

December 13, 2015

11th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel Reading is Luke 14:16-24 & Matthew 22:14. These Readings may be found on pages 1343, 1222 & 1170 in the Holy Bible or on pages 111 & 112 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Holy Forefathers of Christ, Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentios, Eugenios, Mardarios and Orestes; Loukia, Martyr for the Virgin Mary; Holymartyr Gabriel, Archbishop of Serbia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The families of Dean Pappas, Vanessa Petrini and Tina Everend, *in loving honor of* their parents, Plato & Helen Pappas, on the occasion of their 60th anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Pola Athanasakos & Family *in loving memory of* husband & father, Antonios Leonidas Athanasakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George Mavronis & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Angelo & Michelle Mavronis & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Sarantinos Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Goodman *in loving memory of* his Godfather, Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Mary Karayinopulos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, James Nick Karayinopulos, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pete & Flora Christ *in loving memory of* their son, Pete Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Argie Christ & Family *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pete Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Paul & Maria Christ & Family *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Pete Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Stergos & Katholiki Trintis *in loving memory of* their nephew, Pete Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Cathy Xanthakos *in loving memory of* her brother, Peter George, on the occasion of his birthday.
- The family of Stephanos Mavris, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago and Loula Mavris, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Mark & Zoe Fadok & Family and Nick & Georgia Trintis & Family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Demetrios Moshis, who fell asleep in the Lord 48 years ago; their mother & grandmother, Paraskeve Moshis, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago and their aunt & sister, Katherine Kostos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- George & Marcella Lambros *in honor of* Gus Lambros, as he celebrates his birthday; Hronia Polla.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Antonios Athanasakos, Irene Mavronis, Sandy Sarantinos, James Nick Karayinopulos, Sr., Stephanos & Loula Mavris, Demetrios & Paraskeve Moshis and Katherine Kostos. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas & Ritsa Economakis

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 Athanasakos, Mavronis, Sarantinos, Karayinopulos, Sr., Mavris, Moshis & Kostos families and served by: Irene Peltsems & Kate Cocoros.

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: Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 18th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

Advent & Christmas Program: Today we 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. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Today ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12
Sunday, December 20th ~ 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.

Christmas Service: The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th** beginning with *Orthros at 6:00pm* and the *Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm*. 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.*** Also, please plan to join us for a Coffee Hour in honor of the Christmas Holiday Season, sponsored by the Parish Council and their families, directly after the concert.

A Special Thank You: We hope you are enjoying the efforts of the stewards that decorated our beloved Saint Demetrios Church for the Christmas Season. Every year those who help find this to be truly a labor of love. Those who gave their time and talent this year were: Gus Economakis, Ted Kostopoulos, George Lambros, George Makres, Pete Sorvalis, Gus Stamatopoulos & Gus Vasilas, who placed the tree in the stand and were able to place the lights on the tree. The women arrived ready to trim the tree, decorate the windows and hang the wreaths. The simplicity of the window arrangements and the beauty of our tree were the efforts of Evelyn Ambridge, Maria Andreyev, Christina Kakoullis, Kelly MacDonnell, Katie Papathakis, Irene Peltsems Elaine Sackleh, Orania Smetana, Kathleen Strakes and Sophia Vendelis. All of this effort took place on Thursday, December 10th. Join us next year as we prepare for the arrival of our Savior. May we all enjoy this beautiful time of year with God's Blessing. Look forward to seeing the poinsettias that will beautify the Solea of our Saint Demetrios Church.

2016 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 20th**, we will be distributing the 2016 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please look for Aris Daniels & Stephanie Christ to pick-up your calendar so that we can reduce the amount of postage for sending them through the mail. Because we have a limited amount of calendars, in order to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, **only one** calendar will be given per family.

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.

Tickets are now available for the Suburban Players 41st Production - “*Wizard of Oz*” Dates are February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016. Tickets are \$48/pp and we are excited to announce that we have added a Saturday matinee on February 20th for \$20/pp at 11:00am with light fare for purchase. See Harriet Hatzidimitriou in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call her at 410-248-0582 to purchase your tickets. A delicious meal and wonderful show await you! **Ad space in all sizes is also available** in our program book. This is an inexpensive way to advertise your business, send well wishes to fellow stewards and support your church. See Demetri or Rena in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call 410-823-4805 to purchase your ad. Deadline for all ads is January 22, 2016.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 15th, 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.

Calendar and Use of the Facility Procedures: This is a reminder that the Church Office must clear all events, meetings, food preparation, rehearsals and hall/kitchen dates on the parish calendar. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 and schedule your building usage.

Festival Chairperson: If anyone would like to chair our Annual Grecian Festival. Please send a letter of intent, explaining your qualifications to the Parish Council at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum & Archives of Maryland, Inc., organized a bus tour of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC on Saturday, December 19th, 2015. This blockbuster exhibition of 50 sculptures is the most comprehensive museum survey of Hellenistic bronzes from the 4th to the 1st century B.C. ever. The bus is scheduled to leave from the Annunciation Cathedral’s parking lot at 9:00am and return approximately 4:00 pm. The cost for the tour is \$45 per person, lunch is on your own. Deadline for reservations is **Tuesday, December 15th, 2015**. For more information, please contact Anna Pappas at 410.296.2522 or Martha Sinis at 410.356.6724.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Book / Knitting Club ~ December 15th*
- Stewardship Committee Meeting ~ December 16th*
- Christmas Eve ~ Office closing at 11:30 am*
- Christmas Eve Liturgy ~ Orthros, 6:00 pm / Divine Liturgy, 7:00 pm*
- Christmas Day ~ Office closed*
- New Year’s Eve ~ Office closing at 12:00 pm*
- New Year’s Eve ~ Saint Basil Divine Liturgy, 5:00 pm*
- New Year’s Day ~ Office closed*

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.

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of 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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$344,216	\$313,754	486
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$318,485	\$285,371	425

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00 am (L) GOYA Soccer, 6:30pm (H/G) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (A)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, December 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G) Stewardship Cmt. Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 19th</u> Play Rehearsal, 11:00am (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 20th</u> <i>Sunday before Nativity Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir Adult Choir Rehearsal, after Liturgy (M) D4 Practice, 12:15pm (C) Play Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Baltimore Rescue Mission: We are now collecting for the Baltimore Rescue Mission Center and Karis Home in Baltimore City located at 4 North Central Avenue. As we have done every year we help the homeless and other disadvantaged people celebrate Christmas. We are looking for unwrapped new items. Cash donations are welcomed. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target are also accepted. Philoptochos will buy gift cards with your cash. If it easier for you to write a check to St. Demetrios Philoptochos, we can do the shopping for you. Make sure you put Rescue Mission in the memo section. "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise." Luke 6:31. We thank you for your donations.

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

Vasilopita Bread: Orders are now being taken for Vasilopita Bread. If you wish to enjoy some delicious, home made "New Year" bread, please contact Ritsa Economakis at 410.256.0953

Ronald McDonald House Visit/Dinner Service ~ tomorrow ~ Monday, December 14th: This month our menu theme is a Holiday dinner with all the trimmings. To help cook & serve, or for more information, please contact Mary Tsakiris [410.592.7319](tel:410.592.7319) or Elaine Sackleh [410.472.3458](tel:410.472.3458). Through this program Philoptochos members provide home cooked meals for children being treated in area hospitals, and their families staying at the Baltimore Ronald McDonald House.

Christmas Food Baskets: Sunday, December 20th will be the final collection of food donations to be distributed to 15 families in need from our adopted schools. Please place in the Philoptochos blue bin in the church building. Food examples include dry goods such as oatmeal, breakfast cereal bags, soups, stuffing, pasta & pasta sauce, cranberry sauce, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes or dessert mixes, peanut butter & jelly, juices, canned fruits and vegetables. The children carry the bags home so, please, **NO GLASS and NO GIANT WAREHOUSE SIZES.** 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.



Merry
Christmas



*The Suburban Players
41st Production*

Produced by Demetrios and Rena Makres

Directed by Mark Briner

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

The Hermes Rafailides Center Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
2504 Cub Hill Road Baltimore, MD 21234

TICKETS AND INFO: HARRIET @ 410-248-0582

Fridays: Dinner 6:30 PM & Show 8:00 PM
Saturdays: Dinner 5:30 PM & Show 7:00 PM
Sundays: Dinner 4:30 PM & Show 6:00 PM
Saturday 2/20/16 - Matinee @ 11:00 AM
Tickets \$20 with light fare for purchase

**VISA & MASTERCARD ACCEPTED (4% surcharge per transaction)
ALL SALES FINAL. NO REFUNDS.**

Tickets \$48
Group Rate of \$45
available Fridays 2/19 & 2/26 only
Minimum 3 tables required
Children 12 & under \$25