

The Epistle Reading is Galatians 5:22-6:2. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:27-39. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 and 1212 in the Holy Bible or on page 102 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Greatmartyr Artemios; Righteous Matrona of Cheopolite, Chios; Righteous Gerasimos the Younger, the Ascetic, relics treasured in Kephallenia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Maria Arambiges & Family *in loving memory of* son, brother & uncle Craig Jon Arambiges. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Dr. & Mrs. Sam Zamaria, Ray Zamaria and Leyla Merjaneh and her family *in loving memory of* their mother, Widad Restom Zamaria who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Georgia Frangos, Popi Frangos, Elias Frangos and Stamati Frangos *in loving memory of* Ioanna Stefandi who fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.
- Athos & Nancy Alexandrou and family *in loving memory of* our Koumbaro Kyriacos Kakoullis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Justin Soutar will present their child, for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Widad Restom Zamaria who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory* by the family of Widad Restom Zamaria. Coffee will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy by our Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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.

Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy: On **Friday, October 25th**, we will celebrate The Great Vespers for the Saint Demetrios Feast Day beginning at 7:00 pm. The Philoptochos will be hosting coffee hour & a reception in the Hermes Rafailides Center following the Vespers. Join us on **Saturday, October 26th** at 9:00am for Orthros and 10:00am for Divine Liturgy. Please plan to attend.

Orthodox Studies: Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Please join us at 9:30am on **Friday, October 25th** in the board room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

We have been experiencing telephone difficulties if you need to reach the church office please call 410.661.0685 or email us at: saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

Upcoming Recognition Sundays: *October 27th* ~ Saint Demetrios GOYA; *November 17th* ~ 50 Years of Stewardship of the Year.

Stewardship: Our 2020 Stewardship drive is upon us, by now you should have received 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!*

Parish Council Elections: The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held on, **Sunday, November 17th** directly after the Divine Liturgy, in the board room. Make an effort to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2020, 2021 & 2022. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Smaro Cook, Gus Serevetas, Gus Stamatopoulos, Mary Triandafilou & Lambros Venetos. **Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

Parish Assembly: A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 24th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. 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.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 28th** so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a church family.

The Orthodox Christian Way: The third and last session of The Orthodox Christian Way takes place this **Tuesday, October 22nd** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Archimandrite Constantine Moralis will present "*A Pilgrimage to Jerusalem*". We will begin promptly at 6:15 with a light fare meal prepared by the Way Committee. If you have not registered, you still can register for this last session during coffee hour today.

Bell Choir / Junior Chorus: We are seeking bell ringers and singers to perform with the Adult Choir on **Sunday, December 22nd** for the Advent Program. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy. The first rehearsal will be held on **Sunday, November 10th** and will continue on the following Sundays: November 17th, 24th and December 1st & 8th. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-657.9772 for more information.

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: **stdemetrios50@gmail.com**.

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 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)

Library News: St. Gerasimus was from Peloponnesus where he was raised in piety. He studied and visited other countries and he settled in Cephalonia. He restored an old church and build a convent around it where it still remains at the place called Omala. St. Gerasimus died in 1570 and his relics are kept there for the faithful. You can learn about St. Gerasimus and other saints by visiting our Library. Don't have time to visit the Library no problem. We now have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one of your books. Don't have a book to spare ~ take one anyway we have plenty.

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

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.

Nativity Retreat at St. Mary in Hunt Valley, **Saturday, November 16th** with speaker Father Nicholas Belcher. The topic is *"The Tree of Life and the Fruits of Paradise"*. Cost is \$20 per person which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please register online (www.nativityofthetheotokos.org/registration) or by mailing payment along with name and email to the church by Nov. 7th. Questions, contact sylvia.tsakalos@gmail.com

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We Are Buzzing With Excitement ~ Our Infant & Toddler Room (6 weeks – 24 months) opened on **Monday, September 30th**. Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30am-5:30pm (\$320 wk.) / Monday - Friday 8:30am-3:30pm (\$245). For tours and registration call 410.661.1090 ext. 204 / sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2019-2020 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Infant & Toddler Program, Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. For more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net

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.



Don't want to be on stage but still want to help? Join the production crew by contacting Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990. All are welcome to help.

PHILOPTOCHOS

General Meeting: October 21st ~ 6:30pm

Saint Demetrios Vespers: A special Thank You to Smaro Cook 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 Vespers service on **Friday, October 25th**. Smaro Cook at 410-340-4990, 410-342-1040 or email her at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com. Please contact Joanna Beleos if you would like to donate flowers for the Vespers – 410.458.1547 jbeleos@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Philoptochos will be collecting food and monetary donations for Thanksgiving families in need. Please place any donations in our blue bin located in the Church building hallway. The following items are needed: Canned goods, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, turkey and ham. Please make any checks payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos ~ Please memo your check to Thanksgiving Food Donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Tsakiris – 410.592.7319

Breakfast with Santa: November 30, 2019 - 9am -12pm – Please reserve your seat today!! Please contact Lisa Jones-Venetos – danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428, Paypal is available. If you would like to help with this event, Elves are always in high demand!!

Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 7th and 8th - Vendors are needed!! We do not duplicate vendors so sign up early. Spaces are \$40.00 for 1 day - \$65.00 for both days.

We are looking for Philoptochos members to run the following booths:

- YiaYia's Treasures (Gently used / new Christmas items or small gifts)
- The Greenery (Wreaths, Crosses, Bows etc....)

Please call or email Lisa Jones-Venetos at danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428.

Save the date: December 16th ~ Philoptochos Christmas Dinner ~ Details to follow.

KORITSIA

Koritsia will be hosting CPR, First Aid & AED Training at St. 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 St. 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.

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: Back by popular demand . . . Saint Demetrios has partnered with Got Sneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate us \$1.00 for every wearable sneaker and 10¢ for every other type of shoe. This includes adult and children's shoes and any gender. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked "***SHOE DONATION***" in the hall by the ladies' room. Contact Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

Script Gift Cards: Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIPT rebates a percentage to the Church. All you need to do is complete the Family Order Form, attach a check payable to Saint Demetrios and mail or drop off the form (w/check) to the church office or to the white "Gift Card Box" on the Narthex table. 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards the Church Mortgage. Please contact Maria Angelos at mvailas@aol.com or 443.280.2690 with any questions.

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	\$347,721	\$296,943	442
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$343,277	\$281,986	455

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, October 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Mtg, 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) The Way, 6:15pm (H/G) Suburban Players Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, October 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Parish Council Exec. Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, October 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) No Men’s Basketball</p> <p><u>Friday, October 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Saint Demetrios Vespers & Reception at 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Saturday, October 26th</u> St. Demetrios Nameday Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 27th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Dance Practice, (H/G) APC Retreat</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

*October 21st ~ Philoptochos General Meeting at 6:30pm ***NEW DATE****
October 22nd ~ Suburban Players Meeting at 7:00pm
October 25th ~ Orthodox Bible Study ~ 9:30am
October 25th ~ Saint Demetrios Vespers & Reception at 7:00pm
October 26th ~ St. Demetrios Nameday ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

