

**November 22, 2015**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading** is Ephesians 4:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Luke 12:16-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 & 1219 in the Holy Bible or on pages 106 & 108 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Post-Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple; Archippos and Onesimos of the 70 Apostles; Holy martyr Clement, Bishop of Bulgaria; Philemon and Apphrias of the 70 Apostles; Holy martyr Sisinius; Martyr Cecelia and her companions.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- John & Helen Pentikis, Elizabeth, James and Alexandra *in loving memory of* our beloved mother and grandmother, Elizabeth “Ellie” Pentikis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Athena Vorias & Charlotte Vorias *in loving memory of* father & husband, Steve Vorias, who fell asleep in the Lord 32 years ago. Our love will last stay with him forever. May his memory be eternal.
- Pete & Flora Christ *in loving memory of* Anastasia Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Georgia Lambrinos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Louis Lambrinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pete & Flora Christ *for the health & welfare of* their entire family. May God continue to look over them.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Elizabeth Pentikis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Mary Antonas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis & Toula Woods.

**The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by:** Mary Antonas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis & Toula Woods..

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. The Coffee hour is sponsored by the family of Elizabeth “Ellie” Pentikis and served by Aris Daniels, Tina Karavedas & Irene Latgis.

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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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**Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy on **Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am. Please join Father Lou, George, our Psalti, and the Adult Choir to give thanks for God’s many blessings.

**Orthodox Studies:** We **will not** be meeting on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

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**Advent & Christmas Program:** Beginning November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 will rehearse for the December 6<sup>th</sup> & the December 13<sup>th</sup> programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Reader and Choir

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

**Nativity Pageant Choir:** The Nativity Pageant Choir will continue rehearsals directly after the Divine Liturgy in the Music Room. All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Miss Jennie at 410.246.2143.

**Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation:** You should have received information concerning the Community Christmas card *in the mail with your stewardship statement; or from 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. ***The deadline has been extended! Please return the form to the church office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.*** All checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

**Church Christmas Decorating:** We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Holiday on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreath’s hung and poinsettias’ placed. Your help is needed. Please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to volunteer.

**Parish Assembly:** Our final Parish Assembly for 2015 will be held on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. A quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2015 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meetings is essential to the future growth & direction of our Parish.

**Christmas Service:** The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning with *Orthros at 6:00p.m.* and the *Divine Liturgy at 7:00p.m.* The annual Christmas Concert will directly follow the Divine Liturgy. ***Please make note that the only Christmas Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.***

**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 [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net) and we will gladly send you a bulletin

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

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**Toys for Tots:** Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 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 Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. The deadline for donating is **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**HOPE/JOY Christmas Event:** Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with Hope and Joy. Come to our annual Family Christmas Event; Friday evening, **December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. For more information or to volunteer contact Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487.

**Library News:** St. Cecilia was born in Rome to honorable and wealthy parents. After hearing the Holy gospel she vowed to keep her virginity for Christ. Her parents betrothed her to a noble youth and an unbeliever named Valerian. On her wedding day she cried and prayed to the Lord to send an Angel to defend her virginity. When the newlyweds were led to their room Cecilia told Valerian about the Angel standing guard to defend her virginity. Valerian wanted to see the angel but could not because he was an unbeliever. Cecilia told her husband he would have to be baptized in order to see him. When Valerian returned to Cecilia a baptized Christian he found her in prayer and a beautiful angel standing beside her. In the angel's hands was garland made of red roses and white lilies. The angel placed them on their heads and said, *"These flowers came from Paradise, they will never wither or lose their fragrance, keep your hearts pure and your bodies undefiled."* You can read about the many saints by visiting the Library. We have many books for many ages. If you have a few hours a month we are looking for volunteers to help. The library committee would like to wish everyone a very happy & safe Thanksgiving.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*\* Pre-School Breakfast ~ Postponed \*\*\***  
*Breakfast with Santa, November 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*  
*Book / Knitting Club ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*Church Christmas Decorating ~ December 10<sup>th</sup>*  
*Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Spyridon, Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Parish Assembly ~ Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*



### **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: "TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE"**

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios 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 Demetrios 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 struck 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
<b>2014</b>	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$339,104	\$299,583	482
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$315,781	\$270,432	425

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines, (H/G)	<b><u>Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)	<b><u>Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i> <i>Pre-School Closed</i> <i>Office Closed</i>
<b><u>Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <b>No GOYA Soccer</b> Pre-School Thanksgiving Program, 6:00 pm (H/G/K)	<b><u>Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Thanksgiving Day Liturgy,</i> <i>10:00 am</i>	<b><u>Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Nativity Choir Rehearsal, (M)

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**Santa Claus arrives after Thanksgiving!!!** Bring the kids, old and young, to have **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!!** Enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs etc. while starting off the Christmas season with the family. There will be face painting, crafts and photos with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$12 each, children under 12 just \$7. Reserve your seat today in coffee hour or call Lisa Jones-Venetos 410-529-9428 or 443-621-6805

**Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero:** Our October 15<sup>th</sup> report was sent to National Philoptochos in the amount of \$800 which brings our total to \$8,825. Since that report, we have received \$200 in donations. Remember that our goal is \$11,700 (\$100 for each of our 117 members of 2015). We are currently \$2,675 away from that goal. Let's try to reach our goal in the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 report!!

**Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar** is right around the corner! **December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10am until 3pm and **December 6<sup>th</sup>** from Noon to 3pm. Vendor space is available! To help with:

Pastries see Ritsa Economakis,  
Yia Yia's Treasures see Thorina Trintis  
Kitchen see Lambros Venetos  
Greens see Angie McQueeney  
Vendors see Mary Antonas or Lisa Jones-Venetos

**Stockings of JOY!!!!** Help support our local Veterans who are spending the Christmas season in a Veterans Hospital. Donations of new socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, hats, gloves, Christmas decorations, word search books, hand held games, snacks, candy, items to have a party at the hospital are needed. Donations to purchase these items will be greatly appreciated. PS. If you sew, we need you! We are making the stockings as we did several years ago please call Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428

**Christmas Gift Giving.** A local school that we support has reached out for assistance during the Christmas holiday season. Their social service committee 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 purchase and donate gift cards or write a check to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and in the memo line write School Christmas Gift Card. Stop by the Philoptochos Table during coffee hour for more information regarding this worthwhile endeavor.

**Christmas Breads:** Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders ~ Baking of Christmas breads will be done on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 8:30a until we finish. Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545. To place your order for breads: see Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour or call 410.866.7336. Final day to order is **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up for ordered breads will be during the Christmas Bazaar, **Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**.



*Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos*

*"Christmas Wonderland"*

### *Annual Christmas Bazaar*

*Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church*  
*2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, Maryland*

*Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*10:00 am - 3:00 pm*  
&  
*Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*  
*12:00 noon - 3:00 pm*

- ❖ **Greek Pastries & Breads**
- ❖ **Yiayia's Treasures**
- ❖ **Cemetery Crosses & Wreaths**
- ❖ **Handmade Arts & Crafts**
- ❖ **Lunch Available**
- ❖ **SANTA and/or Mrs. Clause**  
(12:00 noon – 2:00 pm, both days)
- ❖ **Door & Window Wreaths**
- ❖ **AND MUCH MORE!**

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