

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:27-39. These Readings may be found on pages 1329 & 1212 in the Holy Bible or on pages 123 & 102 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** James the Apostle and Brother of the Lord; Ignatios, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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

- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* their grandson, nephew & cousin, Demetrios Alexander Karavedas, on the occasion, of his Nameday.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- The family of Mrs. Irene Cocoros *in loving honor of* her, on the occasion, of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. May God grant her many more healthy & happy years.
- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* daughter, sister & aunt, Gina Courtalis, on the occasion, of her birthday. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

**40-Day Baby Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Alex Constantinides will present their 1<sup>st</sup> child, a son, for the traditional 40-day baby blessing. May God continue to bless this family.

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

**Coffee Hour:** There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Pre-School Gourmet Breakfast.

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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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**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.

**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 sponsor the coffee hour to be held in honor of all Stewards, after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All are invited to join us in giving our special guests a hearty Saint Demetrios greeting.

**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.

**Parish Council Elections:** The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** directly after the Divine Liturgy. Last week at the Parish Assembly, the date was mistakenly announced as November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to be in attendance to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2017, 2018 & 2019. There are six Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Irene Lericos, Agisi Makrodimitris, Kirk Rogers, Bill Pappas, Jerry Sackleh and Lambros Venetos. **Again, the date is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

**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.

**Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

**The Orthodox Christian WAY:** The final session will be held on **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. The topic is: "*Questions & Answers from you Heart.*" 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. 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 Christmas Card/Flower Donation** forms can be found on the Narthex table. The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our Church for the season are needed as well. Please return the form to the church office by **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. **No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!**

**Nativity Pageant Choir and Bell Choir:** Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform as our Nativity Pageant Chorus/Bell Choir during the Church School Nativity Play which will be presented on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy and will only take about 30 minutes (if everyone gets there on time). The first rehearsal will be held on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** and will continue on the following **Sundays: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. There are many **solo and duet opportunities** throughout the Pageant. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-256-2143 for more information. We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and continue to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

**Advent & Christmas Program:** Beginning **November 27<sup>th</sup>** we will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. All Church School students are to wear their "most Sunday best" on the week that their class is performing. We will rehearse for the **December 4<sup>th</sup> & the December 11<sup>th</sup>** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Reader and Choir

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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**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.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch:** Please make plans to join us today, **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.

**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).

**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.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School's Mom's Night Out (Yia Yias, Aunts and Friends, too!) Shopping Spree Fundraiser, Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-9:00pm. All you can drink wine, desserts & coffee only \$7.00. There will be numerous vendors, so bring your friends, your checkbook and enjoy a Night Out. For more information or to purchase tickets, please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

**GOYA:** Toys for Tots: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios annual toy drive for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program. Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes, which are located throughout the church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 300 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. A representative from the U.S. Marines will be at our church on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** to pick up all the toys.

**Demetrakia 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year's Eve Celebration:** Come celebrate this anniversary and bring in 2017 at a New Year's Eve celebration! Tickets will be on sale at coffee hour beginning Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Live music by Greek musicians Mortes, playing lyra, laouto, bouzouki, violi & more. Adults 21 & over - \$35. Under 21 - \$20. Kids 5 & under free. Tickets include party favors and Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com), 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

**Library News:** The library is doing many new exciting things. We have the Book and Knitting Club which meets the second Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. We have increased in size with 10 regular people that cannot wait for that day to come. We give Scholarships *in memory of* Craig Arambiges. We have a yearly lecture *in memory of* Craig Arambiges and we have a combined lecture with the Philoptochos Ladies Luncheon making it a lovely weekend retreat. Our Church School visits the Library every Sunday. The children are read a story and do a craft. The Pre-School has monthly visits. Vacation Bible School included the library in their scheduled activities. We started a Summer Reading program to get children excited about reading. If you are new to the church and would like to take out a book, please register. The library is a very important ministry and should not be diminished. We are always looking for new volunteers with new ideas to make us better.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is: *The Last Voyage of the Valentina* by Santa Montifiore. Everyone is welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

**Board Meeting:** Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
**General Meeting:** Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 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 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.

**Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive:** Donations of food for our adopted schools are now being accepted. Collection Bins located in hallway before the bridge. Dates of collection: **October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

#### ***Suggested Food Items:***

Canned Cranberry Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Soup, Cold or Hot Cereal, Stuffing, Instant mashed Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding Boxes, Cake/ Brownie Mix/Cookies, Jars of Peanut Butter/Jelly, Fruit Juices, Gravy Packets/Jars, Biscuit/Muffin Mix

#### ***For Fresh Baskets:***

Please donate a Gift card to Giant / Weis, checks also accepted for Fresh items. Fresh Turkey, Butter/Margarine, Milk/Parlat (storable milk), Fresh Rolls, Eggs and Frozen Veggies

For those who desire to donate but not shop, funds will be accepted and Philoptochos will do the shopping on your behalf. Please make checks payable to: St Demetrios Philoptochos and in the memo line write food donation. Checks can be mailed to St Demetrios Philoptochos, Attn: TG Food Baskets, 2504 Cub Hill Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234. Questions Please call: Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428 or Joy Becker 410-796-4665

**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).

## 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	\$313,386	\$258,599	421
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$322,638	\$272,631	422

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:40-7:30pm (C)	<b><u>Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <b><i>Saint Demetrios Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b> Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G)	<b><u>Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Hope/Joy Fall Event, 6:00pm (H/G)
<b><u>Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am <b><i>No Orthodox Christian Way Saint Demetrios Vespers, 7:00pm</i></b>	<b><u>Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) <b><i>No Adult Choir</i></b>	<b><u>Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b><i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b> Church School, 9:55am Dance Practice, 12:15pm

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

***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>***  
***The Orthodox Christian Way ~ November 1<sup>st</sup>***  
***Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 6<sup>th</sup>***  
***Stewardship Sunday / Steward of the Year ~ November 13<sup>th</sup>***  
***Parish Assembly ~ November 20<sup>th</sup>***

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

