

**November 15, 2015**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading** is Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel Reading is Luke 10:25-37. These Readings may be found on pages 1335 & 1216 in the Holy Bible or on pages 103 & 106 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Martyrs, Confessors Guorias and Samonas, also Martyr Abibos; Justinian and Theodora of Constantinople.

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

- Holly Zaharis & Family *in loving memory of* husband & father, Demetrios “Jimmy” Zaharis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* our Demetrakia Dance Troupe, who give their time and talent throughout the years. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the church.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Olympia Demedis *for the health & welfare of* her children, Konstantine & Stephanie.
- Bob & Olga Garrish *in loving honor of* their Goddaughter, Elaina Mufareh, on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many more.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Demetrios “Jimmy” Zaharis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toula Stamas.

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. The coffee hour today is sponsored by the Demetrakia Dance Groups and served by Mary Cross, Vangie Demetrakis, Georgia Kerasiotis, and Diane Stavros.

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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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**Parish Elections:** Parish Elections will be held today, **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** directly after the Divine Liturgy in the **board room**. All Stewards in good standing are encouraged to vote.

**Demetrakia Dance Troupe:** Today, we will honor our Demetrakia Dancers for their achievements and commitment to this ministry which perpetuates such a beautiful aspect of our culture. We would like to thank all dancers and their parents for their support and dedication throughout the year. For more information on the Demetrakia Dance Troupe please contact Emily Liadakis-Fekos at: [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com).

**Orthodox Studies:** We will meet on **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to join us for Liturgy. For any questions or for more information, please contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

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

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**Advent & Christmas Program:** Beginning November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 will rehearse for the December 6<sup>th</sup> & the December 13<sup>th</sup>. Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Reader and Choir

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

**Special Choir:** The Nativity Pageant Choir will perform on **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Rehearsals are held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy each Sunday until December 13<sup>th</sup>. All Youth between the ages of 5-18 are invited to participate and there are still solo and duet opportunities throughout the Pageant. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410.256.2143 for more information.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. **No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!**

**Parish Assembly:** Our final Parish Assembly for 2015 will be held on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. A quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2015 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meetings is essential to the future growth & direction of our Parish.

**Christmas Service:** The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning with *Orthros at 6:00 p.m.* and the *Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.* The annual Christmas Concert will directly follow the Divine Liturgy. **Please make note that the only Christmas Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**GOYA ~ Fall Fest Basket & Bag Bingo This Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.** Sponsor a prize or get your tickets at a discounted rate today during Coffee Hour. Bingo prizes will include Vera Bradley bags, Longaberger Baskets and Manly Man Stuff!!! Come out for a night of fun! Thank you for supporting our GOYA. Tickets are also available at our church office this week. Can't make it that's okay ~ Please SPONSOR a prize today!!! Our sponsor prize board will be posted during coffee hour.

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**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 13<sup>th</sup>** to pick up all the toys.

**HOPE/JOY Christmas Event:** Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with Hope and Joy. Come to our annual Family Christmas Event; Friday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. For more information or to volunteer contact Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487.

**Library News:** In ancient times the year began in March. The feast day was established in November since there were nine ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of Dread, Last Judgment, is called the Eighth day by the Holy Fathers. Angels Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies, highest, middle, and lowest. The Seraphin, the six winged (Flaming Fiery) stands closest to the Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle love in others. Many eyed Cherubim stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God and his mysteries. People's minds are enlightened through them so they may know God and behold his glory. The Thorns stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and in comprehensively bearing God through grace given to them. The middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of the three ranks: Dominions, Power and Authorities. Dominions hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct earthly authorities established by God to rule wisely and govern our lands well. They also teach us to refrain from sinful impulses and temptations. Angels are the lowest in the rank and the closest to people. They reveal the lesser of the mysteries of God and his intensions. According to St. Paul all angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister all who shall be heirs to salvation. You can read about angels and miracles by visiting our Library. We have many books on death, miracles and near death experiences.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is *Enrique's Journey* by *Sonia Nazario*. This is a true story of a boy's dangerous odyssey to reunite with his mother. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- GOYA Bingo Set-Up ~ November 19<sup>th</sup>*
- GOYA Basket Bingo ~ November 20<sup>th</sup> (Doors open at 6pm / Games begin at 7pm)*
- Pre-School Breakfast ~ November 22<sup>nd</sup>*
- Breakfast with Santa, November 28<sup>th</sup>*
- Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*
- Book / Knitting Club ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>*
- Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Spyridon, Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*

### **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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2014</b>	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$335,470	\$293,449	478
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$315,661	\$268,687	424

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)            Sweet Adelines, (H/G)            Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            GOYA Soccer, (H/G)            Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)            GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  <b>No Men's Basketball</b>            Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)            GOYA Bingo Set-Up (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Orthodox Studies, 9:00am (B)  <b>GOYA Basket Bingo (H/G)</b>  <b>Doors Open, 6:00pm</b>  <b>Games Begin, 7:00pm</b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>  <i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i>  <b>Orthros, 9:00am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</b>  <b>Pre-School Breakfast, (H/G)</b>            Church School, 9:55am (C)            Nativity Choir Rehearsal, (M)</p>
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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

**Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection:** Now accepting food donations to be distributed to local families in need. Please put items in the Philoptochos blue bin in the church building ~ Sundays or during the week between 9:00am-3:00pm. 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.

**Our Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos** will also accept monetary donations to purchase additional food for distribution. 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](mailto:Elaine4ladybugs@comcast.net).

**Santa Claus arrives after Thanksgiving!!!** Bring the kids, old and young, to have **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!!** Enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, etc. while starting off the Christmas season with the family. There will be face painting, crafts and photos with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$12 each, children under 12 just \$7. Reserve your seat today at coffee hour or call Lisa Jones-Venetos 410-529-9428/443-621-6805

**Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero:** Our October 15<sup>th</sup> report was sent to National Philoptochos in the amount of \$800 which brings our total to \$8,825. Since that report, we have received \$200 in donations. Remember that our goal is \$11,700 (\$100 for each of our 117 members of 2015). We are currently \$2,675 away from that goal. Let's try to reach our goal in the January 15, 2016 report!!

**Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar** is right around the corner! **December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am until 3:00pm and **December 6<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Vendor space is available! To help with:

*Pastries* ~ Ritsa Economakis,  
*Yia Yia's Treasures* ~ Thorina Trintis  
*Greens* ~ Irene Peltsems or Angie McQueeney  
*Vendors* ~ Mary Antonas or Lisa Jones-Venetos

**Stockings of JOY!!!!** Help support our local Veterans who are spending the Christmas season in a Veterans Hospital. Donations of new socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, hats, gloves, Christmas decorations, word search books, hand-held games, snacks, candy, and items to have a party at the hospital are needed. Donations to purchase these items will be greatly appreciated. PS. If you sew, we need you! We are making the stockings as we did several years ago please call Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428.

**Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders** ~ *Baking of Christmas breads will be done on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>* beginning at 8:30am until we finish. Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545. To place your order for breads: see Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour or call 410.866.7336. Final day to order is **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up for ordered breads will be during the Christmas Bazaar, **Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

*SAVE THE DATE*

**OUR FAMOUS  
FALL FEST BINGO**

**VERA BRADLEY BAGS,  
LONGABERGER BASKET &**

 **MANLY MAN STUFF** 

**SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR! GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY**



**HOSTED BY**

**SAINT DEMETRIOS GOYA  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm**

**Tickets \$15 in Advance or \$20 at the Door**

To Reserve a Table Please Contact  
Paul Rizas [paulrizas.SaintDemetriosGoya@gmail.com](mailto:paulrizas.SaintDemetriosGoya@gmail.com) 410-365-1703

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUP!!**