

September 24, 2017

1st Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Timothy 3:10-15. **The Gospel Reading is:** Luke 5:1-11. These Readings may be found on pages 1355 & 1207 in the Holy Bible or on pages 128 & 94 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Celebration of the Miracle of the Theotokos in Kythera; Thekla, Greatmartyr and Equal of the Apostles; Ahmet, Neomartyr.

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.
- Nikki Pulianas, Mary Towle & Families *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Carolyn Pulianas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Carolyn Pulianas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today due to our Grecian Festival.

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

Grecian Festival: The Saint Demetrios Greek festival is in full swing and has proven to be very successful thus far. If you haven't stopped by to see all the great festivities and food that we have to offer, why not stop by after church today and grab a quick bite to eat.

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.

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 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.

Parish Council Nominations: Your Church Needs You!! By now you should have received 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 15th**, 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

Koritsia: The following events are sponsored by the Koritsia and all proceeds will help to pay down the mortgage of the church. Please show your support for Saint Demetrios!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Simone Volikas at stintis@hotmail.com. In order for St. Demetrios to receive the proceeds you must show each business a flyer. **Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table, pick up a packet and share with a friend.**

- **October 9th, 2017 ~ Nalley Fresh in White Marsh** 4:00-7:00pm. Nalley Fresh will give back 10% to the Church.
- **November 7th, 2017 ~ California Pizza Kitchen, Hunt Valley Town Center** from Open to close; includes Catering orders. California Pizza will give back 20% to the Church.
- **November 7th, 2017 ~ Green Turtle, White Marsh** from Open to close. Green Turtle will give back 20% to the Church.
- **January 30th, 2018 ~ Texas Roadhouse, White Marsh.** Texas Roadhouse will give back 10% to the Church. Also, during the Christmas Season, if you buy Gift Cards and say St. Demetrios, they will donate 20% back to the Church as well.
- **Savers Thrift Store:** Clean out your closets with old clothes, shoes and any other household item you do not use. Place all clothes in a bag and everything else in boxes between **October 1st & December 31st, 2017.** You can bring the items to the Church anytime after October 1st. Savers Thrift Store will pay the church 20 cents for every pound of items.

GOYA Basket Bingo: Our Saint Demetrios Fall Fest Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bag Bingo is just around the corner on **Saturday October 14th!!!** 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 27th** from 6:00-8:00pm. Free, Fun, Food, Entertainment, Costumes welcome (Church Appropriate). Presentation by **Eric Energy's: Extreme Jean.** Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell via email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com by **Oct. 23rd** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council General Mtg. ~ September 26th
 Pre-School Brunch ~ October 8th
GOYA Bingo ~ October 14th
 Hope/Joy Fall Event ~ October 27th

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	\$315,838	\$249,610	412
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$306,324	\$239,056	373

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Parish Council General, Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Friday, September 29th</u> Pre School, Closed</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 1st</u> <i>2nd Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C)</p>
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Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch: Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 8th** for a Gourmet Brunch, directly following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. \$5 per person, we will be serving: Bagels, Traditional Greek Omelets, Potatoes, Fruit, Bacon/Sausage and Juice/Coffee. All proceeds will benefit our Pre-School. Stop by and visit our Open House from 11:30am – 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Betty at 410.661.1090 ext. 204. Pick up a flyer from 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.