

September 18, 2016

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; Eumenios, Bishop of Gortyna, Crete, the Wonderworker; Martyr Ariadne; Romylos the Monk.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Ted Kostopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Stasa Kostopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Christopher & Helen Makres *in loving memory of* their dear friend, Stasa Kostopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May God rest her soul.
- The Church Office *in loving memory of* their friend & former co-worker, Stasa Kostopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be forever eternal.
- Mrs. Mercina Belios *in loving memory of* her brother, Spiros Touloumes, who fell asleep 40-days ago, in Greece. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus, Helen & Stephanie Xintas *in loving memory of* their dear friend, Jim Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Matthew & Christina Pandullo *in honor of* the baptism, of their daughter, Penelope Joy.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Stasa Kostopoulos (40-days). May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Ted Kostopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* Stasa Kostopoulos and served by The Ladies of Philoptochos: Sandy Dzwonczyk, Lucy Kosmas and Vula Stamatopoulos.

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 16th, 2016 ~ General Assembly!
Please make plans to attend this important meeting.**

New Icons: Two new Icons were installed by Mr. George Filippakis this past week. As you walked into the Narthex this morning you saw to your left, the *Icon of the Hospitality of Abraham*. This Icon depicts the Holy Trinity in the Orthodox Christian Church. The second Icon is located on the Bishop's Throne and is the *Icon of Jesus Christ the Hierarch*. In most Orthodox Churches this Icon is used on the Bishop's Throne to show that Jesus Christ is the ultimate High Priest. We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Constantinides & Family for their generous gift of these two beautiful Icons. The Icons were donated *in honor of* their parents, James & Irene Latgis, their grandchildren, Grayson Nicholas & Preston Craig Allen and *in loving memory of* Louis & Mary Constantinides.

Orthodox Studies: Start the new Ecclesiastical year off right; learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30am. We will resume on **October 7th, 2016**. See you in Church! For more information, contact Kate at 410.692.7590.

Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy.

Parish Council Nominations: Your Church needs You!! Soon you will receive 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.

The Orthodox Christian Way: Coming Soon! The fall series of the Orthodox Christian Way program will take place on Tuesday evenings, **October 4th, 11th, 18th and November 1st**. We are busy planning the programs, 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 \$25 for all four sessions. Individual sessions will be \$10. **Registration begins today following Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center.** Stop by the registration table or call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202.

Welcome Sunday: Saint Demetrios will be celebrating its 18th annual Welcome Sunday, on **Sunday, October 2nd**. 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.

Have You Noticed? We have a new roadside sign holder at the driveway entrance. Our thanks to the Xanthakos family for donation of the construction material to meet this need. All Ministries and Committees are asked to use this sign holder for all roadside advertising. Contact Mark Alberding at 410.790.7523 for information on ordering signs.

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.

Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero: We're almost there; **\$6,995** has been collected towards our committed gift of **\$10,000** for the re-building of Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. We are appealing to each family of our parish to give a gift of \$50. ***If you are unable to gift \$50, any amount to help us reach our goal is appreciate and tax-deductible.*** Please consider joining us in assisting our sister church. Make your check payable to: Saint Demetrios, memo it as "SNS" and return it to the church. We thank you for helping to re-build the only church that was destroyed on 9/11.

Attention Demetrakia Alumni!! As part of the 35th Anniversary of the Demetrakia Dance Troupe, all previous dancers and instructors are invited to participate in a reunion performance at our festival on **Saturday, September 24th**. There will be a practice/meeting (preferred, but not mandatory) for this on **Wednesday, September 21st at 7pm**. For more information, questions and to sign up, please contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com, Katina at ekatmavro2@gmail.com or Mathew at mopolites13@gmail.com.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2016-2017 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms are available and can be found on the Narthex table. Please call the Church office 410.661.1090 x 202, if you have any questions.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 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 us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Art Auction: You Gotta Have Art! A Live Art Auction sponsored by the St. Demetrios Philoptochos Society. Featuring Art in all Media and Price Ranges. **Friday, November 4, 2016** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Preview: 6:30 pm Live Auction: 7:30 pm Admission: \$15 per person Appetizers and Desserts Included! Beer and Wine Available for Purchase. Major credit cards accepted for art purchases. For Tickets or Information call: Alice Noplos 410-817-9651 or Mary Tsakris 410-592-7319. This event will benefit the many charities of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Project Reboot: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

FESTIVAL CORNER

Festival Meeting: Our final festival meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19th** at 7:00pm.

Volunteers: Just 4 more days to volunteer. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, please do so by contacting Cathy Xanthakos at 410.952.3576.

Greeks Got Talent! Do you 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! Saint Demetrios will be kicking off their Festival weekend with "Greeks Got Talent!" All acts and ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Whether you're participating or want to come have a fun night out supporting our community and enjoying great food with friends and family, we're waiting for you to kick-off the 2016 Saint Demetrios Greek Festival right! For additional information and to sign up please email Irene Giannaros at igiannaros@aol.com

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 comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessings **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$305,661	\$235,819	414
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$313,888	\$245,409	409

*In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am <i>Sweet Adelines</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Dance Practice</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) NO GOYA Basketball Dance Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 22nd</u> Autumn Begins Pre-School Closed Grecian Festival, 5:00-9:00pm</p>	<p><u>Friday, September 23rd</u> Pre-School Closed Grecian Festival, 5:00-10:00pm</p> <p><u>Saturday, September 24th</u> Grecian Festival, 12:00-10:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 25th</u> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>No Church School</i> Grecian Festival, 12:00-7:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Festival Meeting ~ September 19th
Pre-School Closed ~ September 22nd & 23rd
No Church School ~ September 25th
No Home School Co-Op ~ September 26th
 Welcome Sunday ~ October 2nd
 Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ October 3rd
The Orthodox Christian Way ~ October 4th, 11th, 18th & November 1st
 PC Board Meeting ~ October 5th
 Orthodox Studies ~ October 7th
 Pre-School Chick-fil-A Fund Raiser ~ October 10th
 Greek School (first class) ~ October 10th & 12th