

**October 21, 2018**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:27-39. These Readings may be found on pages 1330 & 1212 in the Holy Bible or on pages 98 & 102 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Righteous Hilarion the Great and Christodoulos of Patmos; Holymartyr Socrates; Martyrs Theodote, Philotheos, Barnabas and Hilarion, workers for Christ in Patmos; Neomartyr John of Monemvasia.

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

- Sophie Lericos & family *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Bill Lericos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
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**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Chris, Kate and Steven Cocoros, Peter and Alice Cocoros, and Bryan Brown, wishing blessings and happiness *in honor of* Rachel Cocoros on the occasion of her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The Kegel, Cocoros, and West families *in honor of* their mother, grandmother, great grandmother & great great grandmother, Irene Cocoros on the occasion of her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. May God grant her many more healthy and happy years.
- Pete Sorvalis & family *for the health and welfare of* his dear friend Tom Matte. May God keep him in His care.
- Jim & Lisa Mitsos & family *for the health and welfare of* James Stroumbis, her father.
- The Palakaria *in loving memory of* their friend Bill Lericos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Athos and Nancy Alexandrou & family *in loving memory of* their koumbaro Kyriacos Kakoullis who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros and Tula Stamas.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Bill Lericos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be forever eternal.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory by the family of* William P. Lericos. Coffee will be served by the Ladies of Philoptochos and will take place in the Hermes Rafailides Center.

**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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**Attention Church School families:** The Church School meeting previously scheduled for today has been postponed due to the Parish Assembly. A new meeting date will be announced in the near future.

**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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a church family.

**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.

**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.

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**Parish Assembly:** The Parish Assembly will be held today, **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.

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**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.stdemetriusmd.org](http://www.stdemetriusmd.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.stdemetriusmd.org](http://www.stdemetriusmd.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)

**Orthodox Studies:** We will not be meeting this coming Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of Saint Demetrios. Class will resume on **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 9:30 am 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).

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**The Orthodox Christian Way:** The third session of the Way series continues on Tuesday, October 23 with a special guest speaker Dr. Harry Boosalis, Professor of Theology and Spirituality at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Monastery. The session is sponsored by the Craig Jon Arambiges Memorial Lecture Fund. It is a two - part lecture entitled, "**The Orthodox Understanding Of Human Nature.**" Please join for a light supper in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm. Presentation begins at 7:00 pm. You can register today during coffee hour or call the Church Office at 410-661-1090.

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**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).

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**Festival chairperson:** If you are interested in chairing the 2019 Festival please contact the church office at 410-661-1090.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

**Board Meeting: November 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room**

**General Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room**

A very big, "Thank you" to Violette Cocoros and Cristina Kakoullis for chairing such an amazing evening! Thank you as well to our St. Demetrios community for all your overwhelming support, and for those who donated items for the silent auction. It's successful events such as this that help us to continue to help those in need. God bless!

### **Parish Assembly Luncheon:**

The St. Demetrios Philoptochos will be sponsoring a "Spanakopita or Pastitsio" lunch today after service 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).

### **Holiday Food Drive:**

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season, Please help us spread joy to families in the community!

### **How to Help:**

1. Adopt a Family
2. Donate Food Items to be distributed to families in need. Items may be placed in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building hallway.
3. Monetary Contributions are welcome to purchase needed food. For monetary donations: Please make checks payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and on memo line, designate "food Baskets"

Questions?

Contact: Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Mary Tsakiris, 410.592.7319

Please check the Narthex table for a list of specific items requested by the families.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

~MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON~

### **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**

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## 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 [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@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	\$314,547	\$261,439	382
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$347,721	\$296,943	444

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School 8:45am (C) <b>No Men's Basketball</b> <i>Saint Demetrios Vespers, 7:00pm</i></p> <p><b><u>Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>Saint Demetrios Name Day</i> <b>Orthros, 8:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</b></p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Robert Krantz Movie ~ Faith, Hope &amp; Love, 6:30pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <b>Orthros 9:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> Church School, 9:55am (C) Dance, 12:00pm</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Way ~ October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Preschool Brunch ~ October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Stewardship Sunday ~ November 4<sup>th</sup>

Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ November 6<sup>th</sup>

*Divine Liturgy ~ Synaxis of the Archangels ~ November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am*

**Pre-School Bull Roast ~ November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Philoptochos General Meeting ~ November 12<sup>th</sup>

Preschool Thanksgiving Program/Dinner ~ November 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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