

October 29, 2017

7th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:41-56. These Readings may be found on pages 1330 & 1213 in the Holy Bible or on pages 98 & 104 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Righteous Martyr Anastasia of Rome; The Righteous Avramios and his niece Mary; Righteous Martyr Athanasios the Younger.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Kosmas, Stamas & Trintis families for the soul of our loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Maritsa Kosmas on her 97th birthday (Oct. 26) and one year memorial (Oct. 31). Forever in our hearts.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Gjoni Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Milo Gjoni, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years. May his memory be eternal.
- The Cocoros, Kegel, West and Meyer Families *in honor of* their mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, Mrs. Irene Cocoros, *on the occasion of* her 91st birthday. May God grant her good health & much happiness.
- Barbara Fourtinakis & Family *in loving memory of* parents & loved ones, Isidoros & Georgia Helen Mavis, Nickolaos & Demetrios Karagiorgis. May their memories be forever eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* daughter, sister & aunt, Gina and husband, father & grandfather, Gus.
- The Church Office Staff *for the health & welfare of* Aristeia Daniels, Vangie Demetrakis, Dottie Ganer, Mary Karavedas, Irene Peltsems & Vula Stamatopoulos and may God continue to keep them in His care.

The Artoclasia for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration is offered *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community and was prepared by Ritsa Economakis, Diamando Sarigianis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Maria Andreyev and Vula Stamatopoulos.

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

Flowers: The baskets of flowers that adorn the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration have been donated by the following:

- Diamando Sarigianis *in honor of* her Grandson, James Nicholas Galanakis, on his Nameday.
- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.
- Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Vendelis *in loving memory of* Emmanuel & Anastasia Maggelakis and Emanuel & Helen Vendelis and Cina Daskalakis.

Saint Demetrios Icon: The decorated Saint Demetrios Icon that adorns the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration has been donated by:

- Irene Peltsems *for the continued health & welfare of* the Peltsems, Stavrakis, Dawson & Soutar Families.

Flowers: The flowers that adorn the tables in the Hermes Rafailides Center for the reception, in celebration of our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday, sponsored by our Ladies of Philoptochos have been donated by the following:

- Basil & Margo Lambros *for God's blessing for the health & welfare of* their mother, children and grandchildren.
- Bob & Kitsa Padousis *for the health & welfare of* her husband, children & grandchildren.
- Dottie Ganer *in loving memory of* her parents, Chris & Evelyn Terry
- Tom & Smaro Cook *for the health & welfare of* their children.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by The Stewardship Committee.

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

2017 Stewardship Luncheon: The Stewardship Committee is hosting our annual Stewardship Luncheon today, **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!

Parish Council Elections: The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held in the boardroom on **Sunday, November 19th** 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 2018, 2019 & 2020. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Maria Angelos, Stephen Christ, Kate Cocoros, Jimmy Kastanaras & Nicholas Kosmas. **Again, the date is Sunday, November 19th. Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

Parish Assembly: A Special Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 19th**, immediately following the Elections, in the Hermes Rafailides Center, to discuss the HVAC (Heating & Air Conditioning). 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.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 23rd**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

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.

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.

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.

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 17th**. 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 on **Sunday, November 5th** and will continue on the following **Sundays: November 12th, 19th and December 3rd & 10th**. 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 26th** 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 3rd & the December 10th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 26th ~ Reader and Choir

Sunday, December 3rd ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 10th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 17th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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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.

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, November 15th, 2017 at 7pm.**

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms have been mailed to all Stewards but can also 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 22nd**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

SAVE THE DATE ~ ANNUNCIATION RETREAT ~ MARCH 10th, 2018.

A BIG THANK YOU: The Palikaria would like to thank Vangie Demetrakis for all the tools, nails, screws, etc. that she donated to our group. These items belonged to our beloved Brother-in-Christ, Jim Demetrakis. It means a lot to us to have these items to assist with repairs that we make at the Church.

GOYA ~ TOYS for TOTS: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 5th Annual toy drive for the US 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 400 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. We will be collecting Toys through **December 17th**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

Saint Demetrios Annual 80's Night Bull & Oyster Roast: Saturday, January 20th, 2018, 6:00-10:00pm at Jimmy's Seafood. For discounted advanced tickets text "80's Night" to 410.365.1703 or email PaulRizas@gmail.com. Proceeds to benefit our GOYA's trip to visit the Saint Nicholas Shrine in New York and the Holy Cross Seminary in Boston.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **November 14th, 2016** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. Everyone is welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

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.

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.

The Spirit: If you have any news that you would like to share in "The Spirit" please send your news to the Church office via: e-mail at: SaintDemetrios@comcast.net, we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is November 5th.** This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

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.

Children Fun & Fellowship! Bounce Party N Play FUNdraiser November 24th (Black Friday) from 4:30-6:30pm at 6200 Days Cove Road, White Marsh, MD. 21162. All families & friends of the Greek Orthodox Community are invited to come support our children as they play, socialize, and burn off some Holiday energy! Inflatable fun zone ideal for kids ages 2-10. Tickets are \$5 per adult & \$10 per child. **SPACE IS LIMITED** so buy your tickets soon! To purchase tickets by check: Email or call Theresa Tsamoutalis at Theresa@allsafeelevators.com or 410.718.7233 OR Purchase tickets online: <https://tinyurl.com/bouncepartyfundraiser> (Visit Go to "Quick Give" at bottom right then "Continue to Quick Give." Gift Information Fund should be pre-populated to "Bounce Party N Play"). Proceeds will benefit the Capital Campaign Fund to modernize parts of the Father Gallos Education Building at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation.

Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church will host a Fall Fun Day on Saturday, November 4th beginning at 12:00 PM in the many-acre picnic area of Holy Trinity Orthodox Cemetery (6480 Elibank Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075 – <http://www.holytrinityorthodox.com/directionChapel.htm>). All Baltimore area Orthodox Sunday School students and families are warmly invited. RVSP to Roxann Ashworth Roxann@cablespeed.com.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room
General Meeting: Monday, November 13th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room

Special Thank You to Smaro Cook, Maria Antonakis and everyone who helped make our Vespers reception such a beautiful and wonderful evening.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: We will begin collecting for the Thanksgiving Holiday today through **November 19th**. Donations of canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, yams, cereal, canned ham, giant gift cards for turkey, canned gravy, macaroni & cheese, etc., can be placed in the Blue Bin in the hallway. The cans should be no larger than 15oz. Monetary donations can be given to any Philoptochos member, please make checks payable to: St Demetrios Philoptochos, memo line: Food Baskets. For questions please call Lisa Venetos 410-529-9428 or Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday November 25th, doors open at 9am, breakfast served from 9:30am to 10:30am. Includes craft and photo w/Santa for each child. This year, Secret Santa Shoppe for children!! Tickets: Adults 12 and older \$15, Children 11 and under \$8. Call Lisa Venetos 410-529-9428 or Alice Noplos 410-817-9651. For those that love the joy of this event but don't have a little one to bring, sign up to help out.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 2nd & 3rd, vendor space is available for outside crafters/vendors. Please contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428 or Joanna Beleos 410-458-1547 for a vendor application.

YiaYia's Treasures: While everyone is in the "Cleaning Mode" please begin bringing in your unwanted or gently-used Christmas items for YiaYia's Treasures! Donations will be collected in the Philoptochos room from **now until November 29th**. Please contact Thorina Trintis at 410-866-2127.

Greek American Sweets, Calling all bakers! Sweets of all kinds will be needed for our Annual Christmas Bazaar. Be creative! The more the merrier. Please contact Ritsa Economakis.

Stockings of Joy: Calling all sewers . . . Stockings of Joy are needed for our local veterans hospital. If you have time to sew, spare material and time please consider sewing stockings that bring joy to others. Patterns are available please contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 5th
 Finance Committee ~ November 6th
 Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ November 6th
The Way ~ November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Pre-School Closed ~ November 10th
Saint Demetrios Pre-School Bull Roast ~ November 11th
Memorial Sunday ~ November 12th
 Philoptochos General Meeting ~ November 13th
 50th Anniversary Meeting ~ November 15th @ 7:00pm
 Pre-School Thanksgiving Program ~ November 16th @ 6:30pm
Parish Elections / Assembly ~ November 19th
Christmas Card / Flower Donations Due ~ November 22nd
Divine Liturgy ~ Thanksgiving ~ November 23rd @ 9:00am
Divine Liturgy ~ St. Catherine ~ November 24th @ 9:00am
Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 25th
Divine Liturgy ~ St. Andrew ~ November 30th @ 9:00am

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	\$329,518	\$282,181	422
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$314,557	\$262,384	382

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, October 30th</u> <i>National Clergy Retreat</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 31st</u> <i>National Clergy Retreat</i> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am</p> <p><u>Wednesday, November 1st</u> <i>National Clergy Retreat</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, November 2nd</u> <i>National Clergy Retreat</i> 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, November 3rd</u> <i>National Clergy Retreat</i> Pre School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Hall Rental Set-Up</p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 4th</u> Hall Rental</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 5th</u> <i>5th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Philoptochos Sunday</i> <i>Nativity Bells/Chorus</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> Church School, 9:55am Demetrakia Dance, 12:15pm</p>
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