

**October 11, 2020**

**Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**The Epistle Reading** is Titus 3:8-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:5-15. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 and 1211 in the Holy Bible or on page 152 and 99 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in Nicea; The Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons in Tralles, Asia Minor (Phillip, Prochoros, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Stephan), Martyrs; Righteous Theophanes the Branded, Confessor, Bishop of Nicea; Nektarios, Arsakios, Philotheos, and Sisinius, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Righteous Jonah.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit:**

- James Lefter *in loving memory of* his beloved wife, Angeline, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamp is lit:**

- Pantelis Karos and Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Kyriaki Karos, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago and father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Ioannis Karos, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Ritsa Economakis, Gloria Koukoulas and Kitsa Padousis and Toula Woods.

**Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Kyriaki Karos, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago, Ioannis Karos, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago and Angeline Lefter, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

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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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**Great Vespers:** On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate The Great Vespers for the Saint Demetrios Feast Day beginning at 5:00pm.

**Saint Demetrios Nameday:** On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Saint Demetrios Nameday with Orthros beginning at 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. Please make plans to join us.

**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.

**Stewardship News:** We pray that you are well and safe! Thank you for your continued support of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church during these trying times! Thanks be to God that our church doors are open and once again we can all pray together in our church! To date, we have received 93% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please also fill out the time and talent sections of the pledge card. Contact the church office if you need another pledge card. We are reviewing the time and talent sections of the pledge cards and providing the information to the various church ministries and committees. Please mail your pledge card to the church office. We appreciate your continued support of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church! May God bless you!

**Stewardship:** Our 2021 Stewardship drive is upon us, and soon you will receive your pledge card for your 2021 commitment. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship, and we ask that you carefully consider your 2021 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 2021 commitment prior to the close of 2020. Let's start 2021 strong!

**Parish Assembly:** A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> after 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 2020 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.

**GOYA Registration.** It's that time again!! Working with Father Lou & Presvytera Alice we have come up with a no contact social distancing plan for our new GOYA year! Because of COVID-19, we have set up online registration which will be emailed to the community. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> GOYA meeting will be Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, time To Be Determined. Please register before then if you haven't already. We look forward to another year of bringing the 'youth of our community' together in Christian fellowship again this year!

**NOTE\*\*** The following criteria must be met before continuing with the registration: A GOYAN must be a teenager (13-18 years old) who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, or is at least 12 years old on or before September 1st of this year and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and whose *parents are members in good standing at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.*

**Saint Demetrios new "Green Team":** Please join the St. Demetrios "Green Team" in our first meeting on November 1, 2020 at 7:30 virtually through Google Meets. We will be discussing the start of this group and ways we can work together to make our church and our world more green.

We have some great initial steps we can take such as participating in the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake and looking at environmental improvements we can make here at St. Demetrios. We will also discuss potential green projects and outreach such as creating special environmental gardens (rain gardens), composting, clean ups and other important steps. The link to the meeting is: [meet.google.com](https://meet.google.com/qpq-mcko-huq) and the code is: qpq-mcko-huq. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Triandafilou at [mtrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com) or Nicole Katsikides at [nicole@katsikides.com](mailto:nicole@katsikides.com). We look forward to seeing you!

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am in the Library. All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, or just want some good conversation.

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## **KORITSIA**

**GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER:** 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. Please drop off your **"SHOE DONATION"** under the Portico. Contact Simone Volakis at [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

**Food Truck Fridays:** This Fall Saint Demetrios will be hosting rotating Food Trucks every Friday starting October 9<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. BYOBlanket and chairs. Social distancing and masks are required. For more information, contact Simone Volikas at [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com)

**Food Trucks for Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Mr. Souvlaki, Diner on the Go, Happy Hippo Shaved Ice and Dizzy Cow Pizzeria. Entertainment by: Ain't Misbehaving Big Band

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# PHILOPTOCHOS

**Hunger Knows No Season:** Philoptochos Food Drive ~ GEDCO, Baltimore Hunger Project & Veterans. Please consider donating for those less fortunate this year. Donations can be placed in the Blue Bin near the bridge. We are also willing to pick-up items from your home. Items needed: canned soups, canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, ham), canned vegetables (sauerkraut, sweet potatoes, corn, carrots, spinach, green beans, peas, mixed veggies), spaghetti, noodles & sauce, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, pudding, cookies, protein bars, healthy drink bags, word find, sudoku and adult coloring books. Monetary donations also accepted: Checks can be made payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos (memo check as food drive). We are also collecting monetary donations for school supplies (memo check as school supplies). Please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291 / [tsakisa@comcast.net](mailto:tsakisa@comcast.net) or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 / [jbeleos@gmail.com](mailto:jbeleos@gmail.com). Thank you for your donations.

**Virtual Bags, Bling and Things Event** will take place on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00pm.** This will be live streamed through Facebook. You do not have to be online to win. Winners will be contacted by phone or email. For more information, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291, Linda Goodman 410-615-5006, Presvytera Alice Noplos 410-817-9651 or the church office 410-661-1090.

**Saint Demetrios Great Vespers:** On **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>,** we will celebrate The Great Vespers for the Saint Demetrios Feast Day beginning at 5:00pm. Due to COVID, we will not be having our traditional Vespers reception. God willing, next year things will be return to normal and we will be able to celebrate our beloved Saint Demetrios feast day with a spectacular reception.

**Yia Yia's Treasures:** Philoptochos is accepting donations of gently used Christmas decorations/ornaments and small gifts to sell at the Bazaar. Please drop them off outside the Church Office.

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## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The **Joe Corbi's fundraiser** is closed for ordering. Orders must be picked on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30pm - 5:30pm at the Pre-School.

Russian Festival: The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian FOOD Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, 1723 E. Fairmount Ave, Baltimore, MD. 21231, each Saturday starting on, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit our website at: [www.russfest.org](http://www.russfest.org) or call 410-276.6171.

**Hope / Joy Halloween Event** will be held on **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-9:00pm. Fun, Entertainment and Costumes Welcome (*appropriate for outdoor temperature*). Food available for purchase from the many Food Trucks. Masks are required when unable to social distance. Please RSVP to Kelly MacDonnell ([kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com)) All children 0-12 welcome with an adult.

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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.

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### 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>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$342,577	\$276,864	453
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$335,116	\$290,613	424

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

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup></u></b> Church Office Closed Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Ronald McDonald House - Philoptochos	<b><u>Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Philoptochos General Mtg, 6:30pm	<b><u>Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> Philoptochos Virtual Bags, Bling and Things Event, 6:00pm
<b><u>Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm Suburban Players Call-Backs	<b><u>Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am	<b><u>Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Luke the Evangelist</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Virtual Church School General Assembly
	<b><u>Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> No Pre-School or Child Care Food Truck Friday, 4:00pm- 8:00pm	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Office Closed, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kids Clothing Exchange, October 6<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>  
Food Truck Fridays, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
Virtual Bags, Bling and Things Event, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
General Assembly Meeting, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Saint Demetrios Nameday Vespers, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Saint Demetrios Nameday Divine Liturgy, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Hope / Joy Halloween Event, October 30<sup>th</sup>