

September 25, 2016

1st Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 1:21-2:4. The Gospel Reading is Luke 5:1-11. These Readings may be found on pages 1321 & 1207 in the Holy Bible or on pages 86-94 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Righteous Martyr Euphrosyne, and her father, Holymartyr Paphnoutios, and his Companions, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Emile & Aida Barghout *in loving memory of* Victoria Zananiri, Mahfouz Zuhour, Georgette & Gregory Barghout. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Emile & Aida Barghout *for the health & welfare of* Vicki, Jasper, Olivia and Elinor Goransson
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

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

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

Grecian Festival: The 2016 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.

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.

Parish Assembly: The Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 16th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2016 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish.

Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy: On **Tuesday, October 25th**, we will celebrate The Great Vespers for the Saint Demetrios Feast Day beginning at 7:00 pm. The Philoptochos will be hosting coffee & a reception in the Hermes Rafailides Center following the Vespers. Please plan to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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 appreciated 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.

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.

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.

GOYA Basket Bingo: Our Saint Demetrios Fall Fest Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bag Bingo is just around the corner on **Saturday October 22nd!!!** Please stop by the GOYA table during Coffee Hour to purchase tickets or to sponsor one of our many fantastic Bingo Prizes!! Thank you for supporting our GOYA

Youth Ministry: Saint Demetrios Hope/Joy Halloween Event. **Friday, October 28th, 2016** from 6-8:30pm. Free, Fun, Food, Entertainment, Costumes welcome (Church Appropriate). Presentation by ***Wildlife Adventures ~ "Bringing the WILD to LIFE"*** (*Live animals will be used*). Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell via email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com by **Oct. 20th** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **October 11th, 2016** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

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.

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.

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, we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is October 21st.** This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December

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.

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	\$307,311	\$238,741	417
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$315,838	\$249,610	412

*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 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) NO Home School Co-Op, <i>Sweet Adelines</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, September 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, October 1st</u> ZUMBA, 9:00am (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 2nd</u> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Church School, 9:55am(C)</i> <i>Welcome Sunday</i></p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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