

October 8, 2017

3rd Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 9:6-11. **The Gospel Reading is:** Luke 7:11-16. These Readings may be found on pages 1326 & 1210 in the Holy Bible or on pages 93 & 97 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Righteous Pelagia; Saint Pelagia the Virginmartyr; Martyr Taisia, the Harlot; Holymartyr Artemon; Neomartyr Ignatios.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Fr. Lou, the Parish Council, the Choir and the Church Office *for the health & welfare of* Bob Brown.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Kosmas, Stamas & Trintis families *in loving memory of* their mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Maritsa Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. We will also keep you in our hearts.
- Toula Woods & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Vic Woods, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Manuel, Anthi, Harikleia, Nicholas, Andrianna & Anthi *in loving memory of* loving brother, uncle and great uncle, Victor Woods. May God watch over you.
- Savvas, Elaine, Manny & Paul *in loving memory of* uncle, Victor Woods, who was our friend & mentor. Rest in Peace.
- Bob & Kitsa Padousis *in loving memory of* their brother in Christ, Victor Woods, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Flo Chakales *in loving memory of* her cousin, Nicholas Vanikiotis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; her husband, John Chakales, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago and her father, Peter Chakales, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Peter Karsos & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Kyriaki Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago and father & grandfather, John Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dimitra Gerasimidis Reidy and Angeliki Gerasimidis *in loving memory of* their father, Aristidis Gerasimidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Val Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* their parents, Michael (33 years); Anne (11 years) and sister, Leda (3 years). May their memory be eternal.
- John Xecominos & Family *in loving of* wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister & aunt, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Kriss, Nicole, Maria, George & Katya *in loving memory of* husband and father, George Cocoros, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May God rest his soul.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Gloria Koukoulis, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis, Thorina Trintis & Toula Woods.

Memorial Service: is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Maritsa Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Victor Woods, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year; Nicholas Vanikiotis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; John Chakales, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago; Peter Tsirigotis, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago; Kyriaki Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago; John Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago; Peter Passons, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago; Aristidis

Gerasimidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago; Michael Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 33 years ago; Ann Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago & Leda Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May their memories be forever eternal.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is sponsored *in loving memory* by the families & friends of John Chakales, Aristidis Gerasimidis, Kyriaki & John Karsos, Maritsa Kosmas, Peter Tsirigotis, Nicholas Vanikiotis, and Victor Woods. It will be 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.

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.

Church School: Due to a scheduling conflict with the General Assembly meeting, the Priest, Church School Director, Parents meeting has been rescheduled to October 22nd, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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 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.

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

◆ **November 7th** ~ **“The Beauty of Vesper Service:”** Learn about the importance of the Vesper Service and how it will enrich your spiritual life.

◆ **November 14th** ~ **“How Father Prepares for the Divine Liturgy ~ What You Do Not See:”** Father. Lou will talk about the preparation services that must be performed before a priest offers the Divine Liturgy.

◆ **November 21st** ~ **“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 28th** ~ **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 by November 23rd to the Church Office at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.**

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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.

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	\$320,668	\$259,495	419
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$310,694	\$251,738	379

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, October 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Book/Knitters Club, 9:00am (L) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am Philoptochos Ladies Night Out ~ 7 West, Towson, MD. 6:30pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, October 13th</u> Pre School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Basket Bingo Set-Up</p>	<p><u>Saturday, October 14th</u> “Guys & Dolls” Auditions, 12:00-3:00 pm (M/B) GOYA Basket Bingo, 5:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 15th</u> <i>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Parish Assembly Church School, 9:55am (C) “Guys & Dolls” Auditions, After Liturgy (M) Dance, 12:15pm (C)</p>
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2017 Stewardship Luncheon: The Stewardship Committee is hosting our annual Stewardship Luncheon on **Sunday, October 29th**. Please join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center for a complimentary light lunch, immediately following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon is an expression of thanks to our committed Stewards for all their Time, Talent, and Treasure dedicated to our beloved Saint Demetrios Parish, and in recognition of the 2017 Steward of the Year. Stewardship sustains us and we thank you!

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch: Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 22nd**, 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.

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.

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

Saturday, October 14th from 12:00-3:00pm

Monday, October 16th from 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, October 21st from 12:00-2:00pm

Call backs – 3:00pm

Auditions for children will be held as follows: **Sunday, October 15th & 22nd** 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 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 or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7pm.**

Koritsia: The Koritsia are sponsoring several upcoming Restaurant Nights; and all proceeds will help to pay down the mortgage of the church. Please show your support for Saint Demetrios!! **October 9th ~ Nalley Fresh in White Marsh from 4-7pm;** 10% of the total sales are given back to Saint Demetrios. Flyers can be found on the Narthex table or church website. **Must present flyer!!** If you have any questions, you can email Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com.

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!!

Festival / Suburban Players Chairperson: If you are interested in chairing either the 2018 Festival or Suburban Players please contact the Church office at 410.661.1090.

SAVE THE DATE: Children Fun & Fellowship! Bounce Party N Play Fundraiser November 24th (Black Friday) from 4:30-6:30pm in White Marsh. Ticket information to follow. If interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact Theresa Tsamoutalis at theresa@allsafeelevators.com or Kara Cossis at capandonis@yahoo.com