

December 10, 2017

10th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 6:10-17. The Gospel Reading is Luke 13:10-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1337 & 1220 in the Holy Bible or on pages 109 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Menas “Kallikelados”; Hermogenes and Euphratos, Martyrs; Righteous Thomas.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* Jim Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago and Tom Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Patricia Koulepis and her husband Robert Zentz *in loving memory of* their son, Jonathan Woodstock, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Nick & Jennifer Kosmas and their children, Samantha, Nicholas & Michael *in loving memory of* their brother and uncle, as well as Ami Lynch and Penny Woodstock, *in loving memory of* Penny’s father, Jonathan Woodstock, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Chrisanthe Makres & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, George Makres, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. George Makres, Christina & Cina *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Makres, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Thareni Stamas & Family *in loving memory of* her Godfather, Pete H. Christ, Jr., and their great uncle, Pete H. Christ, Sr. May their memories be eternal.
- Irene Kaputsos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Marshall P. Kaputsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Kaputsos & Family *in loving memory of* Mosko, Emmanuel, Anna, Vasilis, Savvas, Katerina, Stefano, Irini, Sevasti & Panagiotis. May their memory be eternal.
- Flora Christ *in loving memory of* husband, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago and *in loving memory of* son, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Argie, Panayiotis & Erene Christ *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago and *in loving memory of* father & Papou, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Paul & Maria Christ & Family *in loving memory of* father, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago and brother & uncle, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Stergos & Katholiki Trintis *in loving memory of* Pete H. Christ, Sr., Pete H. Christ, Jr. & Maritsa Kosmas. May their memories be eternal.
- The Saint Demetrios Adult Choir *for the health and welfare of* John Stathopoulos, husband of Cynthia, as they face his medical challenges together. May God keep John in the palm of His hand.

40-Baby Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. David Clarke will present their 4th child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day Baby Blessing and Mr. & Mrs. John Glavin will present their 1st child, a son, for the traditional 40-day Baby Blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect these families.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Jonathan Woodstock, George Makres, Marshall P. Kaputsos, Pete H. Christ, Jr. and Pete H. Christ, Sr. May their memories be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by the families *in loving memory of* Jonathan Woodstock, George Makres, Marshall P. Kaputsos, Pete H. Christ, Jr., and Pete H. Christ, Sr. The Ladies of Philoptochos will be serving.

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 2017 will be held next **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.

Christmas Service: **Sunday, December 24th ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.** The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th** beginning with **Orthros at 6:00pm** followed by the **Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm.** 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 15th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

Church Christmas Decorating: We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Holiday on **Thursday, December 14th**, 9am to 2pm. Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung and poinsettias placed. Your help is needed. Come to the Narthex and dress comfortably.

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.

2018 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 17th**, we will be distributing the 2018 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.

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.

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: 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 10th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Today ~ 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."

Technology Team: Please stop by the Hermes Rafailides Center today to update your contact information, as we begin the migration process to email-based communications. For more information, contact members of the Technology Team: Irene Kaikis Lericos, Catherine Xanthakos, Maria Stamas, Stephen Kucharski or Stephen Christ.

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.

TOYS for TOTS: Please bring new unwrapped toys with you to church next Sunday to help us fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 5th Annual toy drive for the US Marines Toys for Tots Program. A representative from the US Marines will be here next Sunday for the toys presentation. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

Adult Basketball Tournament: Calling all retired GOYAns, Friends of GOYAns and GOYA Parents! Do you miss being in GOYA? Do you miss the tournaments? Do you miss the dances? Do you miss the friends? Perhaps you weren't in GOYA, but wish you were!!! Well here's your chance!! We are bringing it all back with the Saint Demetrios 1st Annual **THROW BACK TOURNAMENT** on **Saturday, January 20th!!** Start off your day playing basketball with your old friends and representing your decade! Finish your day with a GOYA Dinner/Dance at our Bull & Oyster Roast at Jimmy's Seafood featuring The Koko Brothers playing your favorite old-school dance hits!! To register email Manuel Diacogiannis at Diacol@hotmail.com! See you there!! Money raised will benefit our current GOYA so that they can visit The Shrine at Saint Nicholas in New York and The Holy Cross Monastery in Boston.

SAVERS: This week, donations received from our Saint Demetrios community for the Savers fundraiser were picked up and processed. The response to this fundraiser was great earning for our church just over \$1,000. The Koritsia team would like to thank everyone who brought items in for this effort and all the parents and children who helped to load items for pick up. Keep an eye for more information as we might try this again in the springtime!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner ~ December 14th

Hope/Joy Christmas Event ~ December 15th

Parish Assembly ~ December 17th

Parish Council Meeting ~ December 19th

Christmas Holiday ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm on December 22nd

Closed ~ December 25th & 26th

Sunday, December 24th ~ Orthros, 9:00am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00am

Christmas Eve Service ~ Orthros, 6:00pm / Divine Liturgy, 7:00pm

Musical Christmas Program to follow

New Year's Holiday ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm on December 29th

Closed ~ January 1st

Sunday, December 31st ~ Orthros, 9:00am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00am

New Year's Eve Divine Liturgy ~ Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

General Meeting: Philoptochos Community Christmas Dinner Thursday, December 14th.

Philoptochos Community Christmas Dinner: The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos would like to invite you to their 1st annual Community Christmas Dinner! Join us as we celebrate Christmas together with food and fellowship. The dinner will be catered by Chefs Expressions and includes a Lenten Italian feast! Tickets are \$25, and a cash bar of beer and wine will be available. Dinner is on **Thursday, December 14th** from 6-9 in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The evening will include singing Christmas carols and a Bid n Buy! Tickets can be purchased after Liturgy at coffee hour or by calling Angie at 443-286-4234 or Presvytera Alice at 443-417-0975. **Tickets must be purchased by December 10th. Tickets will not be sold at the door.** We will also be collecting \$5 and \$10 gift cards from Target or Wal-Mart to benefit the Walden School. **Last chance to buy tickets is today at coffee hour!**

Christmas Breads: Pick up for ordered breads will be on **December 10th**.

Stockings of Joy: Items needed to stuff into stockings for Veterans. Gloves, hats, scarfs, hand held games, decks of cards, combs, flashlights, crossword & 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-Venetos 410-529-9428.

Christmas Bazaar: A big thank you to Lisa Jones-Venetos and Joanna Beleos for another fun filled & successful event.



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.

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	\$335,509	\$302,244	426
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$321,306	\$293,789	394

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, Leads A&B, 7:00pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, Leads A, 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Palikaria, 9:00am Church Christmas Decorating, 9:00am Ault Choir, 7:00pm (M) Philoptochos Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Hope/Joy Christmas Event, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 16th</u> Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, Full Cast ~ 1:30pm Dancers ~ 3:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 17th</u> <i>11th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) GOYA Toys for Tots Parish Assembly Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir / Bells Dance Practice, 12:15pm (C)</p>
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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.

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 Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

“Guys and Dolls”

Tickets on Sale NOW!

Show A: Saturday, February 10, 2018

(Matinee)

Doors Open ~ 10:15am

Show ~ 11:00am

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show B: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show C: Sunday, February 11, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

Show D: Friday, February 16, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show E: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show F: Sunday, February 18, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

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 Eleni Libertini at 410.679.5622 or elibertini@comcast.net or during coffee hour in the Hermes Rafailides Center

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!!!