

September 8, 2019

## Nativity of the Theotokos Sunday before 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 and 1238 in the Holy Bible or on page 147 and 148 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos; Sunday preceding the Elevation of the Holy, Precious, Life-Giving Cross.

### The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus and Kathleen Strakes, Van and Nancy Strakes, Anna Besal and their families *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Katherine Strakes, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May her memory be eternal.*

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

- The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir *in loving memory of* Rev. Fr. Ernest Arambiges, *who fell asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal.*
- Catherine Latgis *in loving memory of* her husband, James Latgis *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- Aristea and Dan Daniels, Nick and Christine Constantinides, James and Mary Latgis *in loving memory of* James Latgis *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- The grandchildren and great-grandchildren *in loving memory of* James Latgis *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- Stephanie, Stephen, Daniel and Stephen Christ *in loving memory of* James Latgis *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in loving memory of* brother-in-law & uncle, James Latgis, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- The Rafailides Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother, and sister Elizabeth Rafalides, *who fell asleep in the Lord* 40 days ago and *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & brother, Pete Rafalides *who fell asleep in the Lord* 6 months ago. *May their memory be eternal.*
- Sophie Lericos and family *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Bill Lericos *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- 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.

**Memorial Service:** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Elizabeth Rafalides (40 days); Pete Rafalides (6 months); Pambros Koumides (6 months); James Latgis (1 year); Katherine Strakes (1 year); Bill Lericos (1 year) May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Ritsa Economakis.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee hour today is sponsored *in loving memory, by the families of* James Latgis, Bill Lericos, Elizabeth & Pete Rafalides, and Katherine Strakes. Coffee will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy by our Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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**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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**Upcoming Recognition Sundays:** *September 15<sup>th</sup>* ~ Saint Demetrios Pre-School & Day School; *September 22<sup>nd</sup>* ~ Greek Festivals.

**Orthodox Studies:** We will resume on **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** 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).

**Church School Registration:** Will be held today **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**, and will **NOT** be sold at the door, so make sure to purchase them prior to **November 17<sup>th</sup>!** More information to follow.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Gala:** Tickets are now available for the *St. Demetrios 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Gala* to be held on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stdemetrios50@gmail.com) Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50<sup>th</sup> marketing and promotion material.

**Library News:** I would like to give a big shout out to Kelly MacDonnell and all the volunteers who helped-out with Vacation Bible School. Last week, the children checked out 250 Library Books. The library is a busy ministry. The beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year, gathering of the harvest, and offering of thanks to God. Our library will start with weekly visits from Church School and monthly visits from our Pre-School. If you would like to volunteer, you are welcome to join us. Our first library meeting will be on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, right after church. We now have the little Library conveniently located next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one you of your books. Don't have a book? No problem, we have plenty to spare.

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.** Join the IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://ioccc.org/Baltimore)). Make sure to also register for the race at [www.thebaltimoremarathon.com](http://www.thebaltimoremarathon.com). For more information, contact Presvytera Alice at 443.417.0975 or [anoplos@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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## GOYA

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

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

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ 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)

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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/>

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. 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](mailto:desipan5@gmail.com) or Irene at 410.529.2653 / [imvavas@gmail.com](mailto:imvavas@gmail.com).

**AXION CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS . . . Nikos Oikonomopoulos: Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://DCGreeks.com) or call 443.621.0587 / [AxionCharityEvents@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## KORITSIA

**Farmer's Market:** Every Sunday until **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*  
*General Meeting ~ September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*

**Join the Philoptochos** as they meet for the new Ecclesiastical Year, **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Ambridge, 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.*

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## FESTIVAL NEWS

**Saint Demetrios Greek Festival: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.** 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 Church School Classroom #4, which is located directly across the hall from the Library. **PLEASE NO CLOTHES!** Please drop off your donations **Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm or After Liturgy on Sunday's.**

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

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## SUBURBAN PLAYERS

*The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 45<sup>th</sup> production will be "Footloose"*

*Show Dates: February 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>.*



**Calling all singers, actors & dancers!** Auditions for our 45<sup>th</sup> annual Saint Demetrios Suburban Players production will be held in the music room: **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-4:00pm; Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm** and **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com) or Tom Cook at 410.790.9370 or by email [tcook@bpointwellness.com](mailto: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

	<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>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$324,482	\$251,739	419
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$330,216	\$249,340	434

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Philoptochos Board Mtg 6:30 (P)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Back-to-School Night Parish Council Mtg 7:00pm (B) DD2 Practice, 6:30pm (C)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Shake-It-Up Set-Up (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> GOYA Shake-It-Up Tournament</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Sunday after Holy Cross</i> <b>Orthros, 9:00 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> Church School (1<sup>st</sup> Day), 9:55am (C) Blessing of Church School Students and Teachers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition of Day / Pre-School Pre-School Brunch Demetrakia Dance Practice</p>
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*September 16 ~ Philoptochos General Meeting ~ 6:30pm*  
*September 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Book/Knitting Club ~ 9:00am*  
*September 18<sup>th</sup> ~ GOYA Basketball ~ 6:00pm*  
*September 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Festival Meeting ~ 6:30pm*  
*September 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Men’s Basketball ~ 6:30pm*  
*September 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Adult Choir ~ 7:00pm*  
*September 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition of Festivals*  
*September 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm*  
*September 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-School (1/2 Day ~ Field Trip)*  
*September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-School Closed*  
***September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Demetrios Grecian Festival***

## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The Saint Demetrios Pre-School invites you to our Pancake Brunch on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** following our 20 Year Recognition Sunday during Divine Liturgy. We will be honoring past administrators, teachers, alumni & students. \$7.00 per person children under 5 FREE or \$25 family of 4. View the NEW Infant & Toddler Room, 2’s, 3’s and 4’s classrooms. Registration information for the 2019-2020 school year will be available. For more information about our Pre-School, please contact Betty Boteler, *Director* at 410.661.1090 ext. 203 / [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net). An outstanding Early Education Program in a secure Christian Environment.

**Seeking an Energetic Educational Assistant** in our Infant Room opening in September 2019! Hours are Monday-Friday from 8am to 4pm. All interested applicants may send their Resumes and Schedule Interviews by emailing [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net) or call Betty Boteler at 410.661.1090 ext.204. Requirements are a 3`hour educational course that can be easily obtained!

**Hiring a Senior Staff Certified Toddler Assistant.** Hours are Monday-Friday from 11:30am to 5:30pm. Must be Infant/Toddler Certified (45-hour Growth & Development, 45-hour Infant/Toddler).

## SAINT DEMETRIOS CHURCH SCHOOL



### **NEW CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020**

**In-Person Registration: Upstairs Main Hallway (Across Bridge)  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:55am – 12:00pm**

**Classes Begin: Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:55am**

### GRADE LEVELS:

PRE-SCHOOL (3 years old) through HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR (18 years old)  
(Children under age three by the class start date of the current year cannot be enrolled)

**Orthodox Christian parents of Saint Demetrios Church,  
in good standing, may enroll their child(ren) into our  
Church School Ministry Program at no cost.**

For more information, please contact George Zaverdinos, *Church School Director*  
410.638.2637 / [zavirag@verizon.net](mailto:zavirag@verizon.net)