

September 15, 2019

Sunday after Holy Cross

The Epistle Reading is Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel Reading is Mark 8:34-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1330 and 1189 in the Holy Bible or on pages 151-152 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Post-Elevation; Greatmartyr Niketas the Goth; Porphyrios of Mimon, Martyr; Neomartyr Vessarion, Bishop of Larisa; Neomartyr John of Crete; Gerasimos of Leontarion; The Righteous Philotheos of Asia Minor.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus and Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis *who fell asleep in the Lord* 16 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Gabriel & Joanna Pantelides *in loving memory of* her brother, Phillip Arnas, Jr. *who fell asleep in the Lord* 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Church School Director & Staff *for the health & welfare of* their students. May God bless them with the gift of knowledge.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored and served by our 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.

Upcoming Recognition Sundays: *September 22nd* ~ Greek Festivals.

Orthodox Studies: We will resume on **Friday, October 11th at 9:30am** in the board room. We love new members!! For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Parish Assembly: A Special Parish Assembly will be held on **Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00pm** in the Hermes Rafailides Center to discuss the HVAC System in the Educational Building & Funding for this project as well as a report from the Nominating Committee Chairperson. 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 2019 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.

Festival Volunteers: We are always looking for volunteers. Please see Cathy Xanthakos today in the Hermes Rafailides Center, after the Divine Liturgy to sign-up or contact her at 410.952.3576.

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!

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.

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: stdemetrius50@gmail.com Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

Library News: Our festival is only ten days away. We have many cookbooks to help you make some delicious choices. Want to know what's in those grape leaves, we have a book for that. Need some brushing up on your dance moves, we have CD's that can help you with that. We have books on Greece, books in Greek, we have something for everyone, so come and give us a try. Our Library meeting will be directly after church today all are welcome to join us. We now have the Little Library conveniently located next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one 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 17th, 2019** from 9:00am-12pm in the library. The book of choice is *A Place for Us* by *Nicholas Gage*. Whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to come and socialize you are always welcomed.

TEAM IOCC at the Baltimore Running Festival. 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

NOT YOUR YIAYIA'S BINGO ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD: Featuring Designer Handbags and a Few Manly Man Prizes. BIG NEWS . . . This year GOYA will use proceeds from our Bingo to pay the February Mortgage for our Church!!! Please stop by the GOYA table during Coffee Hour to purchase tickets, reserve a table or to sponsor one of our many fantastic Bingo Prizes!!! Thank you for supporting our GOYA!!!

GOYA HELPING THE NEEDY: Our GOYA will be collecting various items to assist the needy. The month of September GOYA will be collecting School Supplies, October GOYA will be collecting Hygiene Items and November GOYA will be collecting canned goods. Please help us help the needy. You can drop off your donations Monday thru Friday from 9am-3pm or on Sunday's after Liturgy in the boxes outside the Hermes Rafailides Center.

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)

Saint Demetrios, The Guys & Dolls Senior Social Group: If you are attending the Gunther Tours Bus Trip, here are some details. We will be going to “Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre for the “Jesus” show on **Thursday, October 3, 2019**. We will meet at Saint Demetrios Upper Parking Lot at 10:00am and depart from church at 10:30am. We will provide bottled water and doughnuts in the morning on the bus, feel free to bring your own beverages and snacks. 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](tel:410.284.9200)/effie@goingplacesinc.com to pay your deposit or for more information.

KORITSIA

Farmer’s Market: Every Sunday until **September 22nd** Burton Farms will be hosting a farmer’s market on the upper parking lot of Saint Demetrios from 11:00am-1:00pm. They will be selling produce including corn, tomatoes, zucchini, yellow and white squash, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, peaches, as well as cabbage, watermelons, pumpkins, gourds and mums. 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

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 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 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

Saint 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 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.**

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 tcCook@bpointwellness.com.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The Saint Demetrios Pre-School invites you to our Pancake Brunch today, **Sunday, September 15th** 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. 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 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).

LIFE-LINE SCREEING is coming to Saint Demetrios on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019.** Take a step toward staying Health & Active ~ Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health. Life-Line Screening has partnered with over 100 hospitals across the country and has conducted **8 million** screenings since 1993. Package 1: Plaque, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm ~ 4 tests for only \$139 / Package 2: Add an Osteoporosis Screening ~ 5 test for only \$149. Pre-Registration is required. Call 1-888-653-6450. Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table.

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	\$327,878	\$260,857	427
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$331,645	\$257,751	439

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Philoptochos General Mtg 6:30 (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L) DD2 Practice, 6:30pm (C)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Festival Meeting, 6:30pm (B)</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, September 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, September 22nd</u> <i>1st Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) 50th Anniversary Recognition of Festivals Demetrakia Dance Practice</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24th ~ Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm

September 25th ~ Pre-School (1/2 Day ~ Field Trip)

*September 25th ~ **NO GOYA BASKETBALL***

*September 26th ~ **NO MEN’S BASKETBALL***

September 26th & 27th ~ Pre-School Closed

September 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th ~ Saint Demetrios Grecian Festival

September 30th ~ Pre-School Resumes

October 1st ~ Special General Assembly ~ 7:00pm

October 7th & 9th ~ Greek School ~ 4:30-7:30pm

October 8th ~ The Way

October 11th ~ Orthodox Bible Study Resumes ~ 9:30am

October 12th ~ Pre-School Bull Roast

October 16th ~ Lifeline Screening