Name Day.
- Gus and Ritsa Economakis and Georgia ***in loving memory of*** their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.
- The Daniels, Christ, Tagliaferro, Constantinides, and Allen Families ***in loving memory of*** James Latgis, Sr., James Latgis, Jr., and Catherine Latgis.

Flowers: The flowers that adorn the tables in The Hermes Rafailides Center for the reception, in celebration of our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Name Day, sponsored by our Ladies of Philoptochos have been donated by the following:

- The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos ***for the health and welfare of*** our Saint Demetrios Parish.

Coffee Hour: There will be no coffee hour following Liturgy today. Please join us this evening for a reception sponsored by Philoptochos following vespers for our beloved Saint Demetrios.

2026 Stewardship Full-Day Sponsors: We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Val (Sandy) Dzwonczyk for selecting and sponsoring **October 26, 2026** ***in loving honor of*** their granddaughter, Ella, on the occasion of her birthday.

Narthex Greeter: Today's Narthex Greeter will be Barbara Vassos.

Pastoral Visits: Parishioners who are in assisted living, nursing homes, hospitals, or those who would like a Pastoral visit, house blessing. graveside visit or confession, please contact the office at 410.661.1090.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who have been Baptized or Chrismated into the Orthodox Faith who have properly prepared. We welcome non-Orthodox attendees to come forward at the conclusion of the liturgy to receive blessed bread as our gift to you.

Confessions: Did you know that Confession is one of the Sacraments of the Church, and is offered year-round? If you are interested in going to Confession, please feel free to contact the church office (410.661.1090. press 1) to speak to either Father Lou or Father Karl so that an appointment can be made or see one of them after Liturgy. Please remember ***"What is said in Confession, Stays in Confession!"***

Parish Council Team B (Georgia Economakis, Bill Matsos, Manuel Vendelis, Anthony Trintis and Stephanie Christ) are scheduled to be on duty for the month of November.

Orthodox Studies: Please join us on **Wednesday, October 28th, 10:00am.** We are studying The Amazing Experiences during the Divine Liturgy. We meet in the boardroom, which is across from the elevator. All are welcome, we LOVE new members!! For more information, please contact Kevin Goodman at 410.530.1689.

Welcome: The Welcome Committee would like to thank all who are visiting our church today. Our church has many ministries that can help you learn about our faith and opportunities to join our community. If you would like to learn more about our church and the different ministries available to you, please text Lou Triandafilou at 410.456.5380.

2026 Stewardship: We are three quarters of the way through 2026, and we are slightly behind on the number of pledging stewards. Thank you to both the 396 stewards (89%) that have already submitted their 2026 pledges and the 20 Day Steward Sponsors! It is not too late to submit your pledge and be a Day Steward!! If you have not already submitted your 2026 pledge, please do so as soon as possible! Our winter electric bill was over $17,000! Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship, and we ask that you carefully consider your 2026 pledge. Due to inflation, our beloved church has experienced increased expenses just as you and I have experienced!!! Please consider increasing your pledge to help with our expenses! An increase of $2 to $3 per week would greatly help with our increased expenses! Can you believe that every $1 per week increase for our 444 stewards adds over $21,000 towards our 2026 Stewardship goal! Our ultimate goal is to support 100% of our operating budget through Stewardship. Won't you do all you can to bring this goal to fruition?

2026 Day Steward Initiative: For our 2026 Stewardship Drive, we are continuing the optional Day Sponsor Steward initiative. This optional initiative offers our stewards a personal milestone to sponsor the daily operating expenses for our parish. It is a milestone that many may find appealing and personally rewarding. The daily operating expenses of our beloved Saint Demetrios church are $2,000 including utilities, insurance, cleaning, maintenance, the commitment to the archdiocese, and parish salaries. These are the necessary expenses to ensure our beloved parish is open to everyone. Day Sponsor Stewards make and fulfill a minimum annual pledge of $2,000. Half-day Sponsor Stewards make and fulfill a minimum annual pledge of $1,000. Additional days may be sponsored in additional increments of $1,000 or $2,000. As a Day or Half-Day Sponsor, you may identify the specific day(s) you choose to sponsor. Choose any day throughout the year for a special occasion, in memory of or in honor of a loved one and submit on your 2026 pledge card. Day or Half-day Sponsor Stewards may remain anonymous or choose to be included by name in the church bulletin. Your stewardship pledge may also be made online at: http://www.stdemetriosmd.org Donate Now. After donating online, please send in your completed paper copy 2026 pledge card to the church office. Please contact Val Dzwonczyk at vdzwonc@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the Day Steward Initiative.

Income Tax Deduction: More people can take an income tax deduction on their income tax return for this year. Tax law changes for 2026 allow for an income tax deduction for contributions made to the Church – even if you do not itemize your deductions. For a joint couple, the 2026 deduction is up to $2,000 for contributions made before December 31, 2026. Please be aware that income tax rules are complicated and that this information is not to be taken as tax advice. You should contact your income tax advisor to review your personal tax situation to consider this tax law change and how it best fits into your overall tax strategies.

Today, Sunday, October 25th, we will celebrate The Great Vespers for the Saint Demetrios Feast Day beginning at 5:00pm. The Philoptochos will be hosting coffee and a reception in The Hermes Rafailides Center following the Vespers. Please plan to attend.

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Saint Demetrios Name Day: On Monday, October 26th, we will celebrate Saint Demetrios Name Day, with Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. Please make plans to join us.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos is PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION!

Vespers Dinner: Thank you to Aris Daniels and Stephanie Christ for once again chairing tonight's Name Day Vespers Dinner, to Ritsa Economakis for the pastries, and to all of the Philoptochos ladies who provided food for the buffet!

Pickleball Schedule: The month of October, pickleball will be Co-ed Every **Wednesday 5:30-8:00pm**. **November dates are November 11th and 18th.** We have three courts and plenty of room to accommodate everyone. Please contact Joanna Beleos 410-458-1547 or Jbeleos@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Golden Seniors: Upcoming activity! Luncheon and Games, **Tuesday, November 3rd, 12:00-3:00pm** in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Rides can be arranged if needed. RSVP to Joanna Beleos 410-458-1547 or Tina Holder 410-627-6081,

Food Collection: Many thanks to everyone who donated boxes of cereal for the Baltimore Hunger Project. It was a very successful food drive!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Please consider donating for those less fortunate. We will once again provide items needed to prepare Thanksgiving dinner for 16 families from two area schools. For consistency, the Community Outreach Committee plans to do the shopping. A flyer listing the items needed for a full meal donation is available on the table in the Narthex. Monetary donations to cover their purchases are now being accepted and can be given to any Philoptochos Board member. Please make checks payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos, and in the memo line ad: "Food Drive." For questions, please email Irene Angelos at iangelos0709@gmail.com or Barbara Vassos at barbara.vassos@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your support!

Christmas Bazaar: We will be having our Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm.** We are still accepting vendors. If you know of anyone that may be interested in being a vendor, please let us know. You can contact Cristina Rosell Chakales at 3forme@chakales.com. Thank you!

YiaYia's Treasures: We are now collecting gently used Christmas decorations for our Yiayia's Treasures until **Monday, November 9th, 2026.** Anything brought after **November 9th** will not be accepted. You can bring items during coffee hour or make arrangements for drop-off by contacting Mary Tsakiris mtsakiris21@gmail.com 410-245-1291, Harriet Hart. lefty826@verizon.net 443-668-3344 or Linda Goodman lgagrn@gmail.com 410-615-5006. Please do not leave items in the hallway.

Exercise Classes: Chair exercise, low impact, stretch, movement, and balance class every **Thursday at 11:00am** in the Music Room. Dancercise/Zumba classes every **Saturday at 11:00am** usually in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Open attendance. Contact Linda Goodman to be on the notification list in case of class changes. lgagrn@gmail.com or 410-615-5006.

Next Meetings: Board Meeting on **Monday, November 2nd, at 6:30pm** in the Boardroom. General Meeting on **Monday, November 9th, at 6:30pm** in the Boardroom.

Hope/Joy: Join us for a festive afternoon of Christmas fun and fellowship on **Saturday, December 5th, from 11:00am-1:00pm** in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Children and their families are invited to enjoy a pizza lunch, play Christmas Bingo, and make Christmas crafts. Come celebrate the joy of the season with friends, food, and holiday cheer! **Please RSVP by texting Bekah Richardson at 214.354.0140. Be sure to include the number of adults and children that will be attending.**
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Open to all children aged 3 (**as of August 31st**) through High School Seniors, lessons began on **September 13th, 2026,** and will conclude on **May 23rd, 2027.** Please see our website https://www.stdemetriosmd.org/ministries/orthodoxfaith-sunday-school/ for the link to the online registration form or use the QR code to register. If you have any questions, please email the school at SundaySchool.StDemetrios@gmail.com.

Our Sunday School Ministry is always looking for volunteers to teach or assist classes. We need substitutes who can fill in if any of our teachers need to take a week off. Should you be interested in offering your time and talents with this vital Orthodox Faith Ministry, or have any questions, please reach out to George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637 or via email at zavirag@verizon.net or Karyn Skevakis at kskevakis@gmail.com.

Love Content Creating? Enjoy taking pictures or filming? We do too! Join the Social Media Committee. We are looking for more content creators, enthusiasts, and aspiring influencers of all ages ~ teens and college too! We can help with software and gear! Text Anthony Skevakis at 321.431.4134 or email Stephanie Christ at <stephanie2twins@yahoo.com>. Know someone? Share that too!

Baptismal Repairs: Thanks for your continued support on this important project! **Thursday, October 22nd** will begin the exterior storefront windows repairs. This work will prevent water intrusion and appropriately allow rainwater to run off.

Parish Assembly Meeting: The November Assembly meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 15th.** Email and paper notices will be mailed in advance. Topics will include: Philoptochos updates, stewardship, annual budget, construction updates, elections, and any topics that you bring to the floor.

GOYA NEWS:

Mark your Calendars for our annual ***"Not Your YiaYia's Bingo"*** on **Friday, November 6th, 2026.** Registration, Kitchen, and Bar Opens at 5:30pm ~ Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are $40. Food, Soft Drinks, Beer, and Wine will be available to purchase, no outside food permitted. Please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table. If you have any questions, please send an email to: stdemetriosmdgoya@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at our Bingo Event.

Follow us on our Facebook: Saint Demetrios GOYA Baltimore Maryland page https://www.facebook.com/groups/1678295413240075

GREEN TEAM NEWS

COATS and OUTERWEAR DRIVE ~ now through **Sunday, November 15th.** Drop off your clean, gently used, or new Coats and Outerwear to the marked bin in the church building by the Choir Loft Door. All sizes welcome ~ children and adult. The coats will be delivered to Soup for the Souls, Blessings Closet in Dundalk. Need more information, contact Mary Pitrowski, 301.643.4108.

Prepare your geraniums for winter storage! Dig up the plants and remove the soil from the roots. Remember to also remove the flower buds and any dead leaves from the plant. Store roots up in a box or paper bag in a cool and dry place. Next spring, re-pot with soil and watch for new growth!

Everyday herbs come to the rescue!

♦ Sip a cup of rosemary tea for possible headache relief ~ add ½ tsp. of fresh rosemary to a cup of boiled water. Cover the cup with a lid and infuse 5-20 minutes depending on your desired strength. Strain out the rosemary stems and add desired amount of honey, sweetening to taste. You may repeat every 3 hours for headache relief. ♦ Having trouble with those pesky insect bites. Rub externally sweet basil leaves on to your skin. The basil leaves act as an insect repellent. The juice from the leaves brings relief to insect bites, stings, and swelling.

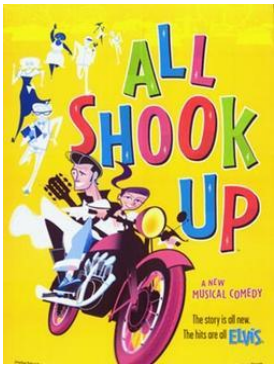
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

Join us on **Saturday, December 19th, 2026, at 12:00pm** as Saint Demetrios host the National Wreaths Across America Day ceremony and trisagion. In conjunction with this event, we are compiling a Veterans Biography Book to be distributed at church services on **Sunday, December 20th, 2026.** If you would like to submit a biography to honor a veteran in your family, or if you wish to support our fundraising or operational efforts for this year's wreaths, please reach out to Gregory Manuel at saintdemetrioswreaths@gmail.com. For more information, please go to the below URL: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/180132/Overview/?relatedId=0.

Library News: The library is a very busy ministry, with monthly school visits and a growing Book and Knitting Club. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you in our group. Our library has a little something for everyone. Stop by and visit us and see what we have to offer. No time to stop in? Visit our Little Library: take a book and leave a book. If you do not have a book to leave, take one anyway. We have plenty to share. Would you like to join a ministry that does not have a lot of meetings and only needs an hour or so of your time? We would love to meet you. We can always use your help.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, November 10th, 9:00am-12:00pm** in the library. The book of the month is **"*The Wishing Game*"** *by Meg Shaffer.* All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, sew, or just want some friendly conversation.

AHEPA Worthington Chapter Veterans Day Luncheon is **November 15th, from 2:00-5:00pm** at Pappas Restaurant in Cockeysville. Cost $45. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table for details and RSVP by **November 9th** to mprevas@outlook.com.



SUBURBAN PLAYERS:

Saint Demetrios Suburban Players is proud to announce "***All Shook Up"*** which performs **February 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th and 27th.**

All Shook Up is a jukebox musical featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, with a book by Joe DiPietro. Set in the summer of 1955 in a small Midwestern town, the story follows Chad, a guitar-playing roustabout who is released from jail and brings excitement to the town. The plot centers around Natalie Haller, a mechanic who yearns for love and adventure, and her best friend Dennis, who secretly loves her. The musical combines themes of romance, mistaken identities, and the transformative power of music, drawing inspiration from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Saint MACARUS of Egypt

~ *Prayer for Mercy & Forgiveness* ~

The end approaches for all of us whether we are aware of it or not. "Lord, be merciful now that my life is approaching its end and the evening awaits me. There is not enough time for me to cleanse myself of my sins, for they are so many. Heal me while I am still on Earth, and I shall be truly healthy. In Thy mercy, move me to repent, so that I shall not be ashamed, when I meet Thee in Heaven. Amen."

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, and 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
2025	$380,000	$734,122	$394,311	$332,357	404
2026	$395,000	$763,750	$395,809	$337,754	396

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, October 26th
Pre-School, 8:30am
Saint Demetrios Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Pre-School Name Day Parade, 3:15pm
Greek School, 4:30pm

Tuesday, October 27th
Pre-School, 8:30am
GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 28th
Pre-School, 8:30am
Orthodox Studies, 10:00am
Greek School, 4:30pm
Pickleball, 5:30pm
Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, October 29th
Pre-School, 8:30am
Chair Exercise Class, 11:00am
Adult Basketball, 6:00pm

Friday, October 30th
Pre-School, 8:30am
Pre-School Halloween Event, 3:00pm

Saturday, October 31st

Sunday, November 1st
6th Sunday of Luke
Orthros, 9:00am
Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Orthodox Faith Sunday School, 9:55am
Saint Demetrios Vespers and Reception, 5:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saint Demetrios Feastday Divine Liturgy ~ Monday, October 26th at 10:00am

Pre-School ~ Monday, November 2nd through Friday, November 6th at 8:30am
Greek School ~ Monday, November 2nd and Wednesday, November 4th at 4:30pm
Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ Monday, November 2nd at 6:30pm
Senior Luncheon ~ Tuesday, November 3rd at 12:00pm
GOYA Basketball ~ Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00pm
Orthodox Studies ~ Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00am
Guys and Dolls Blanket Event ~ Wednesday, November 4th at 12:00pm
No Pickleball~ Wednesday, November 4th
Chair Exercise Class ~ Thursday, November 5th at 11:00am
No Adult Basketball ~ Thursday, November 5th
GOYA Bingo ~ Friday, November 6th at 7:00pm
Green Team Stream Clean-Up ~ Saturday, November 7th
Dancercise/Zumba ~ Saturday, November 7th at 11:00am