

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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

**The Epistle Reading is:** Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:41-56. These Readings may be found on pages 1329 & 1212 in the Holy Bible or on pages 97 & 104 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, Confessor; The Righteous Luke of Tauromen; Righteous Paul, Nikandros, Martyr.

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

- Toula Woods & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Victor, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. Your memory will always be in our hearts.

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

- The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos *in loving honor and for the continued health* of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos members on the occasion of “Philoptochos Sunday.”
- The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos *in loving memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters & brothers. May their memory be eternal.
- Manuel, Anthi, Harikleia, Nicholas, Andrianna & Anthi, *in loving memory of* our loving brother, uncle & grand uncle, Victor Woods. May God watch over you.
- Savvas, Elaine, Manny & Paul *in loving memory of* our loving uncle, Victor Woods, who was our friend & mentor. Rest in Peace.
- Mike, Eve & Elena *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Helen Polites, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Victor Woods, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago.

**The Memorial Service** is also being chanted *in loving memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers: Koula Kostopoulos, Theodora Konstant, Demetra Panteloukas, Paraskevi Arambiges, Basiliki Theodoropoulos, Cleopatra Stamidis, Irene Diacoyanis, Mary Dontas, Venetia Adas, Styliani Mitsos, Styliani Maniatis, Diane Ferdinalis, Pauline Prevas, Pota Economakis, Margaret Pizanis, Elaine Pantelides, Eugenia Kariotis, Mary Beleos, Helen Polites, Calliopi Theodore, Sevasti Makres, Olga Livanion, Despina Sakell, Eleni Foudos, Irene Arnas, Georgia Bouris, Anastasia Maggelakis, Katherine Canelos, Paraskevi Metaxas, Kathryn Michalos, Anna Stroumbis, Vasiliki Handakas, Cornelia Rogers, Mary Hayes, Theodora Kapsambelis, Anastasia Koutrakos, Sevasti Eliadis, Faye Varlas, Frances Antonas, Demetra Tsambikos, Mary Antonakos, Tassia Stratigakos, Anna Lozos, Ann Loucas, Eitsa Geoca, Cina Daskalakis, Georgia Karkoulas, Diana Stratos, Betty Tselepis, Evangeline Frangos, Angela Merriken, Irene Lewis, Mary Sorvalis, Elaine Vardavas, Helen Amentas, Joan Sayers, Cleo Xanthakos, Helen Vendelis, Basilios Trintis, Emily Koulepis, Helen Foudos, Despina Panteloukas, Katherine Thoupas Strittmater, Angelina Vakoutis, Florence Stefanou & Mary “Maritsa” Kosmas. May their memories be eternal.

**The Memorial Koliva** today is prepared by: Mary Tsakiris *in memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers.

**The Artoclasia** is being chanted today *for the health and welfare of* the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Ladies and the entire Saint Demetrios community served by Philoptochos and was prepared by Ritsa Economakis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Diamando Sarigianis and Maria Andreyev.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toula Stamas.

**Coffee Hour:** The coffee hour is sponsored by the family of Victor Woods & The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society. The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society will also be serving coffee hour.

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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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**Orthodox Studies:** Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30am. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

**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. 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 Kaikis Lericos, Agisi Makrodimitris, Bill Pappas, Kirk Rogers, 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!**

**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.

**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.

**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 today, **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 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'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 18<sup>th</sup>** to pick up all the toys.

**Demetrakia 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year's Eve Celebration:** 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.

**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**

**Christmas Bazaar Committee Meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> after church, Philoptochos Room**

**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

If your family would like to sponsor an entire meal for a family of 4 (we have 7 from Martin Blvd. Elementary), please see Lisa Jones-Venetos, 410.529.9428 to coordinate. Flyers are available on the Narthex Table. 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

**Breakfast with Santa:** Santa Claus arrives after Thanksgiving! Tickets are selling quickly. Bring the kids, old and young, to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** in **The Hermes Rafailides Center** Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11am. Enjoy pancakes and sausage while starting off the Christmas season with the family. There will be crafts and photos with Santa Clause. Tickets are \$12 each, children under 12 \$7. Reserve your seat today in coffee hour or call Lisa Jones-Venetos 410.529.9428 / 443.621.6805.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar held in The Hermes Rafailides Center is right around the corner! **December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until 3pm and December 4<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm.** Vendor space is available! To help:

Pastries see Ritsa Economakis ♦ Yia Yia's Treasures see Lisa Jones-Venetos

Kitchen see Lambros Venetos ♦ Greens see Irene Peltsems ♦ Vendors see Lisa Jones-Venetos

Please take some time to go through your Christmas items at home and see if there is something you would like to donate to *Yia Yia's Treasures*! Gently used **Christmas items only** will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your items in to the Philoptochos room at church.

**Stockings of JOY:** Help support our local Veterans who are spending the Christmas season in a Veterans Hospital. Donations of new socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, hats, gloves, word search books, hand held games, snacks, candy, items to have a party at the hospital are needed. Donations to purchase these items will be greatly appreciated. PS. If you sew, we need you! We are making the stockings as we did several years ago please call Lisa Jones-Venetos 410.529.9428

**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](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	\$315,661	\$268,687	424
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$329,878	\$285,489	423

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Home School Co-Op,                      9:30am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)                      Sweet Adelines (H/G)                      Philoptochos Board Mtg.,                      6:30pm (P)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)                      GOYA Basketball, (H/G)                      Beauty &amp; The Beast Production                      Team Mtg., 7:30pm (M)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, November 10<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, November 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Veterans Day ~ Office Closed                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      No Orthodox Studies</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke                      Orthros, 9:00am                      Divine Liturgy, 10:00am                      Stewardship Sunday                      Steward of the Year                      Memorial 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.

## *Beauty and The Beast*

*“Another opening to another show . . .” and we need you!!!* The Production Team and the Dinner Team are working very hard to ensure that we have a wonderful & successful performance of the Saint Demetrios Suburban Player’s production of *Beauty and The Beast*.

*But, we need your help!* In your November Stewardship mailing, you will find a sheet where areas of need for the production will be listed and you can let us know how you would like help! There will be categories from both the Production and the Dining side such as Set Painters, Costume Coordinator, Stage Manager, Stage Hands, Servers, Bar Servers, Dish Washers, Publicity-Ads-and Ticket Committee members, and many more. Come and be part of the Fellowship as we work together as a Community!!



Also we are in need of the following: Dancers, Children between the ages of 5-7 for a “cameo” appearance at the Saturday Matinee & Sunday performances, Youth ages 8-12 for specific scenes, and former Suburban Players members who would like to appear in a single scene (no dancing necessary) with little rehearsal necessary. For more information, please contact Jennie Kegel at 410.256.2143 or [jcocosk@aol.com](mailto:jcocosk@aol.com)

## UPCOMING NEWS

*Beauty & The Beast Production Team Meeting ~ November 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Veterans Day ~ Office Closed ~ No Orthodox Studies ~ November 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Stewardship Sunday / Steward of the Year ~ November 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*Pre-School’s Mom’s Night Out ~ November 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*Beauty and The Beast Full Musical Rehearsal ~ November 16<sup>th</sup>*  
*Parish Assembly ~ November 20<sup>th</sup>*  
*Pre-School Thanksgiving Program ~ November 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Christmas Card / Flowers Deadline ~ November 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*No Greek School ~ November 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Thanksgiving Day Liturgy ~ November 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*St. Catherine Divine Liturgy ~ November 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*St. Andrew the Apostle Divine Liturgy ~ November 30<sup>th</sup>*