

October 18, 2020

Luke the Evangelist

The Epistle Reading is Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18. The Gospel Reading is Luke 10:16-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1344-1345 and 1216 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember The Apostle and Evangelist Luke; Marinos the Elder, Martyr; Righteous Theodore and Symeon; Neomartyr Gabriel.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Sophia Andreadakis and Family *in honor of* her granddaughter, Zoe Gianna Pandulla, on the occasion of her baptism.

The Vigil Lamp is lit:

- Father Lou & the Parish Council for the health & welfare of the entire Saint Demetrios Community.
- Kriss, Nicole, Maria, George and Ekaterina Cocoros *in loving memory of* husband and father, George James Cocoros, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Matthew, Christina, Penelope and Max Pandulla, their daughter and sister, Zoe Gianna Padulla, *in honor of* her baptism.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis.

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

We have been experiencing telephone difficulties. If you need to reach the church office, please call 410.661.0685 or email us at: saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com

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

Saint Demetrios Nameday: On **Monday, October 26th**, 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 15th**. 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 today, **Sunday, October 18th 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. The Philoptochos Lunch Wagon will be selling Food and Beverages immediately after church and during the Parish Assembly.

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 2nd GOYA meeting will be Saturday, November 7th, 2:30PM. 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 7th – 12th grade, or is at least 12 years old on or before September 1st of this year and in the 7th grade and whose *parents are members in good standing at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.*

Saint Demetrios new "Green Team": Please join the Saint 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 or Nicole Katsikides at nicole@katsikides.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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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 for any further information of details.

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

Food Trucks for Friday, October 23rd: Mr. Souvlaki, Baltimore Crab Cake Company, Diner on the Go, Happy Hippo Shaved Ice. Entertainment by: The Greek DJs. Vendor: Color Street Nails

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 or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 / jbeleos@gmail.com. Thank you for your donations.

Saint Demetrios Great Vespers: On **Sunday, October 25th**, 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.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

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

Russian Festival: The 47th 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 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. For more information visit our website at: www.russfest.org or call 410-276.6171.

Hope / Joy Halloween Event will be held on **Friday, October 30th** 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) 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.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$343,277	\$281,986	455
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$335,116	\$294,553	424

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, October 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am</p> <p><u>Friday, October 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Food Truck Friday, 4:00pm-8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Sunday, October 25th</u> <i>6th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Virtual Church School Saint Demetrios Vespers, 5:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Truck Fridays, October 23rd, 30th, November 6th & 13th
 General Assembly Meeting, October 18th
 Saint Demetrios Nameday Vespers, October 25th
 Saint Demetrios Nameday Divine Liturgy, October 26th
 Suburban Players Production Meeting, October 28th
 Pre-School Fundraiser Order Pickup, October 28th
 Hope / Joy Halloween Event, October 30th