

November 19, 2017

9th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel Reading is Luke 12:16-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1335 & 1219 in the Holy Bible or on pages 103 & 108 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Obadiah the Prophet; Martyrs Barlaam and Heliodoros; Martyr Euphemia; Agapios, Azes, Barlaam, Heliodoros and Euphemis, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Athena Vorias & Charlotte Vorias *in loving memory of* father & husband, Steve Vorias, who fell asleep in the Lord 34 years ago. We will always love you. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Esther Alatzas & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Antonios Alatzas, who fell asleep in the Lord 29 years ago and son, brother & uncle, Nicholas Alatzas, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Georgia Lambrinos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Louis Lambrinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Stergos & Lucy Kosmas *for the health & welfare of* their cousin, Anne (in Australia). May God bless her.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* Rita Mandilaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* Sophia Tsamouras, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Anthi Papapavalou.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour today is served & sponsored by the Philoptochos Ladies.

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: We will not be meeting on **Friday, November 24th** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 1st at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

Parish Council Elections: The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held today, **Sunday, November 19th** directly after the Divine Liturgy. Make an effort, to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2017, 2018 & 2019. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Maria Angelos, Stephen Christ, Kate Cocoros, Jimmy Kastanaras & Nicholas Kosmas. **Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

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 23rd**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms 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 **November 27th**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. **No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!**

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.

Parish Assembly: Our final Parish Assembly for 2017 will be held on **Sunday, December 17th**, 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 2017 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.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at 7pm.**

Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy.

Nativity Pageant Choir and Bell Choir: Three Rehearsals Left! Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform on the first Advent Sunday and for the Nativity Pageant Chorus/Bell Choir during the Church School Nativity Play which will be presented on **Sunday, December 17th**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy and will only take about 30 minutes (if everyone gets there on time). The rehearsals will be held today, and will continue December 3rd & 10th. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. There are many 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 continue to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Orthodox Christian Way: Registration continues following Divine Liturgy. This weeks session will take place on **Tuesday, November 21st**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center.

- **November 21st** ~ "Hidden Treasures of the Divine Liturgy:" Find out about aspects of the Divine Liturgy that will add to your appreciation of this jewel of our Faith. Presented by the Very Reverend Archimandrite Nektarios Cottros from Frederick, Maryland.

- **November 28th** ~ Question & Answer Session: This session will be devoted to your questions about our Church and its teachings which have been submitted at the first three sessions. Father Lou will review the questions and prepare answers to as many as time allows. Please submit your questions to us in writing during the first three sessions or email by **November 23rd** to the Church Office at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

Presentations begin at 7:00 pm following the 6:15 light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30 pm. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35 or \$10 each session. Register after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or by calling the Church Office at 410.661.1090.

Library: The Library has been very busy this year. During the summer, VBS, had daily visits and the children checked out over 200 books. The Church School also has weekly visits, we do a craft and the kids are encouraged to take out a book. The Day School visits the Library for first Monday of every month. We read about God and we do crafts and the children are encouraged to take out books. As you can see we are a very active ministry but we need volunteers. We are always looking for new faces. If you have time please come & join our group.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room

General Meeting: Christmas Dinner ~ TBA

Computers: The project has ended and we are not accepting any more computers etc. Thank you for your contributions.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: We will begin collecting for the Thanksgiving holiday today through November 19th. Donations of canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, yams, cereal, canned ham, giant gift cards for turkey, canned gravy, macaroni and cheese, etc can be placed in the Blue Bin in the hallway. The cans should be no larger than 15oz. Monetary donations can also be given, please make checks payable to St Demetrios Philoptochos, memo line: Food Baskets. For questions please call Lisa Venetos 410-529-9428 or Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291

Breakfast with Santa: TODAY is the last Sunday to purchase tickets to have breakfast with Santa! Saturday November 25th, doors open at 9am, breakfast is served from 9:30am to 10:30am. Includes a craft and photo with Santa for each child. This year, Secret Santa Shoppe for children!! Tickets ~ adults 12 and older \$15, children 11 and under \$8. Please pick up your tickets during coffee hour. *For those that love the joy of this event but don't have a little one to bring, sign up to help out.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 2nd & 3rd, we will have more than 25 crafters/vendors. We have Lilla Rose hair jewelry & accessories, Scentsy, LipSense, YiaYia's Treasures, homemade Christmas items, Painted Crab Shells, painted tiles, painted gourds, LuLaRoe clothing, Agnes & Dora clothing, Teen books the McGonigal series (possible author signing), wind chimes, Gouret Popcorn, wood carvings from Africe, Arbonne, Leather Goods, Christian books, Icona, Tastefully Simple, Fresh Greens, Jeweled Candles and more!!! Please come out and support this event. Have friends and family come for lunch and shopping. Contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428 or Joanna Beleos 410-458-1547 with questions.

YiaYia's Treasures: While everyone is in the "Cleaning Mode" please begin bringing in your unwanted or gently-used Christmas items for YiaYia's Treasures! Donations will be collected in the Philoptochos room from now until November 29th. Please contact Thorina Trintis at 410-866-2127.

Greek American Sweets: Please bring in your sweets of all kinds to Ritsa Economakis and crew. Please contact Ritsa Economakis if you have any questions.

Stockings of Joy: Items needed to stuff into stockings for Veterans. Gloves, hats, scarfs, handheld games, decks of cards, combs, flashlights, crossword and search word books etc. Place items into blue bins in hallway. contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428.

Christmas Families: The Philoptochos has accepted 4 families to aid for the Christmas season, each family will need food and gifts. There are 15 children in total. If you would like to sponsor a family or a child. Contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291 or Lisa Jones 410-529-9428.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. has planned a bus trip, for **Thursday, December 7th, 2017**, to view, with a docent, the exhibition "*The House in Ancient Greek Art*" at the National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, VA. The bus will leave from the Annunciation Cathedral North Lot at 9am and return approx., 4:30pm. The cost, per person is \$90 (HHMM members, \$85), and includes a three course lunch at the Salamander Resort. For reservations, please contact Anna Z. Pappas, 410.296.2522 or azplato@verizon.net. Please, make your check payable to '**HHMM**' and mail, with your phone number and address, to: Anna Z. Pappas, 1055 W. Joppa Road, #428, Towson, MD. 21204.

Advent & Christmas Program: Beginning **November 26th** 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 3rd & the December 10th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 26th ~ Reader and Choir / Bells

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

Sunday, December 10th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 17th ~ 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."

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 5th Annual toy drive for the US 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 400 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. We will be collecting Toys through **December 17th**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

70's, 80's & 90's Night Bull & Oyster Roast: Join us for a night of dancing to the oldies with the Koko Brothers, great food, great friends, great times, games & prizes! **Saturday, January 20th from 6-10pm.** Money raised will help send our GOYA to visit the St. Nicholas Shrine in New York and the Holy Cross Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts!! For early bird discounted tickets contact Paul Rizas at 410.365.1703 or email paulrizas@gmail.com.

Koritsia: We all have to eat, so why not eat out at one of the following restaurants and raise funds to help pay the mortgage of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church.

January 30th, 2018 ~ Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh. 10% is donated back to church. Also during the Christmas Season if we buy Gift cards and mention Saint Demetrios, Texas Roadhouse will donate 20% back to church.

February 20th, 2018 ~ Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz in Fallston.

We are still collecting clothing & household items for Savers Thrift Store. We will earn .20 per pound for our donations and all money raised will help to pay the mortgage. Our final day for accepting donations is:

December 3rd, 2017.

Pan-Orthodox St. Nicholas Festival ~ Dec. 9th. On Saturday, Dec. 9th, Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church (1723 E. Fairmount Ave. Baltimore) will host a Pan-Orthodox St. Nicholas Festival for Sunday School students. All parents and children are cordially invited to attend. The games and other fun activities begin at 3:00PM. Afterwards, Great Vespers start at 5:00PM. The activities are appropriate for young children up to middle school. Teens are needed to run the activities at the various stations. Please send your RSVP by Dec. 1st to Olga Hansen 410-967-6738 bryolg@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 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.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$332,449	\$293,904	424
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$317,152	\$281,562	389

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, November 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, November 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Christmas Card / Flower Donations Due <i>No Greek School</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, November 23rd</u> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> <i>Office / Pre-School Closed</i></p> <p><u>Friday, November 24th</u> <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i> <i>Office / Pre-School Closed</i> <i>St. Catherine Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 25th</u> <i>Philoptochos Breakfast</i> <i>With Santa, 9:00am (H/G/K)</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, November 26th</u> <i>13th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C)</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Way ~ November 21st & 28th
 Christmas Card / Flower Donations Due ~ November 22nd
 Divine Liturgy ~ Thanksgiving ~ November 23rd @ 9:00am
 Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office Closed ~ November 23rd & 24th
 Divine Liturgy ~ St. Catherine ~ November 24th @ 9:00am
 Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 25th
 Divine Liturgy ~ St. Andrew the Apostle ~ November 30th
 Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 2nd & 3rd

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents

Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, November 25th ♦ 9am – Noon

Breakfast served from 9:30am – 10:30am

Tickets: Adults: (12 yrs. & up) \$15.00

Children: (11 yrs. & under) \$ 8.00

NEW THIS YEAR: SECRET SANTA SHOP
(for children to shop for gifts)



Call Lisa Jones-Venetos

410.529.9429

Or email: danskliese1@aol.com



Hope/Joy Christmas Party

Friday, December 15th, 2017 ♦ 6pm – 8pm

*Please bring a new, unwrapped present for
"TOYS for TOTS"*



SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS!

*Enjoy a visit from Saint Nicholas, Christmas Tree Decorating,
Caroling, Crafts, Fellowship and MORE!*

For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.