

September 20, 2015

Sunday after Holy Cross

The **Epistle Reading** is Galatians 2:16-20. The **Gospel Reading** is Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1330 & 1189 in the **Holy Bible** or on pages 151-152 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Post-Elevation; Greatmartyr Eustathios Plakidas, his Wife and Children; Holyneomartyr Hilarion; Righteous John.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Church School Director & Staff *for the health & welfare of* their students. May God bless them with the gift of knowledge.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* his parents, Michael Dzwonczyk (31 years); Ann Dzwonczyk (8 years); and his sister, Leda Dzwonczyk, (1 year). May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is co-sponsored by the Welcome Sunday Committee and Philoptochos and served by Maria Andreyev, Vangie Demetrakis, Dottie Ganer, Joanne Pandelides and Mary Triandafilou.

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

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 18th, 2015 ~ General Assembly!
Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Orthodox Studies: Start the new Ecclesiastical year off right; learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30am. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

Parish Council Nominations: Your Church needs You!! By now, 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 Jennie Kegel at 410-256-2143.

Welcome Sunday: Today, Saint Demetrios will be celebrating its 17th annual Welcome Sunday. Beginning in 1999, the event has been an opportunity for the Church community to recognize individuals and families who have joined the Parish as new Stewards during the previous 12-month period. The new members will be introduced to the Congregation. We will co-sponsor the coffee hour to be held in honor of all Stewards, after the Diving Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to join us in giving our special guests a hearty Saint Demetrios greeting.

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.

The Orthodox Christian Way: Coming Soon! The fall series of the Orthodox Christian Way program will take place on Tuesday evenings, **October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th**. 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 \$20 for all four sessions. Please stop by the registration table after the Liturgy or call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2014-2015 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (age 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 via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year is complete. The schedule & registrations forms can be found on the Narthex table. First day of classes will be **Wednesday, October 7th & Monday, October 12th**.

Library News: It's hard to believe that the festival is coming up. Our Library will have a booth where we will be selling books and are in need of volunteers. If you have a few hours to donate we would love for you to be part of our team. There will be a **MEETING TODAY AFTER CHURCH**. I will be handing out schedules and going over this year's events.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **October 13th, 2015** at 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. The book is choice is "*When Jesus Wept*". All are welcomed whether you are a knitter or crochet we would love for you to join us.

FESTIVAL CORNER

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios' Greek Festival is just around the corner ~ **September 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th**. Please mark your calendars.

Have a hidden talent you'd like to showcase? Always thought you could do something unique and would like for all to see? Then we've got the event for you! For the first time ever, St. Demetrios will be kicking off their Festival weekend with **GREEKS GOT TALENT!** All acts and ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be given. Whether you're participating or want to come have a fun night out supporting our community and enjoy great food with friends and family, we're waiting for you to kick off the 2015 St. Demetrios Greek Festival right! Doors open at 5pm, event begins at 7pm. Free Admission. For additional information and to sign up please email Irene Giannaros at igiannaros@aol.com. You will also have a chance to sign up during coffee hour today.

2nd Annual Baklava 5k Run/Walk: Run/Walk with your friends to support the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival on **Saturday, September 26th at 8:00am**. Fees: \$25.00 pre-registration, \$30.00 day-of-race. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. First 50 registrants/participants will receive a medal and a goodie bag. For more information or to register contact: Presvytera Alice 443.417.0975 or email at: anoplos@comcast.net or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:
“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”**

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today 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 and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Is this what we want our parish to be: “The journal is one of our major fundraisers for the year. As we did so successfully with our raffle during this year’s festival, we would like to ask all of our parish families to not just buy ads, but also to solicit them.” Or rather this: “I will look closely at what God has entrusted to me and with heartfelt gratitude will return an appropriate portion to Him.” Think about it.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$325,368	\$248,161	463
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$305,661	\$235,819	414

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 21st</u> Pastries, 8:00 am (K) Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Sweet Adelines, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 23rd</u> Pastries, 8:00 am (K) Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Demetrakia D-1, 7:00 pm (Tent)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 26^h</u> GRECIAN FESTIVAL, <i>12:00pm – 11:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, September 27th</u> <i>1st Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am No Church School GRECIAN FESTIVAL, <i>12:00pm – 8:00pm</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday, September 22nd</u> Pastries, 8:00 am (K) Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Demetrakia D-4, 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 24th</u> Pre-School, Closed GRECIAN FESTIVAL, <i>5:00pm – 11:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Friday, September 25th</u> Pre-School, Closed No Orthodox Studies GRECIAN FESTIVAL, <i>12:00pm – 11:00pm</i></p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greek Festival, September 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th
Pre-School Closed, September 24th & 25th
No Orthodox Studies, September 25th
No Church School, September 27th
No Home School Co-Op, September 28th

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board meeting for October has been changed to October 5th at 6:30pm sharp.



Chapter Challenge ~ Computers Wanted! PLEASE CONTINUE dropping off your unwanted and working computer monitors keyboards, cords, hard drives and laptops. Please place in the Philoptochos Green Bin in the church building, during regular weekly office hours or Sundays after Liturgy. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Chapter is linking computer access and literacy to the underprivileged of the Baltimore metropolitan area. The next visit to Project Reboot will be on **Tuesday, October 6th**. For more information on how you can help with this project, contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589 or Mtrianda28@gmail.com .



'Food For Friends' Snack Drive: There are several students in our adopted Elementary Schools who are homeless and may not have food after they leave their classrooms. Philoptochos is collecting items for the resource teachers to send home with these children. Items needed should **NUT FREE** be non-perishable, individually wrapped (if possible) and available to be eaten without being warmed. Suggested items are: small bottled waters or 100% juice boxes, individual cereal boxes; boxes of individual fruit snacks; individual apple sauces, peaches, pears, etc.; individual cereal/granola bars; or individual bags of goldfish, pretzels; tuna fish ready-to-eat pouches or beef jerky sticks. Please drop off the items in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building after Sunday Liturgy or during regular office hours throughout the week. Please donate items now through **Monday, October 12th**.



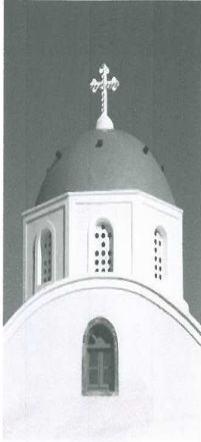
Saint Nicholas Shrine: Our next report is due mid-October. So far our total is \$8325. That leaves us \$3400 short of our goal. Please try to make a pledge for the next report so we can meet our magic number! Any questions, call Margo 410.465.0371.



The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is right around the corner. The Ladies Philoptochos Society will be supporting our community near and far to the best of our abilities. Please consider saving unused travel hotel items to send to soldiers, shelters and elder care facilities. Any non-perishable food items will also be needed such as microwaveable meals, soups, desserts, cereals, instant coffee, sugar, powder creamer, high protein snacks, beef jerky and chocolate. Hand held games, decks of cards, writing paper/pens/envelops. So keep looking for those deals. If you see a great deal, please call and let us know as we will also be stuffing food baskets and stockings. If you are a seamstress (novice, pro or just interested) and would like to participate please contact Lisa Jones Venetos @ 410-529-9428. Committee gathering will commence after the festival but ideas are always accepted!

Saint Andrew Orthodox Church 75th Anniversary ~ The parish of Saint Andrew Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Maryland is celebrating its 75th anniversary on **Saturday, October 24th, 2015** with His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Eminence Archbishop Michael. A full day of celebration is planned that includes a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew in the morning, followed by a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. We return to our church for Great Vespers in the late afternoon and complete our celebration with a dinner and banquet that evening in The National Aquarium in downtown Baltimore. All are invited to attend. For more information please contact the Church at 410.276.3422.

CS PARENTS' REMINDER



Due to our
Annual Grecian Festival



Church School Classes
will **NOT** be in session on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

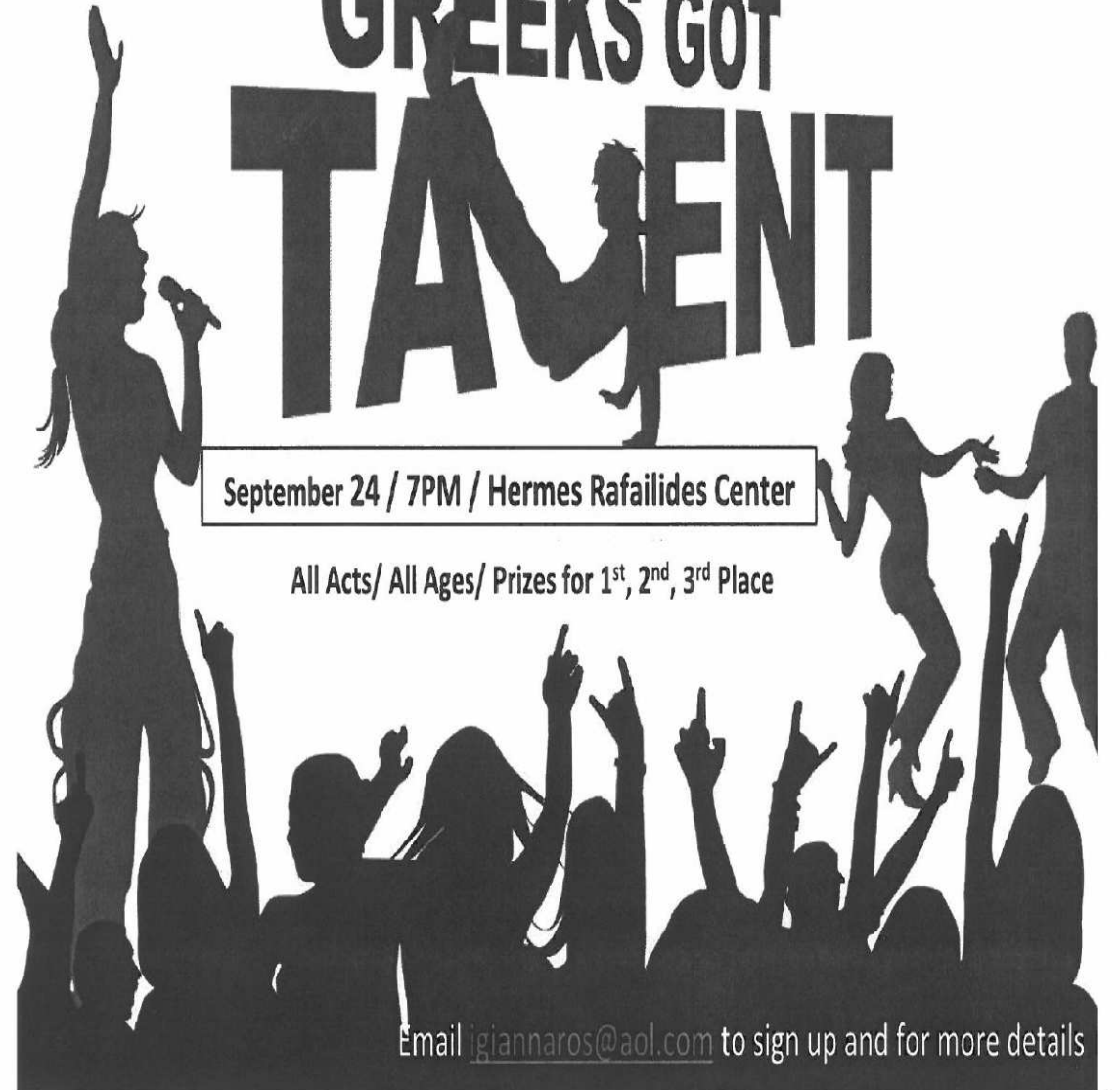
Classes will resume on:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH @ 9:50AM

ST. DEMETRIOS FESTIVAL KICK OFF

GREEKS GOT TALENT

September 24 / 7PM / Hermes Rafailides Center

All Acts/ All Ages/ Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place



Email igiannaros@aol.com to sign up and for more details