

September 1, 2019

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year

The Epistle Reading is I Timothy 2:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Luke 4:16-22. These Readings may be found on pages 1354 and 1206 in the Holy Bible or on page 111 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 81 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: Indiction: Beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year; Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of Miasenae; Symeon the Stylite; The 40 Virgins and Ascetics; Deacon Ammun; Symeon of Lesvos; Righteous Meletios; Nicholas; Anthony of Verroia; Neomartyr Angeles; Jesu of Nave; Day of the Protection of the Environment of our Natural Surroundings.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Cocoros, Meyer, Kegel and West families *in loving memory of* husband, father, and grandfather Stavros Cocoros *who fell asleep in the Lord* 23 years ago. *May his memory be eternal.*

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Cocoros, Meyer, Kegel and West families *in loving memory of* Alice Alexion *who fell asleep in the Lord* 50 years ago. *May her memory be eternal.*
- Joanne-Sitaras-Pantelides *in loving memory of* her late husband, John Sitaras, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 24 years ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- Don Brooks *in loving memory of* Michael Pulianas *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.

Coffee Hour: The Philoptochos Ladies Society will resume sponsoring Memorial Coffee Hour September 8th, 2019.

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 and return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

A Big Thank You: We would like to thank Lambros Venetos who installed the new water heater in the educational wing this past week, and all the maintenance issues that he has tended to since he joined the Parish Council.

Upcoming Recognition Sundays: *September 8th* ~ 50 Years of Marriage; *September 15th* ~ Saint Demetrios Pre-School & Day School; *September 22nd* ~ Greek Festivals.

Orthodox Studies: We are currently on summer break and will resume on **Friday, October 11th at 9:30am** in the board room. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. We love new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Church School Registration: Will be held on **Sunday, September 8th** from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. Church School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 15th** at 9:55am.

Greek School Registration: Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year is complete. The schedule & registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table.

Save the Date: St. Demetrios 50th Anniversary Luncheon on **Sunday, December 1st** in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following Divine Liturgy and hosted by the Koritsia. Tickets will go on sale in early **September** through **Sunday, November 17th**, and will **NOT** be sold at the door, so make sure to purchase them prior to **November 17th!** More information to follow.

The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir will resume rehearsal on **Thursday, September 5th at 7:00pm**. The Choir is always looking for additional members. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information call Jennie at 410.657.9772.

50th Anniversary Golden Gala: Tickets are now available for the *St. Demetrios 50th Golden Gala* to be held on **Saturday, November 9th** at the Hermes Rafailides Center. Tickets are \$125 per person (\$80 for ages 18 and under). The evening is one that you won't want to miss. Ticket price includes: Appetizers, Catered Meal, Dessert, Open Bar, Music by Zephyros and a Commemorative Souvenir. Tickets are available by contacting Presvytera Alice 443.417.0975 (anoplos@comcast.net). Reserve your tables now! Seating will be limited!

Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church! As we get closer to our 50th Anniversary, we are looking to highlight our history. You, our parishioners, are a very special part of the decades that have unfolded here at 2504 Cub Hill Road since 1969. So, tell us what Saint Demetrios means to you. What is your favorite memory? Did you get married here? Were your children baptized here? What ministries do you enjoy the most? Please email us your short responses and/or photos to our dedicated anniversary email address at: stdemetrios50@gmail.com Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

Library News: Don't have time to stop by . . . no worries. The Little Library is in front of the church next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one of yours. Don't have a book to share? No worries, we have plenty to share.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday September 17th, 2019** from 9:00am-12pm in the library. The book of choice is *A Place for Us* by Nicholas Gage. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to socialize.

TEAM IOCC at the Baltimore Running Festival. Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Join the IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival on **October 19th** and help raise money for those in need of places like Ethiopia, Greece, Middle East and right here in the US!. Sign up to run in the full marathon, half marathon, team relay or 5K and receive a personal fundraising page, promotional materials, and additional incentives when you meet certain fundraising goals. (Sign up for the IOCC at ioccc.org/Baltimore). Make sure to also register for the race at www.thebaltimoremarathon.com. For more information, contact Presvytera Alice at 443.417.0975 or anoplos@comcast.net. **Join us and receive a TEAM IOCC t-shirt and additional benefits when you meet fundraising goals: \$500** ~ Receive a free participant goody bag with IOCC swag, **\$1,000** ~ Receive a framed keepsake print of people you've helped through IOCC, **\$2,500** ~ Receive a handcrafted item from a country where IOCC works.

GOYA

September 6th ~ 1st GOYA Meeting

September 14th ~ Our 7th Annual Shake It Up Basketball Tournament ("Getting along" games with GOYAns from our local Churches)

November 23rd ~ Our GOYA's 20th Annual Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church)

January 25th ~ Our 4th Annual Adult Basketball Tournament & Throwback Bull Roast/Dance Featuring the KOKO Brothers playing your favorite music from the 50's through the 90's (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church and securing a Bus for our GOYA Trip to Boston during Lent to visit The Holy Cross Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology)

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

ST. PHOTIOS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE ~ 2019 ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST: The Essay Contest Program is generously supported through the estate of Mrs. Katie D'Anna and AHEPA Socrate Chapter #6, located in Jacksonville, Florida. The St. Photios Foundation, Inc. invites all teenagers 13-19 years of age to submit a 1,000-word essay to the St. Photios Essay Committee to participate in the annual Essay Contest. Prizes are awarded to the top three essays: 1st place wins \$500; 2nd place wins \$250 and 3rd place wins \$100. The Committee accepts submissions through **January 6th, 2020**. The essays are judged by an independent panel. To learn more about this contest and for the essay topic please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table or visit our website: <http://www.stphotios.org/>

Saint Demetrios, The Guys & Dolls Senior Social Group is sponsoring a bus trip to the "*Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre*" in Strasburg, PA. to see the live presentation of "*Jesus*" on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2019**. Bus leaves at 10:30am and returns at 7:30pm. Cost is \$115 per person which includes, Transportation, buffet lunch (Arthur's Terrace), reserved seats for the show, all taxes and tips, including the driver. Full payment is due by **September 3rd, 2019**. Make checks payable & mail to Despina Panageotou, 8614 Sherington Road, Nottingham, MD. 21236 or Irene Vavas, 9601 Amberleigh Lane, Unit N, Perry Hall, MD. 21128. For more information please contact Desi at 410.256.8593 / desipan5@gmail.com or Irene at 410.529.2653 / imvavas@gmail.com.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS . . . Nikos Oikonomopoulos: Sunday, September 29th at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront ~ 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD. 21202. Doors open at 6pm. Show begins at 7:30pm. Tickets on sale at DCGreeks.com or call 443.621.0587 / AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com; (all tickets include Lite Appetizers, Free Parking & Cash Bar). Proceeds to Benefit the Greek Orthodox Churches in the Baltimore Area. Like us on Facebook @axioncharityevents.

AXION CHARITY EVENTS BRINGS YOU . . . "Cruzin with the Greeks" on the Carnival Pride to the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands ~ Sailing 6/21 to 6/28/2020 from Baltimore, MD. Join us for a fun filled 7-day cruise with several planned events sponsored by Axion Charity Events. A \$50/per person deposit required to reserve your spot, with a \$250/per person deposit you can reserve a specific cabin. Contact Effie Karabelas at Going Places Travel Agency at [410.284.9200/effie@goingplacesinc.com](tel:410.284.9200) to pay your deposit or for more information.

KORITSIA

Farmer's Market: Every Sunday Burton Farms will be hosting a farmer's market on the upper parking lot of St. Demetrios from 11am-1pm. They will be selling seasonal produce including corn, tomatoes, zucchini, yellow and white squash, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, peaches etc. Payment for all purchases will be accepted in either cash or checks made out to Burton Farms. 10% of all proceeds will come back to St. Demetrios and be put towards the mortgage. Come enjoy fresh local produce and help the church!

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting ~ September 9th at 6:30pm

General Meeting ~ September 16th at 6:30pm

Join the Philoptochos as they meet for the new Ecclesiastical Year, **Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm** in the Philoptochos room. All women of the community are invited to come and see what we're all about. We are always looking for new, fresh ideas! This a great way to make new friends and help the community. You are invited to stay after the short meeting for meet and greet social hour. Refreshments will be served!

Back to School: The Ladies of Philoptochos would like to thank everyone for the back-to-school donations this year. Thanks to your donations we were able to provide support to 5 schools in 3 counties. A special thank you to our Co-Chairs, Lisa Jones-Venetos and Elaine Sackleh. Our backpack fillers were Lisa Jones-Venetos, Elaine Sackleh, Evelyn Arambiges, Nicholas Sackleh, Mary Tsakiris, Maria Beleos & Glenna Lappert. The Students in the Middle River area are still in need of monthly classroom snacks. The Schools are requesting packages of Goldfish and fruit-based snacks. Please see Mary Tsakiris if you would like to donate to this cause.

Philoptochos Food Collection for GEDCO Cares: This is a pantry alert for specific items needed, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce & Cereals. The Philoptochos collection will begin **September 1st thru September 22nd**. Please drop off your items to the Philoptochos blue bin. *GEDCO Cares partners with faith-based organizations to provide affordable housing supportive services and emergency assistance to community residents.*

FESTIVAL NEWS

St. Demetrios Greek Festival: September 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th. Authentic Greek Foods, Desserts, Dancing, Music, Church Tours, and more! "Glendi on the Hill After Party Saturday Night." Free admission and on-site parking.

Father's Attic: We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the Church School Classroom #4, directly across from the Library. **PLEASE! NO CLOTHES.** Please drop off your donations **Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.**

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

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 45th production will be "Footloose"

Show Dates: February 14th thru 16th and 21st thru 23rd.

Calling all singers, actors & dancers! Auditions for our 45th annual Saint Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room: **Saturday, October 5th from 12:00-4:00pm; Monday, October 7th from 7:00-9:00pm** and **Tuesday, October 8th from 7:00-9:00pm.** Call backs *to be determined.* 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 tcook@bpointwellness.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
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$323,833	\$242,512	417
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$329,616	\$244,615	433

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 2nd</u> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office & Pre-School Closed</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 3rd</u> Pre-School Meet & Greet, 11:00am (C) DD2 Practice, 6:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Festival Meeting, 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, September 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Meeting (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, September 8th</u> <i>Nativity of the Theotokos ~</i> <i>Sunday before Holy Cross</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday 1st Choir Sunday Church School Registration, 9:55am 50th Anniversary Recognition of Marriages Demetrakia Dance Practice</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9th ~ Philoptochos Board Meeting ~ 6:30pm*
- September 10th ~ Pre-School Back-to-School Night*
- September 10th ~ Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm*
- September 11th ~ GOYA Basketball ~ 6:00pm*
- September 12th ~ Men’s Basketball ~6:30pm*
- September 12th ~Adult Choir ~ 7:00pm*
- September 13th ~ GOYA Shake-It Up Set-Up*
- September 14th ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00am*
- September 14th ~ Shake-It-Up Tournament*
- September 15th ~ Church School Begins ~ 9:55am*
- September 16 ~ Philoptochos General Meeting ~ 6:30pm*
- September 17th ~ Book/Knitting Club ~ 9:00am*