

December 11, 2016

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 in the Holy Bible or on pages 112 & 111 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Holy Forefathers of Christ; Righteous Daniel and Luke the Younger, the Stylites; Nomon and Leontios; Barsabas and Meiracos, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* Jim Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago and Tom Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Thorina Trintis and Ernie & Nancy Kosmas *in loving memory of* their beloved parents, Maritsa Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and Nick Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May their blessed memories be eternal.
- Maritsa & John Stamas, Anthony & Argiro Trintis and Nick & Jennifer Kosmas and their children *in loving memory of* their grandparents and great-grandparents, Maritsa (40 days) & Nick (15 yrs.) Kosmas. Forever in our hearts.
- Flora Christ & Family *in loving memory of* sister & aunt, Mary “Maritsa” Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Stergos & Katholiki Trintis *in loving memory of* Mary “Maritsa” Kosmas; Basilios Trintis, Peter Christ, Sr. & Pete H. Christ, Jr. May their memory be forever eternal.
- Christina Harris, Lambro & Katie Gjoni, Gus & Jackie Harris, Fotino & Christo *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Steve “Spyros” Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George & Marcie Lambros & Family *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Steve Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mihail Makris & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Bessie Makris & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law & aunt, Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Elias & Maria Rallis & Family *in loving memory of* sister-in-law & aunt, Penelope Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May her memory be eternal.
- John Koutrakos & Family *in loving memory of* Harilos & Anastasia Koutrakos, Anna Kouris & Penelope Makris. May their memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* good friend, Penny “Popi” Makris. May her memory be eternal.
- Flora Christ & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Peter Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and *in loving memory of* son, brother & uncle, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- The Kosmas, Stamas & Trintis families *in loving memory of* their uncle, great uncle, Pete Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and their cousin, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May their smiling souls be eternal.
- Kriss, Nicole, Maria & George *in loving memory of* husband & father, George J. Cocoros, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kriss, Nicole, Maria & George *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Diafokeris, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

- Katherine Diafokeris *in loving memory of* her husband, George, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Sarantinos, Lamar & Kidd families *in loving memory of* Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kevin & Linda Goodman *in loving memory of* Godfather, Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The family of Konstantinos “Gus” Kosmakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Thorina Trintis & Family *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & great grandfather, Nick Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Elias, Maria & Tony Rallis *in loving memory of* son & brother, Anastasios Rallis. May his memory be eternal.
- Elias, Maria & Tony Rallis *in loving memory of* brother & uncle, Panayiotis Makris. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Courtros McShane, her children & grandchildren *in loving memory of* her husband, Michael William McShane, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George Mavronis *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Christos & Nikki Kazakos & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Papavasilakis Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 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 4 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Mary “Maritsa” Kosmas; Steve Harris; Penelope Makris; Pete Christ, Sr.; George James Cocoros; Sandy Sarantinos; Konstantinos “Gus” Kosmakos; Pete H. Christ, Jr.; George Diafokeris & Nick Kosmas. May their memory be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the families *in loving memory of* George James Cocoros, George Diafokeris, Steve Harris, Nick and Mary “Maritsa” Kosmas, Penelope Makris, Pete Christ, Sr and Pete H Christ Jr. , and Sandy Sarantinos and served by The Ladies of Philoptochos.

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

Parish Assembly: Our final Parish Assembly for 2016 will be held on **Sunday, December 18th**, 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 2016 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, Saturday, December 24th** beginning with **Orthros & Divine Liturgy at 10:00am; Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil ~ Orthros at 7:00pm** and the **Divine Liturgy at 8:00pm**. The annual Christmas Concert will follow directly after the Divine Liturgy. **Please make note that there will not be any services on Christmas Day.** 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.

Orthodox Studies: Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 16th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

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.

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:

Sunday, December 11th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 18th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

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

2017 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 18th**, we will be distributing the 2017 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 pick-up your calendar so that we can reduce the cost of mailing them. Because we have a limited number of calendars, to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, only **one** calendar will be given per family.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 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 us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

GOYA ~ 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. A representative from the U.S. Marines will be at our church on **Sunday, December 18th** to pick up all the toys.

Demetrakia 35th Anniversary New Year's Eve Celebration - Live music by Greek musicians Mortes, playing lyra, laouto, bouzouki, violi & more. Adults 21 & over - \$35. Under 21 - \$20. Kids 5 & under free. Tickets available at coffee hour and online at dgreeks.com. All tickets include party favors and Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com, 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

Save the Date and wrap it up just in time for Christmas! Great gift idea for your Godparents & Godchildren ~ buy your tickets for a delicious luncheon and fun afternoon after Church Services on Godparent Sunday, February 12th in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Reserve your table today and make plans to spend a memorable afternoon with your Godfamily!

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 13th** at 9:00am. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm
General Meeting: Monday, January 16th at 6:30pm

Christmas Baazar: Many thanks to everyone that helped with this event, especially Lisa Venetos and Irene Peltsems for chairing.

Christmas Breads: Pick up for ordered breads will be Sunday, Dec. 11th.

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.

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, 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

Bridging the Digital Divide: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com

Vasilopita Bread: Orders are now being taken for Vasilopita Bread, if you wish to enjoy some delicious, homemade "New Year" bread, please contact Ritsa Economakis at 410.256.0953. Pick up date is December 18th.

Saint Demetrios 80's NIGHT BULL & OYSTER ROAST: Friday, January 20th, 8pm-Midnight at Columbus Gardens. For Discounted Advanced Tickets text 410-365-703 or Email PaulRizas@gmail.com. Proceeds to benefit Saint Demetrios GOYA

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 and we will gladly send you a bulletin.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum & Archives of Maryland, Inc. presents its "3rd Speaker Series" celebrity, Michael Emanuel. **Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 beginning at 12:30pm** at the AOC, following Liturgy. Mike serves as senior political and congressional correspondent for FOX NEWS. He will share the experience of his Greek & Orthodox heritage. The \$45 per person cost includes lunch. For reservations, contact Stacy Kosmides ~ 410.560.1095; skosmides@msn.com or Anna Z. Pappas ~ 410.296.2522; azplato@verizon.net.

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 comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$318,485	\$285,371	425
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$335,509	\$302,244	426

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Ronald McDonald House Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L) Philoptochos Christmas Dinner at Peppermill Restaurant</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, December 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm B&TB Dinner Mtg., 7:00pm (M) GOYA Basketball, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 17th</u> Hall Rental B&TB Rehearsal, 1:30pm (M)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 18th</u> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) GOYA Toys for Tots Parish Assembly (H/G) Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir / Bells Dance Practice, 12:15pm (C)</p>
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UPCOMING NEWS

GOYA Toys-for-Tots ~ December 18th

Parish Assembly ~ December 18th

Pre-School Christmas Program ~ December 22nd

Christmas Office Hour ~ Closing at 11:30am ~ December 23rd

Closed ~ December 26th

Closing at 12:00pm ~ December 30th

New Year's Eve Divine Liturgy ~ St. Basil ~ December 31st

New Year's Eve Dance ~ December 31st



The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents
Disney's
Beauty and the Beast

Ticket Sales

Show A: Saturday, February 18, 2017

(Matinee)

Door Open ~ 10:15 am

Show ~ 11:00 am

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show B: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Show ~ 8:00 pm

Show C: Sunday, February 19, 2017

Dinner ~ 3:30 pm

Show ~ 5:00 pm

Show D: Friday, February 24, 2017

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Show ~ 8:00 pm

Show E: Saturday, February 25, 2017

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Show ~ 8:00 pm

Show F: February 26, 2017

Dinner ~ 3:30 pm

Show ~ 5:00 pm

Ticket Prices

Matinee ~ \$20.00

Dinner Theatre:

Adults ~ \$46.00 (Table of 10 ~ \$45.00 each)

Children under 12 ~ \$25.00

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact

Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487 or

Kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com.

All reserved tickets must be purchased by

January 22, 2017.

Checks, cash and credit cards accepted.

Return check fee: \$35.00.

Tickets are sold by assigned tables.

All sales are final.

No Refunds.

For Dinner Shows ~ Doors open

30 minutes before

Dinner is served.

Thank you for your support!!!