

September 27, 2015

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke

The **Epistle Reading** is II Corinthians 6:16-7:1. The **Gospel Reading** is Luke 5:1-11. These Readings may be found on pages 1311 & 1207 in the **Holy Bible** or on pages 92 & 94 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

**Today we remember:** Martyr Kallistratos; Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon, and Markos, of the 70 Apostles; Neomartyr Akylina; Righteous Ignatios; Holymartyr Gregory the Enlightened, Bishop of Armenia.

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

- Vangie Demetrakis, Maria & Bob, Cathy & Tom, Ana & Scott *in loving memory of* Jim Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Olga Garrish & Maria Stamas *in honor of* the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of their Godparents, Chris & Helen Makres. May God continue to bless them.
- Emile & Alda Barghout *in loving memory of* Victoria Zananiri, Mahfouz, Zuhour, Georgette and Gregory Barghout. May their memory be eternal.
- Mike, Eve, Elena & Andrea Pappas *in loving memory of* her father & their grandfather, Mathew Polites. May his memory be eternal.

**40-Day Baby Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. John Blair will present their 1st child, a son, for the traditional 40-Day Blessing.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Chrisoula Kucharski.

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

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

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**A message from the Festival Chair:** The 2015 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. We would love to see you there.

**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.

**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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**Library News:** The Library will be closed today due to our annual festival. I hope that everyone is enjoying themselves this weekend. We have a lot of delicious food and sweets. If you would like to make some of the food being sold this weekend, stop by the Philoptochos and Library booths. We will be selling our Philoptochos Cookbook "Kali Orexi." We will also be selling Greek Traditions by Marilyn Marvelis. We will have a display of both of these ministries and the work that we do. Come and say hello. We are always looking for new volunteers. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book is "*When Jesus Wept*". All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

**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 October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

**Calling All College Students!** The Pan Hellenic Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce that its 2015/16 application is now available for eligible Greek American college students through February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and will distribute **\$250,000 in scholarship awards** to 40 deserving undergraduates. For more information and to download the application please visit: <http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org/apply.php>. **All Applications should be postmarked by: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

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## 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	\$329,333	\$262,208	465
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$307,311	\$238,741	417

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) NO Home School Co-Op Sweet Adelines, (H/G)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30 pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B)</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <b>Orthros, 9:00 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</b> Church School Priest, Church School Director &amp; Parents Mtg.,</p>
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm*  
*Parish Council Exec. Board Meeting ~ October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm*  
*The Way ~ October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm*  
*Greek School ~ October 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm*  
*GOYA Lock-in ~ October 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Columbus Day ~ Office Closed, October 12<sup>th</sup>*  
*Pre-School “Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A” ~ October 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*Parish Council Meeting ~ October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm*

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

*Philoptochos Board meeting for October has been changed to October 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 12<sup>th</sup>**.



**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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** ~ The parish of Saint Andrew Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Maryland is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.