

September 29, 2019

2nd Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is II Corinthians 4:6-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 6:31-36. These Readings may be found on pages 1310 and 1209 in the Holy Bible or on pages 88 and 96 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Righteous Kyriakos, the Pilgrim; Martyr Petronia; Righteous Martyrs Malachia and his Companions on the Strophades Islands; Martyr Dadas.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Father Lou & the Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* Cathy Xanthakos, our Festival Committee & our Volunteers, who gave their time and talent to make our Grecian Festival a success. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the Church.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today due to our Grecian Festival.

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.

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 visited our Saint Demetrios Parish. The icon of Agia Parakevi will be visiting the Annunciation Cathedral on **Sunday, September 29** during the Divine Liturgy at 10:00am and returning to Saint Demetrios Church from 2:00pm-6:00pm. 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.

Upcoming Recognition Sundays: *October 6th* ~ Choir, Music Ministries, Clergy, *October 13th* ~ Stewardship, Ecclesiastical Arts, & The Way, *October 27th* ~Saint Demetrios GOYA

Parish Assembly: A Special Parish Assembly will be held on **Tuesday, 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.

Stewardship: Our 2020 Stewardship drive is upon us, and soon you will receive your pledge card for your 2020 commitment. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship, and we ask that you carefully consider your 2020 pledge. Our ultimate goal is to support 100% of our operating budget through Stewardship. Won't you do all you can to bring this goal to fruition? Please strive to submit your 2020 commitment prior to the close of 2019. Let's start 2020 strong!

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.

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.

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: It is hard to believe that our festival is coming to an end. Did you have some Greek food that you would like to try and make? Come by the Library and take out one of our many cookbooks. We also have an icon Saint Paraskevi and Father Zacharias visiting from Katavia Rhodes, Greece. You can read about Saint Paraskevi and other saints by visiting our Library. We are a very active ministry and we are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested please stop by and introduce yourself. We will be having a Library meeting on **Sunday, October 6th, 2019** after church.

Mark your calendars because on **Tuesday Oct 22nd, 2019** the Library will be hosting the Craig Arambiges Lecture during the Way. The guest speaker will be Father Dwayne Johnston from the Cathedral of Annuciation.

Don't have time to visit the Library? No problem, we now have the Little Library that is located right next to the mailbox. You take out a book and you replace it with one of yours. Don't have a book to give? No problem, we have plenty to share.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday October 8th, 2019 at 9:00am-12:00 pm** at the Library. All is welcomed whether you knit crochet or just want some nice conversation.

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)

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 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 20th Reunion Celebration ~ Has been cancelled.

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 3rd, 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 or Irene at 410.529.2653 / imvavas@gmail.com.

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.

Russian Festival: The 46th Annual Russian Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, 1723 E. Fairmount Ave, Baltimore, MD. 21231, on **Friday, October 18th thru Sunday, October 20th**. Homemade ethnic dishes, artisan breads, live entertainment, icons, liturgical recordings and much more are available at the festival. For more information visit our website at www.russfest.org.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting ~ October 7th at 6:30pm
Ronald McDonald House ~ October 14th
General Meeting ~ October 15th at 6:30pm

Saint Demetrios Vespers: A Special Thank You to Smaro Cook (410.340.4990, 410.342.1040 or email her at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com) for once again Chairing the Saint Demetrios Vespers. Please contact Smaro if you would like to donate food or a monetary gift for the reception following our Vesper Service on **Friday, October 25th**.

SAVE THE DATE: (*more information to follow*)
November 30th ~ Breakfast with Santa
December 7th & 8th ~ Christmas Bazaar
December 16th ~ Christmas Dinner

FESTIVAL NEWS

Grecian Festival: The Saint Demetrios Greek festival is in full swing and has proven to be very successful thus far. If you haven't stopped by to see all the great festivities and food that we have to offer, why not stop by after church today and grab a quick bite to eat. We appreciate your support.

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 cook@bpointwellness.com.

KORITSIA

Koritsia will be hosting CPR, First Aid & AED Training at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on **January 4, 2020** or **February 29, 2020**, check in time is **9:00am**. Class promptly begins at **9:30am** until **1:30pm**. (Bring your own snacks ~ this will be a working lunch). You will not receive credit for being certified if you are not at the entire class. Certification Cards will be handed out at the end of class. Any person age 9 or up are encouraged to attend. Cost of class is \$85.00 per person ~ make checks payable to Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and memo check as CPR class. To register please contact Simon Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com or 410.510.7557. There are only 25 seats per day available, deadline to register is **January 2nd** and **February 20th**. For more information please pick up a registration form from 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	\$342,973	\$279,264	435
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$340,312	\$266,238	447

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, September 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) General Assembly 7:00pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday, October 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, October 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, October 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Mtg. 6:30pm (G)</p> <p><u>Saturday, October 5th</u> “Footloose” Auditions 12:00-4:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, October 6th</u> <i>3rd Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am 50th Anniversary Recognition Sunday ~ Church Music & Clergy Church School, 9:55am (C) Choir Sunday</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 29th ~ Saint Demetrios Grecian Festival

September 30th ~ Pre-School Resumes

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

October 5th, 7th & 8th ~ Footloose Auditions at 7:00pm

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

October 8th, 15th & 22nd ~ The Way at 6:15pm

October 9th ~ 50th Anniversary Meeting at 7:00pm

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

October 16th ~ Lifeline Screening

October 22nd ~ Suburban Players Meeting at 7:00pm

October 25th ~ Saint Demetrios Vespers & Reception at 7:00pm

October 26th ~ St. Demetrios Nameday ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am