

September 9, 2018

Sunday before the Holy Cross

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 6:11 – 18. The Gospel Reading is John 3:13 - 17. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 & 1238 in the Holy Bible or on pages 147 & 148 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 85 in the green Hymnal Book. The responses to the Liturgy are sung in Greek except for the following pages where English is sung: pages 38-53 and pages 62-27.

Today we remember: Commemoration of Joachim and Anna, Parents of the Theotokos; Greatmartyr Severianos; The Fathers of the 3rd Ecumenical Council.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Vangie Demetrakis, Maria & Bob, Cathy & Tom, Scott, Ana & Evie, *in loving memory of* Jim Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Jennie Kegel *in honor of* the members of the Saint Demetrios Choir, as they return for a new Ecclesiastical Year to share their God given talents and enhance our Divine Liturgy. Also, *in honor of* our organist, Olga Polites, whose musical leadership with our summer Congregational Singing is truly appreciated.
- Gus & Kathleen Strakes, Van & Nancy Strakes & their families, and Anna Strakes *in loving memory of* their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Katherine Strakes, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 31, 2018. May her memory be eternal.
- Pericles & Eva Fokianos, Kostas & Mary Fokianos, Maria Markides, Athanasios Markides, Despina, Christos, Christina & Emily *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Christos Fokianos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Kourtesis family *in loving memory of* Voula Kourtesis, beloved wife of Panagiotis, mother of Ligeri & Nick, grandmother of Chandler, Carson & Carington. May her memory be eternal.
- Katina Mavrophilipos, Konstantinos & Toula Mavrophilipos and Dimitrios & Cindy Mavrophilipos & their families *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, Ionannis Mavrophilipos who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Peter Karsos & family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Kyriaki Karsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago, and father & grandfather, Ioannis (John) Karsos who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dimitra Gerasimides Reidy and Angeliki Gerasimidis *in loving memory of* their father, Aristieds Gerasimidis who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Smith will present their 2nd child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:00pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (Gym) 50th Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 15th</u> GOYA Shake-It Up (H/G)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, September 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitters Club, 9:00am (L) Pre-School Back to School Night, 6:30pm (H/G) Finance Committee Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (Gym) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, September 16th</u> <i>Sunday after Holy Cross</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School (1st day), 9:55am Blessing of Church School Students & Teachers GOYA Oath of Office Demetrakia, 12:15pm (C)</p>
	<p><u>Friday, September 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ Divine Liturgy 9:00am</i> GOYA Shake-It Up Set-Up, (H/G)</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ September 10th at 6:00pm
- Book/Knitters Club ~ September 11th at 9:00am
- Finance Committee Meeting ~ September 11th at 6:30pm
- 50th Anniversary Meeting ~ September 12th at 7:00pm
- Divine Liturgy ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14th at 9:00am*
- GOYA Shake-It Up ~ September 15th

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. is hosting *“Connecting the Future to the Past”*. You are invited to participate in a seminar to explore your Greek ancestry, **Saturday, October 6, 2018**, Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, 24 West Preston Street. \$40.00 per person, lunch is included. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Harry Maistros, 410.467.1836 or harry.maistros@comcast.net.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. and The Annunciation Women’s Guild are partnering a Bus Trip to New York City on **Saturday, November 17, 2018**, departing from Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride Lot at 8:00am. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Stephanie Link, 410.239.2189 or slinkylink828@aol.com.

Hellenic Genealogy Conference ~ Celebrate Our Greek Heritage ~ Saturday, October 13, 2018 ~ 9:00am - 5:00pm. To be held at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA. Learn how to use U.S. Records to Prepare for Research: Census, Marriage, Social Security Applications, World War I & II Draft Registration Cards, Death Certificates, Obituaries, Cemetery Records/Tombstones, Personal Letters & Documents/Photographs. Locating & Using Records: Passenger Ships, Naturalization & Alien Registration Records of your ancestors. Ancestry DNA ~ Testing & Analysis. Civil & Church Records will also be offered. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex table or contact Barbara Lyngarkos 610.764.7578 or HellenicGenealogyPhilly@gmail.com.

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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$308,272	\$277,466	362
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$324,482	\$251,739	419

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

The Memorial Service is being chanted *in loving memory of* Voula Kourtesis (6 months); Christos Fokianos (6 months); Ioannis D. Mavrophilipos (6 months); Kyriaki Karsos (3 years); Ioannis (John) Karsos (9 years); Aristides Gerasimidis (9 years). May their memories be eternal.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory, by the families of* Voula Kourtesis, Chistos Fokianos, Ioannis D. Mavrophilipos, Kyriki Karsos, Ioannis (John) Karsos and Aristidis Gerasimidis. Coffee will be served by the Ladies of Philoptochos.

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

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 410-657-9772 or jcocorosk@aol.com.

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break, please join us when we resume on Friday, October 5th, at 9:30 am in the Board Room. All are welcome, we LOVE new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table.

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. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12th @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

50th Anniversary Book: The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. This keepsake album will feature our history, family photos, ministries, personal ads, and memorial tributes. To prepare for the album creation, we are beginning the process of family photo shoots so that your family will be featured in this new album. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take family photos during this spring season. Appointments can be made during coffee hour or online through our website. www.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on **October 5th & 6th** and **November 23rd & 24th** to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online www.stdemetriosmd.org. Each family gets a free 8x10. We are also in need of volunteers to assist the photographers, if you can give us a couple of hours that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Simone Volikas for any questions, stintis@hotmail.com

Mark your calendar for a **PREVIEW SCREENING of FAITH, HOPE & LOVE** by Robert Krantz (meet him in person ~ same author and actor of **Christmas with the Karountzoses**). Preview Screening will take place on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 (6:30pm)** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Demetrios 50th Anniversary Mortgage Fund.

Fashion Show: Due to a scheduling conflict we had to cancel our Fashion Show in November.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2018-2019 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. 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

FESTIVAL

Save the Dates: Saint Demetrios Greek Festival 2018 is just around the corner ~ **September 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th**. Please mark your calendars.

Glendi on the Hill: Don't let the fun of the St. Demetrios festival come to an end! The Demetrakia Dance Troupe proudly hosts Glendi on the Hill 2018! After the Saturday of the festival ends, come for a fun night of dancing till the early hours of the morning! Featuring LIVE music by Stoxos Entertainment!! \$15 admission at the door after 11:00pm!

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the Church School classroom directly across from the Library. **PLEASE! NO CLOTHES.** Please drop off your donations **Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.**

Festival Ad Book: Don't forget to place your business ad in the Festival Ad Book! You can include a personal message to your loved one(s) in our special dedication section! For just \$25, you can include a memorial donation or a best wishes / congratulations dedication. For more information or to place an ad, please contact Amanda Albright at 410.404.8611 or at stdemetriosads@gmail.com

Volunteers: We are always looking for volunteers. Contact Cathy Xanthakos at 410.952.3576.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: September 10th at 6:30pm

General Meeting: Join the Philoptochos as they meet for the new Ecclesiastical Year, **Monday, September 17th at 6:30pm** in the Philoptochos room. All women of the community are invited to come and see what we're all about. The meeting will be short, and the fellowship afterwards will be fun! We need your new, fresh ideas for fundraisers! Desserts and drinks will be provided

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.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

Suburban Players ~ Mamma Mia: Show Dates: February 16th thru 18th and 23rd thru 25th.

Calling all singers, actors & dancers! Auditions for our 44th annual St. Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room: **Saturday, October 6th from 1:00-4:00pm and Monday, October 8th from 6:30-9:00pm.** **Call backs** will be **October 13th**. 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 Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990, smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or Tom Cook at 410.790.9370 or by email cook@bpointwellness.com.

Don't want to be on stage but still want to help? Join the production crew by contacting Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990. Currently we are looking for someone to be the Dining Room Coordinator and Food Line Coordinator, as well as several other production crew roles. All are welcome to help.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 11th, 2018** at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some nice conversation.

Kids' Clothing Exchange of Baltimore ~ One Weekend Only ~ Fall/Winter Sale! Saint Demetrios is proud to announce that the **Kids' Clothing Exchange of Baltimore** will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center the weekend of **October 5th thru 8th**. You can buy or consign *quality* fall and winter previously owned children's clothing (infant through pre-teen), Holiday wear, shoes, baby gear, children's furniture, Halloween costumes, play equipment, toys, games, bicycles, books, dvd's, as well as maternity wear. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ YOU DO NOT NEED TO CONSIGN TO BUY!** Anyone can participate, so if you have items that you would like to sell, please register. Consignors earn 55% of selling price! \$5.00 registration fee ~ (Refunded when you volunteer for one shift). To register for our upcoming sale, visit our website at kidsclothingexchange.net. Like us on Facebook: Kid's clothing exchange of Baltimore. Any questions, please email Dawn @ thekidsclothingexchange@yahoo.com.

St. Mary Orthodox Church located at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD., will be holding their **Mediterranean Food Festival on September 14th thru 16th**. They offer delicious baked foods & desserts, 50/50 door raffles, Live DJ-Music, Community Yard Sale, Children's Entertainment & Traditional Dancing. For more information visit our website at: www.nativityofthetheotokos.org.

The Women's Guild of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation invites you an evening with Ellen Karis ~ "The Greek Goddess of Comedy", **Friday, September 21, 2018**. Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$45 per person (includes Mezze & Desserts) & Cash bar. For more information please contact Melody Simmons 410.336.5279 or Womensguild24@gmail.com.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland: A new book club is being initiated by the Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland and will be meeting on the second Sunday of every month. Men and Women are welcome as we discuss the fiction and non-fiction English writings of authors on a variety of Greek topics including history, travel and culture. Please respond to 410.825.8532 for more information. Our first reading is from the "Collected Stories by Harry Mark Petrakis".