

**The Epistle Reading** is II Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4. The Gospel Reading is Luke 5:11. These Readings may be found on pages 1330 and 1189 in the Holy Bible or on pages 86-94 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Holymartyr and Wonderworker Phokas, Bishop of Sinope; Martyrs Isaak and Martin; The 26 Righteous Martyrs of Mt. Athos.

**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:**

- Esther Karavedes, Tina Karavedas, Patricia Karavedas, and Sam Karavedas II and Danielle and their families *in honor of the* 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their parents and grandparents, Sam and Mary Karavedas.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour is co-sponsored today by the LIBRARY and WAY Ministries. Members of both will be serving in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy. Browse what our Library offers you and take this opportunity to register for the upcoming WAY program beginning **Tuesday, October 8th.**

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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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**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 22<sup>nd</sup>* ~ Greek Festivals, *October 6<sup>th</sup>* ~ Choir, Music Ministries, Clergy, *October 13<sup>th</sup>* ~ Stewardship, Ecclesiastical Arts, & The Way, *October 27<sup>th</sup>* ~Saint Demetrios GOYA

**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).

**Parish Assembly:** A Special Parish Assembly will be held on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

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**For the first time ever:** The blessed and miraculous icon of Agia Paraskevi from the village of Kattavia on the Dodacanese island of Rhodes, Greece will visit our Saint Demetrios Parish from **September 25-29**. Fr. Zacharias Mavroudis (formerly of Connecticut, now a monk priest at Skiathi Monastery and assigned to Kattavia in Rhodes, Greece) will co-celebrate services with Fr. Lou on: **Wednesday, September 25** at 7 pm Paraklesis prayer service, **Thursday, September 26** at 7 pm Paraklesis, **Friday, September 27** at 5 or 6 pm Blessing/Opening of Festival, **Saturday, September 28** at 7 pm Vespers, **Sunday, September 29** 2-6 pm in Church. Agia Paraskevi is a healer for the eyes and the soul. This is the icon's inaugural pilgrimage in the 100-years that the Baltimore-based Saint Paraskevi Kattavian Society has been established. Members of the Saint Paraskevi Kattavian Society, many of whom are members and leaders of our Saint Demetrios Parish, are sponsoring this spiritual pilgrimage.

**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** Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50<sup>th</sup> marketing and promotion material.

**Library News:** Our festival is only four 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. 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.

**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.

**OCMC ~Extraordinary People Needed:** Volunteers are needed to teach at the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya Youth Seminar this December. This event draws hundreds of youth, ages 15-35, from throughout the Diocese. Individuals with a desire to impact the future leaders of the Church of Kenya are needed to apply for this Team. Apply at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org). The dates of the team are December 8-17, 2019.

## GOYA

**NOT YOUR YIAYIA'S BINGO ~ Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 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 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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**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<sup>rd</sup>, 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 you own beverages and snacks. 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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## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

**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).

**Preschool 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration ~ Has been cancelled.**

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## PHILOPTOCHOS

**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

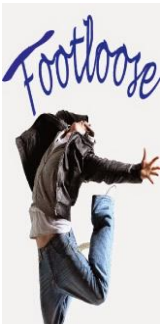
**Saint Demetrios Greek Festival:** September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Authentic Greek Foods, Desserts, Dancing, Music, Church Tours, and more! *“Glendi on the Hill After Party Saturday Night.”* Free admission and on-site parking.

**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.

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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 [tcCook@bpointwellness.com](mailto:tcCook@bpointwellness.com).

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## KORITSIA

**Farmer’s Market:** Today is the last Sunday 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!

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## 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	\$341,993	\$277,217	433
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$338,672	\$260,255	444

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Autumn Begins Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <b><u>Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Mtg 7:00pm (B) DD2 Practice, 6:30pm (C) <b><u>Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) (½ Day ~ Field Trip) <b>NO GOYA Basketball</b> <b>Paraklesis Prayer Service</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b><u>Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School Closed Paraklesis Prayer Service <b>7:00pm</b> Grecian Festival <b>5:00pm-9:00pm</b> <b><u>Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School Closed Grecian Festival <b>5:00pm-10:00pm</b>	<b><u>Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Grecian Festival <b>12:00pm-11:00pm</b> Vespers 7:00pm  <b><u>Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am No Church School Grecian Festival <b>12:00pm-7:00pm</b>
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*September 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm*  
*September 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-School (1/2 Day ~ Field Trip)*  
*September 25<sup>th</sup> ~ NO GOYA BASKETBALL*  
*September 26<sup>th</sup> ~ NO MEN'S BASKETBALL*  
*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*  
*September 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Pre-School Resumes*  
*October 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Special General Assembly ~ 7:00pm*  
*October 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Greek School ~ 4:30-7:30pm*  
*October 8<sup>th</sup> ~ The Way*  
*October 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Orthodox Bible Study Resumes ~ 9:30am*