

October 30th, 2016

5th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The Gospel Reading is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1327 & 1224 in the Holy Bible or on pages 95 & 100 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Zenobios, Presbyter, and his sister Zenobia, Martyrs; Kleopas and Artemas, of the 70 Apostles; Righteous Joseph and Kyriakos, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Therapon; John the Wonder-worker; Righteous Marcian, Bishop of Antioch.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Voula Stamatopoulos *in loving memory of* their nephew, George Stamatopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Artoclasia for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration is offered *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community and was prepared by Ritsa Economakis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Diamando Sarigianis and Maria Andreyev.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & Diamando Sarigianis.

Flowers: The baskets of flowers that adorn the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration have been donated by the following:

- Diamando Sarigianis *in honor of* her Grandson, James Nicholas Galanakis, on his Nameday.
- Bob & Kitsa Padousis *for the health & welfare of* their family.
- Irene Peltsems & Family *for God's blessing for the health & welfare of* her entire family.
- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.

Saint Demetrios Icon: The decorated Saint Demetrios Icon that adorns the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration has been donated by:

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

Flowers: The flowers that adorn the tables in the Hermes Rafailides Center for the reception, in celebration of our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday, sponsored by our Ladies of Philoptochos have been donated by the following:

- Andrew & Sophia Vendelis *in loving memory of* their parents, Emmanuel & Anastasia Maggelakis and Emanuel & Helen Vendelis and beloved sister, Cina Daskalakis.
- Basil & Margo Lambros *for God's blessing for the health & welfare of* their mother, children and grandchildren.
- Jerry & Angie McQueeney *for God's blessing for the health & welfare of* their children, nieces and their families.

The Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be co-sponsored by the Craig Arambiges Library and the Welcome Sunday Committee. Coffee will be served by the Library Committee.

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

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.

Stewardship Celebration: Join us on **Sunday, November 13th**, 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 20th** directly after the Divine Liturgy. Last week at the Parish Assembly, the date was mistakenly announced as November 15th. 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 Kaikia-Lericos, Agisi Makrodimitris, Kirk Rogers, Bill Pappas, Jerry Sackleh and Lambros Venetos. **Again, the date is Sunday, November 20th. 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 24th**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

The Orthodox Christian Way ~ November 1st ~ "Q/A from Your Heart" This session will be devoted to your questions about our Church and its teachings which have been submitted at the first three sessions. Father Lou has reviewed the questions and prepared answers to as many as there is time for. The session will begin with a light supper at 6:15 pm, followed promptly at 7:00 by a live presentation. You are encouraged to bring your children as BABYSITTING will be provided, and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30 pm. Cost is \$10 for individual sessions. Please call the church office to register, 410-661-1090, or stop by the registration table after the Liturgy.

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.

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 23rd**. 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 18th, 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 6th** and will continue on the following **Sundays: November 13th, 20th and December 4th & 11th**. 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 27th** 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 4th & the December 11th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 27th ~ Reader and Choir

Sunday, December 4th ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 11th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 18th ~ 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 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's Mom's Night Out (Yia Yias, Aunts and Friends, too!) Shopping Spree Fundraiser, Tuesday, November 15th 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 18th** to pick up all the toys.

Demetrakia 35th 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. 30th. 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, 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

Library News: It's hard to believe that October is almost over and the holidays are approaching fast. Our Library has many books to help you prepare with your many festivities. We have many cook books, CD's, many nice Tween books and I have now included some of our Reader's Choice books that our Book Club has read and has thoroughly enjoyed. Please stop by with your children and look around and take a book. We have many new children's books for Halloween, Fall, Christmas and many Veggie Tale CD's. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **November 8th, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Orthodox Christian Way ~ November 1st

Philoptochos Art Auction ~ November 4th

Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 6th

Beauty & The Beast Production Team Meeting ~ November 9th

Veterans Day ~ Office Closed ~ No Orthodox Studies ~ November 11th

Stewardship Sunday / Steward of the Year ~ November 13th

Pre-School's Mom's Night Out ~ November 15th

Beauty and The Beast Full Musical Rehearsal ~ November 16th

Parish Assembly ~ November 20th

Pre-School Thanksgiving Program ~ November 22nd

Christmas Card / Flowers Deadline ~ November 23rd

No Greek School ~ November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day Liturgy ~ November 24th

Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ November 24th & 25th

St. Catherine Divine Liturgy ~ November 25th

Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 26th

St. Andrew the Apostle Divine Liturgy ~ November 30th

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm
General Meeting: Monday, November 14th 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 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.

Philoptochos Sunday November 6th: Philoptochos Sisters, please join us as once again as we show our support for Heart Healthy Month by wearing red. We will be passing a tray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and at the end of service we will all gather for a picture with Father Lou.

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 24th to November 20th.**

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/Parmalat (storable milk), Fresh Rolls, Eggs, 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

Bridging the Digital Divide: 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 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 |
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| 2015 | \$395,000 | \$612,300 | \$313,386 | \$262,478 | 422 |
| 2016 | \$375,000 | \$579,300 | \$329,518 | \$282,181 | 422 |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| <p><u>Monday, October 31st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) No Greek School</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G) PC Board Meeting, 6:30pm (B)</p> | <p><u>Wednesday, November 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G) Beauty & The Beast Dinner Team Mtg., 7:30pm (M)</p> <p><u>Thursday, November 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) No Men's Basketball Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> | <p><u>Friday, November 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Philoptochos Art Auction, 6:30pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Saturday, November 5th</u> ZUMBA, 9:00am (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 6th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Philoptochos Sunday Church School, 9:55am</p> |
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**In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.*