

**October 1, 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading is:** II Corinthians 6:16-7:1. **The Gospel Reading is:** Luke 6:31-36. These Readings may be found on pages 1324 & 1209 in the Holy Bible or on pages 92 & 96 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember:** National Church Music Sunday; Ananias of the 70 Apostles; Domninos, Martyr; Romanos the Melodos; John Koukouzelis, Maistoros, great composer and singer of the Church.

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

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* our Church Musicians, who give their time and talent each Sunday to enhance our Divine Liturgy on this National Music Sunday. A special thank you to our Choir Director, Jennie Kegel, our Organist, Olga Polites, our Psalti, George Chrisovergis and all the members of the Adult Choir, Junior Chorus & Bell Choir. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the Church.

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

- Mike, Eve, Elena & Andrea Pappas *in loving memory of* her father & their grandfather, Mathew Polites, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- 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.

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

**40-day Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Edward Millon will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a son, for the traditional 40-day Blessing and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jenkins will present their 1<sup>st</sup> child, a son, for the traditional 40-day Blessing. Please join us as we pray for these families.

**Coffee Hour:** The Orthodox Christian WAY Ministry will be sponsoring and serving coffee hour today. Please stop by our registration table and sign-up for our November Program.

**This is the final Sunday for any inserts to appear in the Sunday Bulletin. For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.**

**National Church Music Sunday:** Each year, Parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate National Church Music Sunday, during the month of October. The commemoration was inaugurated by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South American in 1982, and has been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America. Today, the Saint Demetrios Community will honor members of our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Junior Choir and our Psalti, George Chrisovergis. National Church Music Sunday is a day that is set aside, particularly to honor the contributions of local Choir Members, Psalti and Music Educators who serve their Churches through the Hymnology of our Orthodox Church. Please take a moment and congratulate the Musicians of Saint Demetrios and thank them for sharing their talents so that our Divine Liturgy is augmented by their wonderful music.

**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.

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

**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.

**Festival:** Thank you to all our many, many volunteers that tirelessly worked this past weekend at our 44th Annual Festival. We must not forget our many guests who attended, without all our volunteers and guests we could not have had another successful Festival. Our Festival is truly a labor of love by our community.

We tend to measure success on how financially well our Festival was. However, success is defined many different ways other than financially, they include: demonstrating our strong faith by working together, showcasing our rich cultural, sampling our homemade desserts/food, showcasing our ethnic dancing and our sense of family. At this time, I can happily report our **gross** income from Thursday through Sunday (not including Pre & Post Sales) are in line with our 2016 Festival. We are in the process of paying bills and are hopeful to present a "draft" report at our Parish Assembly Meeting in October.

Again, congratulations to our entire St. Demetrios Community for your time, talent and commitment to our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival which is our biggest fundraiser. If you have any questions, I am available during Coffee Hour, by phone 410.952.3576 or email [cathy.xanthakos@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.xanthakos@yahoo.com)

**Parish Assembly:** The Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**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. We also need candidates for the Auditing Committee and the Election Committee. Don't wait until someone approaches you . . . send in your nomination form to the Office and be placed on the ballot. For any questions, or more information, please call Jennie Kegel at 410-256-2143.

**Orthodox Christian Way:** Registration has begun for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Below is the program schedule:

**November 7<sup>th</sup> ~ "The Beauty of Vesper Service:"**

Learn about the importance of the Vesper Service and how it will enrich your spiritual life.

**November 14<sup>th</sup> ~ "How Father Prepares for the Divine Liturgy ~ What You Do Not See:"**

Fr. Lou will talk about the preparation services that must be performed before a priest offers the Divine Liturgy.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> ~ "Hidden Treasures of the Divine Liturgy:"**

Find out about aspects of the Divine Liturgy that will add to your appreciation of this jewel of our Faith.

**November 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Question & Answer Session:**

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 will review the questions and prepare answers to as many as there are time for. **Please submit your questions to us in writing during the first three sessions or email them to the Church Office at [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net) by November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30pm. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Register after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or by calling the Church Office at 410.661.1090 for more information.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch:** Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</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: 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

**“GUYS & DOLLS:” February 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.** Calling all singers, actors & dancers! Auditions for our 43<sup>rd</sup> annual St. Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room on:

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00pm**  
**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-2:00pm**  
**Call backs – 3:00pm**

Auditions for children will be held as follows: **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** directly after Liturgy. Children ages 5-7 (Cameo) & ages 8-12 (Ensemble). **ALL** are invited to audition! All parts are open! Come and be a part of a wonderful community experience for music, fun & fellowship. For more information call Jennie 410.256.2143.

**50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** will commemorate the **50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ Nalley Fresh in White Marsh**  
 4:00-7:00pm. Nalley Fresh will give back 10% to the Church.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ California Pizza Kitchen, Hunt Valley Town Center**  
 Open to close; includes Catering orders. California Pizza will give back 20% to the Church

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ Green Turtle, White Marsh**  
 Open to close. Green Turtle will give back 20% to the Church.

**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 of old clothes, shoes and any other household items you do not use. Place all clothes in a bag and everything else in boxes between **October 1<sup>st</sup> & December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. You can bring the items to the Church anytime after October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>!!!** 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

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

Board Meeting: **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room General Meeting: **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**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
<b>2016</b>	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$316,523	\$252,694	414
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$307,124	\$242,053	375

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b><u>Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)                      Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)                      GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)  <b>Election Forms Due</b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre School, 8:45am                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)                      Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am                      Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am                      Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)                      Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke</i>  <b>Memorial Sunday</b>  <b>Orthros, 9:00am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b>                      Church School, 9:55am (C)</p>

**Youth Ministry:** Saint Demetrios Hope/Joy Halloween Event. **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) by **Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table.