

October 2, 2016

2nd Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 4:6-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 6:31-36. These Readings may be found on pages 1323 & 1209 in the Holy Bible or on pages 88-96 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: National Church Music Sunday: Holymartyr Kypriaos, the Confessor, and Justine, Virginmartyr; Righteous Theophilos; Neomartyr George.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* our Church Musicians, who give their time and talent each Sunday to enhance our Divine Liturgy on this National Music Sunday. A special thank you to our Choir Director, Jennie Kegel, our Organist, Olga Polites, our Psalti, George Chrisovergis and all the members of the Adult Choir, Junior Chorus & Bell Choir. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the Church.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in honor of* their daughter, Christine, on the occasion of her new job & promotion. May God grant her continued success.
- Mike, Eve, Elena & Andrea Pappas *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Mathew Polites. May his memory be eternal.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* his father, Michael Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 32 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- 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: Coffee hour is co-sponsored by the Welcome Sunday Committee and the Ladies Philoptochos Society and served by Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis and Diane Zamaria.

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

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.

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.

Welcome Sunday: Today, Saint Demetrios will be celebrating its 18th annual Welcome Sunday. 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.

National Church Music Sunday: Each year, Parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate *National Church Music Sunday*, during the month of October. The commemoration was inaugurated by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South American in 1982, and has been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America. Today, the Saint Demetrios Community will honor members of our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Junior Choir and our Psalti, George Chrisovergis. *National Church Music Sunday* is a day that is set aside, particularly to honor the contributions of local Choir Members, Psalti and Music Educators who serve their Churches through the Hymnology of our Orthodox Church. Please take a moment and congratulate the Musicians of Saint Demetrios and thank them for sharing their talents so that our Divine Liturgy is augmented by their wonderful music.

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.

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.

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.

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: Classes begin **Monday, October 3rd** for Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th & 6th grades and **Wednesday, October 5th** for 1st, 3rd & 5th grades. Stop by the Narthex Table to pick up the schedule and registration form(s), or complete the form(s) when you drop your child(ren) off for class.

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.

Greek Dance! Attention all adults interested in learning or practicing Greek dance! The Demetrakia will be hosting a dance lesson on **Thursday, October 13th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.** No experience necessary! \$5 donation. Contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com for more information. Busy that day? Stay tuned for future lessons every few months.

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.

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.

Pastries: We will be selling pastries & Sweet Bread after liturgy today. If you are interested in purchasing pastries or bread, please see Ritsa Economakis or contact her at 410.256.0953.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ October 3rd
Parish Council Board Meeting ~ October 5th
The Orthodox Christian Way ~ October 4th, 11th, 18th & November 1st
GOYA Lock-In ~ October 8th
Memorial Sunday ~ October 9th
Pre-School Chick-fil-A Fund Raiser ~ October 10th
Philoptochos General Meeting ~ October 10th
Book Knitters Club ~ October 11th
Parish Council Meeting ~ October 12th
Election Forms Due ~ October 12th
Adult Dance Lessons ~ October 13th
Suburban Players Auditions ~ October 15th, 17th & 22nd

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, October 3rd 6:30pm – we will be having a demo on our new coffee machine

General Meeting: Monday, October 10th 6:30pm

Art Auction:

Ya Gotta Have Art!

A Live Art Auction sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Society. Featuring Art in all Media and Price Ranges. **Friday, November 4th, 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 ~ 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL FEST BINGO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd!

Hosted by: The Saint Demetrios GOYA

\$15 in Advance or \$20 at the Door
For discounted advanced tickets:

Mail check to: Saint Demetrios GOYA
2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, MD. 21234

More information to come soon!



**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	\$307,376	\$243,668	417
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$316,523	\$252,694	414

*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, October 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm (P) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G) PC Board Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, October 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, October 8th</u> GOYA Lock-In</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 9th</u> <i>3rd Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am Dance Practice, 12:15pm</p>
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SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN

SAINT DEMETRIOS PRE-SCHOOL

AT CHICK-FIL-A FOR A

SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2016

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2008 E. Joppa Road ♦ Parkville, MD. 21234

Dine in or carry out at Chick-Fil-A and we will earn
20% of the ticketed sales donated by Chick-Fil-A!

*** Special Promotion . . . EARN EXTRA MONEY!! ***
For every Chick-Fil-A **Chocolate Chunk Cookie** purchase,
We will receive an extra \$1.00!!

Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table!

**“Guest must present the flyer or inform cashier they are here for
the Spirit Night at time of purchase in order to receive credit.”**