

September 17, 2017

Sunday after Holy Cross

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 2:16-20. **The Gospel Reading is:** Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 & 1382 in the Holy Bible or on pages 147-148 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Post-Elevation; Martyrs Sophia and her three daughters; Pistes, Agape, and Elpes; Holy martyr Herakleides; Righteous Anastasios and Euxiphios.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Pandora Agapaloglou, Ted and Monica Agapaloglou, and Eleni Libertini and family in loving memory of their father, son, and brother, Konstantine Agapaloglou, who fell asleep in the Lord August 4, 2017. May his memory be eternal.
- Sarandos “Sam” Macris, Tom & Letta, Joanna & Ryan; Eva, Sam & Kylee *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Gabriel & Joanne Pantelides *in loving memory of* her brother, Phillip Arnas, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Angelike, Glenn, Erene, Nick & Austin *in loving memory of* their parents, Eugenia, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago and Peter, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

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

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Eva Macris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the family of Eva Macris *in loving memory of* her passing 6 months ago. Coffee Hour will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center and served by The Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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

Special Collection Tray: We will be passing a special collection tray today, to assist with the victims of Hurricane’s Harvey & Irma. All proceeds collected will go directly to the IOCC.

Orthodox Studies: We are still on summer break. We will resume our studies on **Friday, September 29th**. Learn more about your Orthodox Faith, new members welcome. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy: On **Wednesday, 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.

ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA URGES FAITHFUL TO PRAY AND SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANES HARVEY & IRMA ~ In response to the unprecedented catastrophic Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, speaking on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod and the entire Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America said:

“In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma that ravaged through Texas & Florida and neighboring states causing unprecedented destruction, trauma and loss of life, we share in the pain of our brothers and sisters and express our solidarity, care and concern. As Orthodox Christians we are called to prayer and fervently pray that God gives strength to those so adversely affected by this natural disaster and delivers them safe through this continuing calamity. We are also praying for the eternal rest of those who lost their lives and for comfort and strength to be granted by the merciful God to their families and friends. Our prayers however, should be accompanied by tangible assistance to those who are now in dire need. We ask all faithful Orthodox Christians to contribute their donations directly to IOCC, the International Orthodox Christian Charities, which is an agency under the auspices of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America.”

To make your donation go to the IOCC’s special page for Hurricanes Harvey & Irma at www.iocc.org.

Welcome: If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us. We pray that your visit here is uplifting. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the pangari (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the church office door.

Adult Choir: The Saint Demetrios Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy today. 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 contact Jennie at 410-256-2143 or jccorosk@aol.com

Parish Council Nominations: Your Church Needs You!! By now you should have receive 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 8th**, 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 2017 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.

Our Children’s Art Keepsakes ~ On **Sunday, October 1st**, Pre-School through grade 5 students of our Church School will be given an art project to complete during class. This work will then be available for purchase on a variety of keepsake items. Please make sure to bring your child to school that day so they can participate. This is a fundraiser to support our church organized by the Koritsia. These items will make great holiday gifts for family members. More information will be coming on how to order in October.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms are available and can be found on the Narthex table. Please call the Church office 410.661.1090 x 202, if you have any questions.

The Orthodox Christian Way: Coming Soon! The fall series of the Orthodox Christian Way program will take place on Tuesday evenings, **November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**. We are busy planning the programs, but the format will remain the same: we will begin with a light supper at 6:15pm, followed promptly at 7:00pm by the evening's presentation. You are encouraged to bring your children, as BABYSITTING will be provided at **ALL** sessions, and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30pm. Cost is \$25 for all four sessions. Individual sessions will be \$10. **Registration will begin next today, Sunday, September 17th**. Please stop by the registration table after the Liturgy next week or call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2017-2018 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Two Year Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. A Summer Program will become available as of June 2018. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. **Don't miss out, classes are nearing full capacity!!!** 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

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: **Monday, October 2nd** at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room General Meeting: **Tuesday, October 10th** at 6:30pm at 7 West Bistro Grille.

FALLing . . . Back to Philoptochos. Please join the women of St. Demetrios as we welcome a new Ecclesiastical Year with a LADIES NIGHT OUT! Enjoy dinner and good fellowship on **Tuesday, October 10th**, at 6:30 p.m., 7 West Bistro Grille, 7 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson. Ticket price \$30, valet parking available. For tickets contact Christina Kakoullis 410 879 -7942 or Violette Cocoros 410 256-6283.

Back to School 2017 ~ We would like to thank Lisa Jones Venetos and her team for their hard work! May god continue to bless them. Please see Lisa's note to Philoptochos:

Dearest Philoptochos Sisters and Saint Demetrios parishioners, it is with deepest gratitude that I tell you we successfully supported 4 schools as a collective group this year. By merging our collection with Booz Allen Hamilton Central Maryland collection we were able to provide Martin Blvd 39 back packs filled to specifications provided from the school, High Road of Baltimore (a private school for group home children) 20 back packs with several boxes of supplies, Pleasant Plains Elementary School 20 back packs with several boxes of supplies, and our own St Demetrios Day School several supplies need to help make the school year successful for students and faculty! I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for stepping up and making the school year that much less stressful for those not as fortunate as ourselves.

FESTIVAL CORNER

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios Greek Festival 2017 is just around the corner ~ **September 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th**. Please mark your calendars

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the stairwell of the narthex in the educational building, please drop off your donations **Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm.**

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: Stop by the sign-up table today, during coffee hour. We want this to be our best festival yet, but we can not do it alone, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Festival Committee is in need of head volunteers, specifically to run our Squid Booth. This Individual(s), will be responsible for, ordering the squid (I can assist), setting up the booth at the beginning and end of the day, securing volunteers, cooking and serving Squid, cleaning the fryers. Experience is definitely a plus. If we do not get a volunteer(s) this delicious food item will need to be eliminated from our Food Menu this year. Please call Cathy Xanthakos at 410.952.3576 for further details

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-School Closed ~ September 21st & 22nd
Grecian Festival ~ September 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th
Church School Closed ~ September 24th
Parish Council General Mtg. ~ September 26th
Pre-School Brunch ~ October 8th
GOYA Bingo ~ October 14th
Hope/Joy Fall Event ~ October 27th

**SAVE THE DATE! ~ FALL FEST BINGO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th**

Hosted by: The Saint Demetrios GOYA

\$20 in Advance or \$25 at the Door
Doors open at 4:00pm

For more information, pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.



Bulletin Deadline: Please be reminded that the deadline to submit bulletin articles is on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to have all information to the office by that day and time. Thank you.

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.

Axion Charity Events presents Renowned Greek singers Marinella and Antonis Remos along with Manolis Karantinis on Bouzouki, **Sunday, October 1st** at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. Call 443-621-0587 for Sponsorship or to Pre-Purchase table. Individual tickets went on sale July 1st. Proceeds to benefit: Saint Demetrios, Annunciation, Saint Nicholas and Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella. More info available at www.axioncharityevents.org. Like us on Facebook: Axion Charity Events.

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 is able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life considering these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully the body of Christ will function to its full potential.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$313,888	\$245,409	409
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$304,604	\$235,366	369

**Our goal as Christian Stewards is to fund 100% of the Church operating budget*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) NO GOYA Basketball</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 21st</u> Pre-School, Closed <i>Grecian Festival, 5:00-9:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Friday, September 22nd</u> Autumn Begins Pre School, Closed <i>Grecian Festival, 5:00-10:00pm</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 23rd</u> <i>Grecian Festival, 12:00-10:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, September 24th</u> <i>1st Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> NO Church School <i>Grecian Festival, 12:00-7:00pm</i></p>
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