

October 9th, 2016

3rd Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 6:1-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 7:11-16. These Readings may be found on pages 1324 & 1210 in the Holy Bible or on pages 89 & 97 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Apostle James of the Twelve, Son of Alphaeus; Poplia, Martyr; Righteous Athanasia and Andronikos; Abraham the Just and His Nephew Lot.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christina Kakoullis & Family *in loving memory of* husband & father, Kyriacos Kakoullis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pete Karsos & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Kyriaki Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and father & grandfather, John Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Dimitra Gerasimidis Reidy & Angeliki Gerasimidis *in loving memory of* their father, Aristidis Gerasimidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- John Xecominos & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother & sister, Hoberta Xecominos, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Chakales & Alexander Families *in loving memory of* John Chakales, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago; Peter Psirigotis, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago and Helen Psirigotis, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Lou Triandafilou, *in honor of* his wife, Mary, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Kyriacos Kakoullis, John & Kyriaki Karsos, Aristidis Gerasimidis, John Chakales, Peter & Helen Psirigotis, Peter Passon and Hoberta Xecominos. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: is sponsored *in loving memory* by the families of Kyriacos Kakoullis, John & Kyriaki Karsos, Aristidis Gerasimidis, John Chakales and Peter & Helen Psirigotis. It is served by the Ladies of Philoptochos: Kate Cocoros, Mary Karavedas and Irene Peltsems.

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. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

Welcome Sunday “New Date” On **Sunday, October 30th** 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.

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.

Have You Noticed?? We have a new, updated website, it is user friendly and looks beautiful. We would like to thank the following parishioners for all their work, John Papatthakis, Stephen Kucharski and Stephen Christ. Take a look (stdemetriosmd.org) to see what we are so excited about.

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: We continue this week with Session 2: “Smyrna (Asia Minor): The Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City, 1900 – 1922”. The Panel further explains the causes and aftermath of such a catastrophe which lingers over the role of the Orthodox Church in Asia Minor today. We will begin with a light supper at 6:15 pm, followed promptly at 7:00 pm with the movie. Babysitting will be provided and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30 pm. Cost is \$25 for all four sessions. Individual sessions will be \$10. Stop by the registration table during “coffee hour” 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.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch: Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 23rd** for a Gourmet Brunch, directly following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All proceeds will benefit our Pre-School. For more information, please contact Betty at 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

Greek School Registration: It isn't too late to register. Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th & 6th grades meet on Mondays and 1st, 3rd & 5th grades meet on Wednesdays. 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.

The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church's Suburban Players will present the Disney musical BEAUTY and the BEAST on February 17th - 19th and February 24th - 26th. I am very excited to be this year's Producer and the show will be directed by Mark Briner (of the Wizard of Oz fame), our rehearsal accompanist & pit leader will be Tammy Mills, and the lighting & sound will be designed and executed by Pete Beleos. I will be the Musical Director and I hope that everyone who likes to sing and act will come out for this production (especially all my gang from our previous Youth Musicals)! All are invited to audition and all parts are open for casting. Whether you have had a lot of experience, or a musical novice, there is a place for you in our Community Production!

Auditions for the Suburban Players production of BEAUTY and the BEAST will be held in the Music Room and are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, October 15th from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

Monday, October 17th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 22nd from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

(for those who unable attend the week before)

On Saturday, October 22nd, we will have Call Backs at 3:00 pm. If you auditioned the 15th or 17th, you will receive a phone call if we need to see you again for Call Backs. If you audition on the 22nd, be prepared to stay at 3:00 pm if we need you for Call Backs.

If you wish to participate, but do not want to be on stage, please contact me. I know we will have a place for you to help backstage, during pre-production, costumes, make-up, Ad Booklet or with the "dinner" part of Dinner Theatre. All help will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 443-610-7898 or jcocorosk@aol.com. Looking forward to seeing you at auditions and to a wonderful production!!

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.

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.

Library News: The man called the "Devine Seed", because he spread the word of God to many was the Apostle James. He was the son of Alphaeus and the brother of the Apostle Matthew. Jesus chose James and numbered him among the one worthy. James traveled to many countries preaching the word of Christ including Gaza and Eleutherapolis. While he was preaching in the Egyptian town of Ostracina he was arrested and crucified on October 9. The Holy Relics of St. James can be found in the Basilica in Rome and the Monastery of St. Panteleimon of Mount Athos. You can read more about St. James and many other saints by visiting our Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Orthodox Christian Way ~ October 11th, 18th & November 1st

Parish Council Meeting ~ October 12th

Election Forms Due ~ October 12th

Adult Dance Lessons ~ October 13th

Suburban Players Auditions ~ October 15th, 17th & 22nd

GOYA Basket Bingo ~ October 22nd

Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Demetrios Vespers ~ October 25th @ 7:00pm

Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Demetrios ~ October 26th @ 10:00am

Hope / Joy Fall Event ~ October 28th

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!



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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.

Make a Difference Day: On **Sunday, October 23rd**, our Church School children in conjunction with the Ladies of Philoptochos will hold a **“Make a Difference Day.”** Instructions on this day will give children greater insight of Orthodox traditions and how offering their **Time, Talent & Treasure** makes a difference. Jointly, we will collect and package items to be donated to the following organizations:

- 1) Gently used icons for OCMC.
- 2) Socks, hats & gloves for distribution to the homeless.
- 3) Gently used blankets, throw rugs and bath towels for local Animal Shelters

A bake sale will also be held in our Hermes Rafailides Center and **monetary donations** are also welcomed. All proceeds will be donated towards **rebuilding** the St. Nicholas Church / Shrine at Ground Zero, NYC. We humbly ask for the support and encouragement from all Church School parents & parishioners. For more information, please pick up a flyer from the pangari.

The 43rd Annual Russian Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, 1723 E. Fairmount Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21231 on Friday, October 14th through Sunday, October 16th. Homemade ethnic dishes, artisan breads, live entertainment, icons, liturgical recordings and much more are available at the festival. Come and enjoy. Acquaint yourselves with our Russian heritage, make new friends and celebrate with us as we conduct the Russian Festival 2016. For more information, please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex table or visit our website www.russfest.org

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 blessing **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	\$320,668	\$259,495	419

*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 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:40-7:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Ronald McDonald House Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Book/Knitters Club, 9:00am (L) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G) PC Meeting, 7:00pm (B) <i>Election Forms Due</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, October 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Adult Dance Lessons, (H/G) No Men's Basketball</p> <p><u>Friday, October 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, October 15th</u> Suburban Players Auditions, 12:00-3:00pm (M/B)</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 16th</u> <i>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>General Assembly</i> Dance Practice, 12:15pm</p>
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