

November 8, 2015

7th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Hebrews 2:2-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:41-56. These Readings may be found on pages 1359 & 1213 in the Holy Bible or on page 104 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Commemoration of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel; Righteous Symeon the Translator.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Thorina Trintis & Family *in memory of* Basilios, her beloved husband, their father & grandfather as we remember his passing six months ago. His memory is our treasure.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Maritsa & John Stamas, Vanessa, Renae and Jiana *in loving memory of* their devoted dad and dearest “papouli,” Basilios A. Trintis, on his six month memorial. Always in our hearts and in all ways on our minds.
- Anthony & Argiro Trintis, Basili, Kliia, Yianni & Skiatheni *in loving memory of* their dear dad and devoted papou, Basilios A. Trintis, on his six month memorial. His legacy is forever etched in our hearts.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary and George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord twenty-one years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Marshall, Christina, George & Michael Tsakiris *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord twenty-one years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Katina Yianakis *in loving memory of* her son-in-law, Michael Pulianas. May his memory be eternal.
- The Kegel, Cocoros, West & Meyer Families *for the health & welfare of* mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Irene Cocoros, on her surgery this week. May God continue to keep her in the palm of His hand.
- Jean Sfikas & Family *for the health & welfare of* husband & father, Tony Sfikas.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Basilios A. Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord six months ago and *in loving memory of* George Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord twenty-one years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Georgia Kerasiotes & Dimitra Psihopedas

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is co-sponsored by The Trintis Family and The Stewardship Ministry. Please come down to the Hermes Rafailides Center and join us.

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

Orthodox Studies: We will **NOT** meet on **Friday, November 13th** due to the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Please plan to join us for Liturgy. For any questions or for more information please contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

Parish Elections: Parish Elections will be held on **Sunday, November 15th** directly after the Divine Liturgy in the **Hermes Rafailides Center**. All Stewards are encouraged to vote.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 26th**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

Advent & Christmas Program: Beginning November 29th, we will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. All Church School students are to wear their "most Sunday best" on the week that their class is performing. We will rehearse for the December 6th & the December 13th Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 29th ~ Reader and Choir

Sunday, December 6th ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 13th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 20th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

Special Choir: Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform as our Nativity Pageant Choir on **Sunday, December 20th, 2015**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy each Sunday in November and will only take 30 minutes. There are solo and duet opportunities throughout the Pageant. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-256-2143 for more information. We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation ~ There’s still time to be included in the Saint Demetrios Community Christmas Card. Forms can be found on the Narthex table. The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our Church for the season are needed as well. Please return the form to the church office by **November 23rd**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. **No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!**

Unable to come to Church: If you or someone you know is unable to come to Church, but would like to receive a weekly bulletin via mail. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 or drop an email to saintdemetrios@comcast.net and we will gladly send you a bulletin

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 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.

GOYA: Toys for Tots: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios annual toy drive for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program. Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes, which are located throughout the church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 300 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. A representative from the U.S. Marines will be at our church on **Sunday, December 13th** to pick up all the toys.

Library News: Last week was Make a Difference Sunday. It was a really rewarding experience. The children were taught the meaning of the Orthodox traditions. I had the pleasure to teach the children the reason why we make Kolivia and its significance. In St. John (12:24) he says; "Truly, truly I say to you unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Kolivia are symbolic of the resurrection of the dead on the day of the second coming. Kolivia is made to commemorate the dead. It is made on the third day because we have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. ~ The one God. The second reason we do a memorial on the third day, there are three virtues which form our foundation for salvation. Man possesses three internal powers; reason, emotion and desire by which man has transgressed. Man's actions have manifest themselves in 3 ways by deed, word and thought. On the third day we entreat the Holy Trinity to forgive the decesses' transgressions. The ninth day is celebrated that his spirit may dwell with the holy spirits, the angels, since it is immaterial as is their nature. They are ranked to nine orders, and in three trinities they proclaim and praise God in Trinity. Forty days is celebrated in memory of the Savior's accession forty days after his resurrection and of the reposed one, when he is resurrected, may be taken up in the clouds to meet the judge, our Savior and master. He will be with him forever. Third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth month services are also celebrated to proclaim the Trinity, the God of all in his glory and on the behalf of the decesses. Man is fashioned by the Trinity; and when he is loosen from his body he returns to him and by the Trinity he hopes for the resurrection. We perform memorials at the end of the year because we proclaim the Trinity and the year is divided by four Trinities. Also the year memorial is celebrated because it is the consummation and our God the Trinity is the life of all and the cause of living and he shall be the restoration of all and the renewal of human nature. The ingredients in Kolyvia are symbolic. The wheat is everlasting life, Pomegranates, the blood of Christ, Cinnamon, earth, raisins sweetness of the earth, sugar the sweetness of heaven, sesame seed, seeds of plenty, and parsley the green of the earth. You can learn about our many traditions by visiting our Library.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **November 10th, 2015** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is *Christmas Miracles* by Jamie Miller, Laura Lewis & Jennifer Basye Sander. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ November 9th @ 6:30pm
Veterans Day ~ Office Closed ~ November 11th
No Orthodox Studies ~ November 13th
Divine Liturgy ~ St. John Chrysostom ~ November 13th @ 10:00am
Honoring Demetrakia Dancers ~ November 15th
Parish Elections ~ November 15th
Nativity Choir Rehearsal ~ November 15th
Demetrakia IV Practice ~ November 15th @ 12:15pm
Philoptochos General Meeting ~ November 16th @ 6:30 pm
Parish Council Meeting ~ November 17th @ 7:00pm
GOYA Bingo Set-Up ~ November 19th
GOYA Basket Bingo ~ November 20th (Doors open at 6pm / Games begin at 7pm)
Pre-School Breakfast ~ November 22nd

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.

Bags of old, tattered bills were being returned to the United States Treasure. A ONE DOLLAR BILL and a FIFTY DOLLAR BILL stuck up a conversation. \$50 dollar bill: “I went to many places ~ nice stores, good restaurants, clubs, exotic places. How about you? Where have you been?” The \$1 bill replied: “All I ever did was go to church.” And the \$50 dollar bill asked: “What is a church?”

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$332,960	\$282,965	471
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$315,036	\$266,510	424

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, November 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines, (H/G) Parish Council Exec. Board Mtg., 6:30pm (B) Ledo's Pizza Night Fundraiser, 5:00pm – 10:00pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, November 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Soccer, (H/G) Play Committee Mtg, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, November 11th</u> <i>Veterans Day ~ Office Closed</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, November 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Friday, November 13th</u> Pre-School Conferences <i>No School for Students</i> <i>No Orthodox Studies</i> <i>Divine Liturgy ~</i> <i>St. John Chrysostom, 10:00am</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, November 15th</u> <i>8th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> <i>Honoring Demetrakia Dancers,</i> <i>Parish Elections</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Nativity Choir Rehearsal, (M) Demetrakia IV Practice, 12:15pm</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting has been changed to Monday, November 9th at Ledo's Pizza White Marsh 6:30pm

General Meeting for Philoptochos is on Monday, November 16th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Philoptochos room.



DATE CHANGE! Tired of cooking? Join the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos at Ledo Pizza, 5350 Campbell Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21236 on **Monday, November 9th** from 5pm-10pm. Eat-in or carry out. 20% of all proceeds benefit the many charities of Philoptochos. No flyer needed, just go and enjoy!



Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection: Now accepting food donations to be distributed to families in need from our adopted schools. Please place in the Philoptochos blue bin in the church building – Sundays or during the week between 9a-3p. Food examples include dry goods such as soups, stuffing, pasta & sauce, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes or dessert mixes, breakfast cereals, juices, canned fruits and vegetables, canned chicken, tuna or ham. To make it easier for those who may have difficulty getting out to purchase items for the food drive, our Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos will accept monetary donations to purchase additional food for distribution. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to 'Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos' and designate "food baskets" in the memo line. For questions about the food baskets, contact Elaine4ladybugs@comcast.net. Collection through **Monday, November 16th**.



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. Nonperishable food items will also be needed 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!



Christmas Gift Giving. One of our local schools that we support with back to school supplies has reached out to us for assistance during the Christmas holiday season. The social service committee of this Title One Howard County School that is also a "refugee school" for Burmese children has requested gift cards to Target and Wal-Mart in the amounts of \$5.00 or \$10.00 increments. The gift cards will be given to the children who are the most in need. If you are able to support this project, you can make a tax deductible monetary donation or write a check to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and in the memo portion thereof write School Christmas Gift Card. Of course, you may also purchase the gift cards yourself. Stop by the Philoptochos Table during coffee hour for more information regarding this worthwhile endeavor.



Bow Making Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers to help make bows for The Ladies Philoptochos Society's Annual Christmas Bazaar, to decorate the Christmas Wreaths & Crosses. If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Irene Peltsems at: 410.668.0846



Chapter Challenge -Computers Wanted! Chapter Challenge Project: Saint Demetrios Community: Have you recently updated your computer equipment? Wondering what to do with your old equipment? Our landfills are overflowing with equipment that can be salvaged and refurbished and made available to those in need. Project Reboot in Rockville accepts donations of computer equipment and refurbishes this hardware for those on public assistance. The cost for a system to qualified customers is around \$45 for a complete desktop system, \$65 for a laptop. More than 13,000 systems have been distributed in this way. You can help us in our project to lessen the digital divide by donating your usable computer monitors, keyboards, CPU's, cords, hard drives, and mice. Laptops are especially desirable. Place your donations in the Philoptochos Green Bin near the bridge during regular weekly office hours and Sundays after the Liturgy. For more information on how you can help, contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

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FALL FEST BINGO
VERA BRADLEY BAGS,
LONGABERGER BASKET &**



MANLY MAN STUFF 

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**HOSTED BY
SAINT DEMETRIOS GOYA
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7:00PM**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm
Tickets \$15 in Advance or \$20 at the Door**

To Reserve a Table Please Contact
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUP!!