

October 25, 2020

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

**The Epistle Reading** is Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:27-39. These Readings may be found on pages 1329 and 1212-1213 in the Holy Bible or on page 97 and 102 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Markianos and Martyrios the Notaries, Martyrs; Chrysaphos, Martyr; Chrysanthe and Tabetha the Merciful, Martyrs.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit:**

- Jean Roussos *in loving memory of* her husband, John Roussos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamp is lit:**

- Chris and Kelli Smith and family *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, John Roussos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- John and Gina Logothetis and family *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, John Roussos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria DeLacy and Lisa Hubbard and families *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, John Roussos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus and Patricia Galanakis *in honor of* their son, James Galanakis for his Nameday.
- Georgia Kerasiotes *for the health and welfare of* her children and grandchildren. Wishing her son, James a Happy Nameday.

**Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* John Roussos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Artoclasia** for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration is offered *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community and was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis, Diamando Sarigianis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Gloria Koukoulas and Vula Stamatopoulos.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis and Daisy Dellios.

**Flowers:** The baskets of flowers that adorn the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration have been donated by the following:

- Diamando Sarigianis *in honor of* her grandson, James Nicholas Galanakis, on his Nameday.
- Gus and Vula Stamatopoulos *for the health and welfare of* their family.
- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.
- Maria Andreyev and Theodora, George, Athanasios, Andreas and Andreana, Kostas, Maria *in loving memory of* her husband, father and grandfather, Andrei Andreyev.

**Saint Demetrios Icon:** The decorated Saint Demetrios Icon that adorns the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration has been donated by:

- Tom & Smaro Cook *in honor of* their granddaughter, Drew Smaro Baranowski.
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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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**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](mailto:saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com)**

**Great Vespers:** This evening, **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.

**Saint John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint John Chrysostom with a Divine Liturgy on **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us.

**Parish Council Elections:** The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held on, **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 2021, 2022 & 2023. There are four Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Kate Cocoros, Tom Cook, Jr., Georgia Economakis and Corina Mararu. **Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

**Parish Assembly:** A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 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.

**Saint Katherine Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint Katherine with a Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>** so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a church family.

**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 **November 1<sup>st</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 2020 strong!

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**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>, 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 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 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 Saint 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!

**Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation** forms have been mailed to all Stewards but can also be found on the Narthex table. The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our Church for the season are needed as well. Please return the form to the church office by **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. *No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!*

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## **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

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

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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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## 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 [strintis@hotmail.com](mailto:strintis@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 [strintis@hotmail.com](mailto:strintis@hotmail.com)

**Food Trucks for Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:** Mr. Souvlaki, Diner on the Go, Dizzy Cow Pizzeria, Kommie Pig (BBQ), Happy Hippo Shaved Ice and Cherry On Top baked foods, Vendor: Color Street Nails and Dimitri’s Olive Oil. Entertainment by: Something Different.

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## PHILOPTOCHOS

**Board Meeting: November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm**

**General Meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm**

**Bags, Bling and Things** was a huge success!! Philoptochos would like to thank our co-chairs Mary Tsakiris, Linda Goodman, and their Team for a wonderful job. We would also like to thank everyone who supported this event. It would have not been possible without you!! The money raised enables Philoptochos to fund the many Charities that we support.

**Saint Demetrios Icon:** The decorated St. Demetrios Icon that adorns the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration has been donated by Tom and Smaro Cook in honor of their Granddaughter Drew Smaro Baranowski.

A special Thank You to Ritsa Economakis and her Baking Crew.

**Philoptochos Sunday:** November 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Philoptochos Members will be sitting together on the far side of the Church.

**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. *There is a detailed list on the Narthex Table.* Please make any checks payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos – Please memo your check to Thanksgiving Food Donations. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291

**Annual Christmas Bazaar/Visit with Santa:** November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Details to follow

**Cemetery Wreaths and Crosses:** Are available for pre-order. Order forms are available on the Narthex table. Pricing remains the same as last year - \$33.00 which includes the stand. Contact Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547.

**Via Yia’s Treasures:** Is accepting donations of gently used Christmas decorations/ornaments and small gifts to sell at the Bazaar. Please bring your donations to the Church Office.

## 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	\$345,107	\$284,546	456
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$337,285	\$297,605	426

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

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Saint Demetrios Nameday, Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm <b><u>Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am  <b><u>Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Suburban Players Production Mtg, 7:00pm	<b><u>Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am  <b><u>Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am (Early Dismissal / No After Care) Food Truck Friday, 4:00pm-8:00pm Hope/Joy Event, 6:00pm	<b><u>Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup></u></b> <b><i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i></b> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Philoptochos Sunday Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 2:00pm-7:00pm
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Truck Fridays, October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
Saint Demetrios Nameday Divine Liturgy, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Suburban Players Production Meeting, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-School Fundraiser Order Pickup, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Hope / Joy Halloween Event, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
THE WAY, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>