

November 1, 2015

5th Sunday of Luke

The **Epistle Reading** is I Corinthians 12:27-13:8. The **Gospel Reading** is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1317 & 1224 in the **Holy Bible** or on page 98 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Kosmas and Damianos, the Unmercenary Physicians of Asia Minor, and their Righteous Mother Theodote; Righteous David the Ascetic of Euboia; Iakovos and Dionysios, the New Righteous Martyrs; Righteous Helen of Sinope, Neomartyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

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

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos *in loving honor and for the continued health* of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos members on the occasion of “Philoptochos Sunday.”
- The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos *in loving memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters & brothers. May their memory be eternal

The Memorial Service is being chanted today in loving memory of our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers: Koula Kostopoulos, Theodora Konstant, Demetra Panteloukas, Paraskevi Arambiges, Basiliki Theodoropoulos, Cleopatra Stamidis, Irene Diacyiannis, Mary Dontas, Venetia Adas, Styliani Mitsos, Styliani Maniatis, Diane Ferdinalis, Pauline Prevas, Pota Economakis, Margaret Pizanis, Elaine Pantelides, Eugenia Kariotis, Mary Beleos, Helen Polites, Calliopi Theodore, Sevasti Makres, Olga Livanion, Despina Sakell, Eleni Foudos, Irene Arnas, Georgia Bouris, Anastasia Maggelakis, Katherine Canelos, Paraskevi Metaxas, Kathryn Michalos, Anna Stroumbis, Vasiliki Handakas, Cornelia Rogers, Mary Hayes, Theodora Kapsambelis, Anastasia Koutrakos, Sevasti Eliadis, Faye Varlas, Frances Antonas, Demetra Tsambikos, Mary Antonakos, Tassia Stratigakos, Anna Lozos, Ann Loucas, Eitsa Geoca, Cina Daskalakis, Georgia Karkoulas, Diana Stratos, Betty Tselepis, Evangelline Frangos, Angela Merriken, Irene Lewis, Mary Sorvalis, Elaine Vardavas, Helen Amentas, Joan Sayers, Cleo Xanthakos, Helen Vendelis, Basilios Trintis & Emily Koulepis. May their memories be eternal.

The Memorial Koliva today is prepared by: Mary Tsakiris *in memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers.

The Artoclasia is being chanted today *for the health and welfare of* the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Ladies and the entire Saint Demetrios community served by Philoptochos and was prepared by Ritsa Economakis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Diamando Sarigianis and Maria Andreyev.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & Diamando Sarigianis.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored & served by: The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society.

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

Orthodox Studies: Start the new Ecclesiastical year off right; learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30am. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

Special Collection: Feast of the Holy Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian. We are reminded by their faithful ministry of serving those in great need, especially the sick, poor, elderly and orphaned as we have established in our Mission. We are also reminded of the philanthropic ministries of our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate. We recognize the vital work of the faithful in Constantinople by offering our prayer and support especially in these very troubled times. We are led by our National Philoptochos Society to pass a tray for the broader humanitarian work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate under the leadership of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and ask you to give what you can to help with the ongoing care of the sick, elderly, and orphans. We are also partnering with our Church School today in **“Make a Difference Day”** as another part of our mission in providing the students to embrace and add Orthodox Christian values and traditions into their Christ-centered lives.

On Sunday, November 1st, our Church School children in conjunction with the Ladies of Philoptochos will hold a **“Make a Difference Day.”** Instructors on this day will give children greater insight of Orthodox traditions and how offering their **Time, Talent & Treasure** makes a difference. To feed those less fortunate on Thanksgiving, children are asked to bring in **canned food items**. Following Divine Liturgy, a **bake sale** will be held in our fellowship hall and **monetary donations** are also welcomed. All proceeds will be donated towards **rebuilding** the St. Nicholas Church/Shrine at Ground Zero, NYC. **We humbly ask for the support and encouragement from all Church School parents & parishioners!**

Parish Elections: Parish Elections will be held on **Sunday, November 15th** directly after the Divine Liturgy in the **Hermes Rafailides Center**. All Stewards are encouraged to vote.

Adult Choir: The Choir is always looking for additional members; our rehearsals are held on Thursday’s at 7:00pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information call Jennie at 410.256.2143.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 26th**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

Advent & Christmas Program: Beginning November 29th, we will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. All Church School students are to wear their "most Sunday best" on the week that their class is performing. We will rehearse for the December 6th & the December 13th Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 29th ~ Reader and Choir

Sunday, December 6th ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 13th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 20th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

Special Choir: Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform as our Nativity Pageant Choir on **Sunday, December 20th, 2015**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy each Sunday in November and will only take 30 minutes. There are solo and duet opportunities throughout the Pageant. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-256-2143 for more information. We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Suburban Players Are Back: Dust off your vocal chords and shine up your shoes! Suburban Players announce **Auditions** for “*Wizard of Oz*” will be held on **Monday, November 2nd** from 7pm to 9pm. Show dates are February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016. Come be a part of this fantastic musical. Bring your family and friends! We’d love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Demetri or Rena Makres at 410.823.4805.

Unable to come to Church: If you or someone you know is unable to come to Church, but would like to receive a weekly bulletin via mail. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 or drop an email to saintdemetrius@comcast.net and we will gladly send you a bulletin.

Saint Demetrius Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms can 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 November 23rd. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrius. **No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!**

Saint Demetrius Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 School Year, for the Saint Demetrius Pre-School (age 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Greek School Registration: It isn’t too late to register. Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd & 5th grades meet on Mondays and 2nd, 4th & 6th grades meet on Wednesdays. Stop by the Narthex Table to pick up the schedule and registration form(s), or complete the form(s) when you drop your children off for class.

GOYA: Toys for Tots: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrius annual toy drive for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program. Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes, which are located throughout the church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 300 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrius GOYA memo Toys for Tots. A representative from the U.S. Marines will be at our church on **Sunday, December 13th** to pick up all the toys.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **November 10th, 2015** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is to be determined. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stewardship Sunday & Steward of the Year ~ November 8th
Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ November 9th @ 6:30pm
Veterans Day ~ Office Closed ~ November 11th
No Orthodox Studies ~ November 13th
Divine Liturgy ~ St. John Chrysostom ~ November 13th @ 10:00am
Honoring Demetrakia Dancers ~ November 15th
Parish Assembly ~ November 15th

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: “TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrius today 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 and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrius we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Bags of old, tattered bills were being returned to the United States Treasure. A ONE DOLLAR BILL and a FIFTY DOLLAR BILL stuck up a conversation. \$50 dollar bill: “I went to many places ~ nice stores, good restaurants, clubs, exotic places. How about you? Where have you been?” The \$1 bill replied: “All I ever did was go to church.” And the \$50 dollar bill asked: “What is a church?”

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$332,960	\$282,965	471
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$313,386	\$262,478	422

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, November 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines, (H/G) Suburban Players Auditions, 7:00pm (M & B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Soccer, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, November 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, November 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Pre-School Literacy Parent Forum, 6:30pm (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, November 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Philoptochos Paint Nite, 5:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 7th</u> Hall Rental, 7:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 8th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Nativity Choir Rehearsal, (M)</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



The Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring a Paint Nite on **Friday, November 6th**. Food and drinks will be available. All painting supplies and instructions included. Join us for a fabulously fun evening. Tickets (\$45) for the event will be available during coffee hour or by calling Presvytera Alice at 410-817-9651 or Lisa Jones-Venetos at 410-529-9428



Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection: Now accepting food donations to be distributed to families in need from our adopted schools. Please place in the Philoptochos blue bin in the church building – Sundays or during the week between 9am-3pm. Food examples include dry goods such as soups, stuffing, pasta & sauce, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes or dessert mixes, breakfast cereals, juices, canned fruits and vegetables, canned chicken, tuna or ham. To make it easier for those who may have difficulty getting out to purchase items for the food drive, our Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos will accept monetary donations to purchase additional food for distribution. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to 'Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos' and designate "food baskets" in the memo line. For questions about the food baskets, contact Elaine4ladybugs@comcast.net. Collection through **Monday, November 16th**.



The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is right around the corner. The Ladies Philoptochos Society will be supporting our community near and far to the best of our abilities. Please consider saving unused travel hotel items to send to soldiers, shelters and elder care facilities. Non-perishable food items will also be needed so keep looking for those deals. If you see a great deal, please call and let us know as we will also be stuffing food baskets and stockings. If you are a seamstress (novice, pro or just interested) and would like to participate please contact Lisa Jones Venetos @ 410-529-9428. Committee gathering will commence after the festival but ideas are always accepted!



Christmas Gift Giving. One of our local schools that we support with back to school supplies has reached out to us for assistance during the Christmas holiday season. The social service committee of this Title One Howard County School that is also a “refugee school” for Burmese children has requested gift cards to Target and Wal-Mart in the amounts of \$5.00 or \$10.00 increments. The gift cards will be given to the children who are the most in need. If you are able to support this project, you can make a tax deductible monetary donation or write a check to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and in the memo portion thereof write School Christmas Gift Card. Of course, you may also purchase the gift cards yourself. Stop by the Philoptochos Table during coffee hour for more information regarding this worthwhile endeavor.





Chapter Challenge ~ Computers Wanted! Chapter Challenge Project: Saint Demetrios Community: Have you recently updated your computer equipment? Wondering what to do with your old equipment? Our landfills are overflowing with equipment that can be salvaged and refurbished and made available to those in need. Project Reboot in Rockville accepts donations of computer equipment and refurbishes this hardware for those on public assistance. The cost for a system to qualified customers is around \$45 for a complete desktop system, \$65 for a laptop. More than 13,000 systems have been distributed in this way. You can help us in our project to lessen the digital divide by donating your usable computer monitors, keyboards, CPU's, cords, hard drives, and mice. Laptops are especially desirable. Place your donations in the Philoptochos Green Bin near the bridge during regular weekly office hours and Sundays after the Liturgy. For more information on how you can help, contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

Auditions!

Be a part of the Saint Demetrios Suburban Players'
Production of
The Wizard of OZ!

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to
Saint Demetrios for your chance to shine in the spotlight!



Monday, November 2 from 7 pm - 9 pm
Opportunities are available for ages 10 and older!
For more details call:
410-823-4805

Produced by Demetrios & Rena Makres
Directed by Mark Briner

SHOW DATES
February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 2016

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FALL FEST BINGO
VERA BRADLEY BAGS,
LONGABERGER BASKET &
MANLY MAN STUFF 

SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR! GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY



HOSTED BY
SAINT DEMETRIOS GOYA
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7:00PM
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Tickets \$15 in Advance or \$20 at the Door

To Reserve a Table Please Contact
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUP!!