

**October 14, 2018**

**Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Titus 3:8-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:5-15. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 & 1211 in the Holy Bible or on pages 152 & 99 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in Nicea; Nazarios and Gervasios, Martyrs; Protassios and Kelsios, Martyrs; Righteous Kosmas, Bishop of Maiouma and Hymnographer, foster brother of St. John Damascene; Righteous Paraskeve of Epivat; Righteous Nicholas; Gregory, Bishop of Assos; Ignatios, Bishop of Methymna.

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

- Gus & Kathleen Strakes, Van & Nancy Strakes & their families and Anna Strakes-Besal *in loving memory of* their mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Katherine Strakes, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

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

- The Balis & Shurin-Balis families *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Sophia Balis who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Jimmy & Chris Spanos *in loving memory of* their dear friends, Lola Murray who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago and Hoberta Xecominos who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Christopher Murray, Penny Asay, James Bishop, Steven Bishop, Dina Bishop, Christopher Murray, Melissa Martsoukos and Matthew Murray and their families *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Lola Murray who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Steven & Katie Nichols *in loving memory of* their parents, Thomas Nichols who fell asleep in the Lord 56 years ago, Marie Nichols who fell asleep in the Lord 22 years ago, Ernest Paxenos who fell asleep in the Lord 46 years and Mary Paxenos who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in loving memory of* their parents, Thomas & Marie Nichols. May their memories be eternal.
- Steven & Katie Nichols *in loving memory of* their brother, Dennis Paxenos who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Thomas & Susan Nichols, Morgan and Steven *in loving memory of* their grandparents & great grandparents, Thomas & Marie Nichols and Ernest & Mary Paxenos. May their memories be eternal.
- Ernest & Donna Nichols, Steven and Jordan *in loving memory of* their grandparents and great grandparents, Thomas & Marie Nichols and Ernest & Mary Paxenos. May their memories be eternal.
- Christopher & Amy Dow, Alexis and Madison *in loving memory of* their grandparents and great grandparents, Ernest & Mary Paxenos. May their memories be eternal.
- The Karavedas Family, Esther, Tina, Patricia, Tea, Sam, Danielle, Demetrios & Isabella *in loving memory of* their grandparents and great grandparents, Thomas & Marie Nichols. May their memories be eternal.
- Christopher & Amy Dow, Alexis and Madison *in loving memory of* their parent and grandparent, Dennis Paxenos. May his memory be eternal.

- Patricia Koulepsis & Family *in loving memory of* son, father & brother, Jonathan Woodstock who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kosmas, Stamas & Trintis families *in loving memory of* their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Maritsa Kosmas who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. We will always keep her in our hearts.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Val Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* their parents, Michael Dzwonczyk who fell asleep in the Lord 34 years ago; Anne Dzwonczyk who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago and sister Leda Dzwonczyk who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- George, Nick & Mary Antonas *in loving memory of* our dear friend, Victor Woods. May his memory be eternal.
- The Xecominos Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Hoberta Xecominos, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years 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* Katherine Strakes, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago; Sophia Balis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago; Lola Murray, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago; Mary Paxenos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Jonathan Woodstock, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Maritsa Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago; Peter Passon, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago; Michael Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 34 years ago; Ann Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago, and Leda Dzwonczyk, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May their memories be forever eternal.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory, by the families of* Katherine Strakes, Sophia Balis, Mary Paxenos, Jonathan Woodstock, and Maritsa Kosmas. 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.**

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**Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy:** On **Thursday, 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 hour & a reception in the Hermes Rafailides Center following the Vespers. Join us on **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am for Orthros and 9:00am for Divine Liturgy. Please plan to attend.

**2018 Stewardship Luncheon:** The Stewardship Committee is hosting our annual Stewardship Luncheon on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 2018 Steward of the Year. Stewardship sustains us and we thank you!

**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. These rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information contact Jennie at 410-657.9772 or [jcocorosk@aol.com](mailto:jcocorosk@aol.com).

**Orthodox Studies:** Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Please join us at 9:30am on **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** in the board room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / [painterKateart@gmail.com](mailto:painterKateart@gmail.com).

**Parish Council Nominations: Your Church Needs You!!** 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 Maria Stamas at: 443.253.2561.

**Parish Assembly:** The Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</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 2018 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.

**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. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm** in the boardroom. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: [stephanie2twins@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie2twins@yahoo.com).

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stdemetriosmd.org). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on **November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online [www.stdemetriosmd.org](http://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, [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com)

**The Orthodox Christian Way:** The second session of the Way series continues on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Kevin Goodman will present the "*Hidden Treasures of the Nicene Creed*". Knowing that we recite the creed as a statement of our Orthodox Faith, in all Liturgies, are we aware of how powerful and how the Creed evolved. Join us for a light supper in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15pm. Presentation begins at 7:00pm. You can register today during coffee hour or call the Church Office at (410-661-1090).

**Saint Demetrios Church GOYA Annual ~ Not Your YiaYia's Bingo, Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.** Our famous bingo . . . just got even more famous ~ Designer Hand Bags & Manly Man Stuff. Doors, kitchen & bar opens at 3:30pm / bingo starts at 5:00pm. Food & Drinks available for purchase. Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For tickets or to reserve a table contact: [ourgoya@gmail.com](mailto:ourgoya@gmail.com). See flyer in today's bulletin.

**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<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (6:30pm)** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 for adults (13 & over); \$10 for children (under 12) and includes one FREE popcorn. Please contact Presvytera Alice at [anoplos@comcast.net](mailto:anoplos@comcast.net) for more information. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Demetrios 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mortgage Fund.

**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. 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)

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch:** Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</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.

**Hope/Joy Halloween Event:** Saint Demetrios Hope/Joy Halloween Event. **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00-8:00pm. Free, Fun, Food, Entertainment, Costumes welcome (Church Appropriate). Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell via email [kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com) by **Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** to help with the head count. All children 0-12 welcome with an adult. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 4<sup>th</sup>** and will continue on the following **Sundays: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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 410-657.9772 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."

**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](mailto:SaintDemetrios@comcast.net), we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is November 5<sup>th</sup>**. This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

**Russian Festival:** The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, 1723 E. Fairmount Ave, Baltimore, MD. on **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Homemade ethnic dishes, artisan breads, live entertainment, icons, liturgical recordings and much more are available at the festival. For more information visit our website: [www.russfest.org](http://www.russfest.org).

## PHILOPTOCHOS

**General Meeting: October 15<sup>th</sup> ~ No Meeting ~ Ladies Night Out**  
**Board Meeting: November 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room**  
**General Meeting: November 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room**

**Ladies Night Out: ~ “Today is the last day to buy tickets”**

Presented by St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society **Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30 pm.** Join us at Liberatore’s 5005 Honeygo Center Drive, Perry Hall MD 21128 for an evening filled with fellowship and fun. Ticket Price: \$35 (includes dinner) Also Available: Cash Bar & Silent Auction To benefit the St. Demetrios Mortgage Fund. For Tickets or Information, contact Violette Cocoros at violettec@gmail.com, or Christina Kakoullis at 443-326-3888.

**Parish Assembly Luncheon:** The St. Demetrios Philoptochos will be sponsoring a "Spanakopita or Pastitsio" lunch on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** for \$10 (includes drink and a salad). Please plan to join us and stay for the Parish Assembly meeting after Liturgy.

**Saint Demetrios Vespers:** Anyone that would like to donate food or a monetary gift for the reception following our vespers service on **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** please contact Smaro Cook at 410-340-4990, 410-342-1040 or email her at [smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com](mailto:smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com).

**SAVE THE DATE (more information to follow):**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Breakfast with Santa**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Christmas Bazaar**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner ~ in the Hermes Rafailides Center**

## SUBURBAN PLAYERS

*Suburban Players ~ Mamma Mia: Show Dates: February 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**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.

## KORITSIA NEWS

**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).

**Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table, pick-up a packet and share with a friend**

### **Savers Thrift Store**

Clean out your closets of old clothes, towels & bedding. Place all items in a trash bag and drop them off between **October 14<sup>th</sup> & December 14<sup>th</sup>**. You can bring the items to the Church any time after **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Savers Thrift Store will pay the church 20 cents for every pound of items.

### **Script Gift Cards**

Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIPT rebates a percentage to the Church. All you need to do is complete the Family Order Form, attach a check payable to Saint Demetrios and mail or drop off the form (w/check) to the church office or to the white “Gift Card Box” on the Narthex table. 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards the Church Mortgage.

Please contact Maria Angelos at [mvailas@aol.com](mailto:mvailas@aol.com) or 443.280.2690 with any questions.

## 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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$313,224	\$255,304	380
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$346,702	\$294,579	442

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Philoptochos – Ladies Night Out, 6:30pm (Libertore’s ~ Honeygo)	<b>Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B) <b>Election Forms Due</b>	<b>Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup></b> GOYA Bingo (H/G)
<b>Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)	<b>Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)	<b>Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <b>Orthros 9:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> <b>Parish Assembly</b> Church School, 9:55am (C) Dance, 12:00pm
	<b>Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Bingo Set-Up	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos Ladies Night Out & Dinner ~ October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
The Way ~ October 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Council Meeting ~ October 17<sup>th</sup>  
***Elections Forms Due ~ October 17<sup>th</sup>***