

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Titus 3:8-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:5-15. These Readings may be found on pages 1324 & 1357 in the Holy Bible or on pages 152 & 99 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in Nicea; Righteous Longinus the Centurion and the Two Soldiers with him, Martyrs of the Cross.

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

- Mr. & Mrs. Athos Alexandrou & Family, *in loving memory of* their dear friend, 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. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis.

**Coffee Hour:** is sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society and served by Mary Antonas, Irene Eliou, Mary Karavedas and Irene Peltsems.

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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 Assembly:** The Parish Assembly will be held today, **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 30<sup>th</sup>** Saint Demetrios will be celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Papatkakis, Stephen Kucharski and Stephen Christ. We neglected to thank Demetri Makres for his efforts over the past few years setting up much of the nuts and bolts of our new website. Our apologies for this omission and thanks for his efforts on this project and his many years as webmaster of our old webpage.

**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:** We continue this week with "The Orthodox Church in Russia". 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch:** Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church's Suburban Players** will present the Disney musical BEAUTY and the BEAST on February 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**

**(for those who unable attend the week before)**

**On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have Call Backs at 3:00 pm. If you auditioned the 15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a phone call if we need to see you again for Call Backs. If you audition on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 [jjcocoros@aol.com](mailto:jjcocoros@aol.com). Looking forward to seeing you at auditions and to a wonderful production!!

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**Stewardship Celebration:** Join us on **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, for a complimentary luncheon, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center, to thank the Stewards of our church. Please remember to bring your 2017 commitment card with you, as we will collect them when we pass trays.

**Festival 2016:** As a first year Chairperson, it was my privilege, honor and pleasure to have been trusted to chair the 2016 St. Demetrios Festival – "it was truly a labor of love". A special "thank you" to Father Lou and our Parish Council for entrusting me to chair our Festival, your support gave me the strength to lead our many volunteers. On behalf of the Festival Committee, we would like to express our appreciation to all our volunteers. Without each of you supporting our efforts, our festival could not have run smoothly. There were many changes this year (new tent location, Gyro Cone and the addition of Saganaki); your support allowed these changes to be successful. A "**huge**" thanks to our Festival Managers (Presvytera Alice, Steve Pedrick, Ted Costalas), Gus Vasilis and all our booth coordinators that allowed us to stay focused, have fun, meet our goals, enjoy our festival and be successful. Congratulations to ALL and see you at our **2017 Festival**.

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

**GOYA Basket Bingo:** Our Saint Demetrios Fall Fest Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bag Bingo is just around the corner on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>!!!** 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) by **Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 **November 9, 2016** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

**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.

**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](mailto:SaintDemetrios@comcast.net), we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is October 21<sup>st</sup>.** This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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" October 23, 2016** ~ Our 2016, "Make a Difference Day" goal is to create a "sea of good deeds" from the hearts and hands of our children, guided by our Ladies Philoptochos Society and our Church School teachers. Jointly, we are asking the St. Demetrios Community to help by donating the following items which will be lovingly packaged by students, teachers and Philoptochos members on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** in Church School classrooms:

1. Gently used Icons to be given to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).
2. New Socks, Hats and Gloves for distribution to Homeless Organizations of Maryland.
3. Gently used blankets, throw rugs and bath towels for local Animal Shelters.

**Please donate items above on or before next Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> when this event will take place in our Church School. There are marked collection bins in the hallway prior to the bridge, outside of church, to the Hermes Rafailides Center for you to place donated items.** May we all work together to "Make a Difference" in the lives less unfortunate than us, while instilling Orthodox philanthropic values in our youth. (See flyers for additional information at the Pangari)

**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](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Orthodox Christian Way ~ October 18<sup>th</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*Suburban Players Auditions ~ October 17<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*GOYA Basket Bingo ~ October 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Demetrios Vespers ~ October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm*  
*Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Demetrios ~ October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am*  
*Hope / Joy Fall Event ~ October 28<sup>th</sup>*

## 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
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$307,376	\$243,668	417
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$320,718	\$261,340	420

\*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><b><u>Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:40-7:30pm (C) Suburban Players Auditions, 7:00-9:00pm (M/B)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Basket Bingo Set-up, 5:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> Suburban Players Auditions, 12:00-3:00pm (M/B) Audition call backs, 3:00pm GOYA Basket Bingo, 6:30pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Dance Practice, 12:15pm</p>
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Come one, come all to the  
Saint Demetrios Annual

## STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION!

All are invited to enjoy our complimentary

# LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, after the  
Divine Liturgy

To thank and celebrate those who support  
our Church as Stewards of Saint Demetrios  
and to honor the

Steward of the Year

