

**November 4, 2018**

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

**The Epistle Reading is:** Ephesians 2:4-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1334 & 1224 in the Holy Bible or on pages 101 & 100 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Righteous Ioannikios the Great, Martyr; Holymartyr Nikandros, Bishop of Myron; Holymartyr Hermaios the Presbyter; Martyrs Porphyrios the Mimic and John Batatze, the Merciful King.

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

- Christina Harris & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Steve Harris who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- *in loving memory of* Milo Gjoni.
- Roula Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son Peter Passon.

**The Altar Bread** was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & Diamando Sarigianis.

**Coffee Hour:** Today's coffee hour is co-sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and our Philoptochos Ladies *in honor of* our Steward of the Year. It will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy.

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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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**Synaxis of the Archangel Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate the Synaxis of the Archangel with a Divine Liturgy this coming **Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am. Please plan to join us.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a church family.

**Stewardship Sunday:** Today, **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** is Stewardship Sunday, join us we recognize our **2018 Steward of the Year**. We will be passing a tray to collect your 2019 Stewardship Pledge cards as well as co-sponsoring the coffee hour.

**Welcome:** If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, we welcome you and 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 (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

**Parish Council Elections:** The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held in the boardroom on **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** directly after the Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendars and try to be in attendance to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2019, 2020 & 2021. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Peter Beleos, Maria Serevetas Chirgott, Bob Garrish, Helen Stamidis Pentikis & Mary Tsakiris. **Again, the date is: Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are unable to attend, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 and request a mail-in ballot.

**50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** will commemorate the **50<sup>th</sup> 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. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working on the production of a new Album that will be completed in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This keepsake album will feature our history, family photos, ministries, personal ads, and memorial tributes. To prepare for the album creation, we are beginning the process of family photo shoots so that your family will be featured in this new album. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take family photos during this spring season. Appointments can be made during coffee hour or online through our website. [www.stdemetriosmd.org](http://www.stdemetriosmd.org). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with their photo purchase!

Lifetouch Photographers are coming on **November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** to take photos of our stewards. Please book an appointment online [www.stdemetriosmd.org](http://www.stdemetriosmd.org). Each family gets a free 8x10. We are also in need of volunteers to assist the photographers, if you can give us a couple of hours that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Simone Volikas for any questions, [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@hotmail.com)

**Orthodox Studies:** Learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Please join us on **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am in the Board Room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / [painterKateart@gmail.com](mailto:painterKateart@gmail.com).

**Festival chairperson:** If you are interested in chairing the **2019 Festival** please contact the church office at 410-661-1090 on/or before **November 18, 2018.**

**Bell Choir / Junior Chorus:** We are seeking bell ringers and singers to perform with the Adult Choir on **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** for the Advent Program. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy. The first rehearsal will be held today, **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** and will continue the following Sundays: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-657.9772 for more information.

**Nativity Pageant:** Our Church School's ANNUAL NATIVITY PAGEANT will be held following Divine Liturgy in the Church Nave on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**. For more information please contact George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2018-2019 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net)

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch:** Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, **\*\*New Date\*\*** for a Gourmet Brunch, directly following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All proceeds will benefit our Pre-School. For more information, please contact Betty: 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

**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.

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**Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation** forms have been mailed to all Stewards but 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. *No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!*

**The Spirit:** If you have any news that you would like to share in “**The Spirit**” please send your news to the Church office via: e-mail at: [SaintDemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:SaintDemetrios@comcast.net), we will gladly add it in the next issue. **The deadline for all articles is November 5<sup>th</sup>**. This issue will cover all upcoming events from November to the end of December.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **November 13, 2016** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. Everyone is welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

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## **SUBURBAN PLAYERS**

### **Mamma Mia Show Dates:**

- **Friday February 15, 2019** - Doors Open at 6:00pm; Show Starts at 8:00pm
- **Saturday February 16, 2019** - Doors Open at 5:30pm; Show Starts at 7:30pm
- **Sunday February 17, 2019**- Doors Open at 4:00pm; Show Starts at 6:00pm
- **Friday February 22, 2019**- Doors Open at 6:00pm; Show Starts at 8:00pm
- **Saturday February 23, 2019**- Doors Open at 5:30pm; Show Starts at 7:30pm
- **Sunday February 24, 2019**- Doors Open at 4:00pm; Show Starts at 6:00pm

*Tickets will be on sale end of November!*

*Purchase your ad space now in our Mamma Mia Program Book!*

The Suburban Players Program book is now accepting ads for Mamma Mia. Purchase your space now to advertise your business or organization. Program Books are passed out on each night of the show.

To purchase a space in our Program Book please contact Tom Cook at 410-790-9370 or [tcook@bpointwellness.com](mailto:tcook@bpointwellness.com).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Divine Liturgy ~ Synaxis of the Archangels ~ November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am*

Pre-School Bull Roast / Silent Auction ~ November 10<sup>th</sup>

Philoptochos Make-A-Difference Day ~ November 11<sup>th</sup>

*Memorial Sunday ~ November 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Veterans Day ~ November 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Office Closed*

Philoptochos General Meeting ~ November 12<sup>th</sup>

Book / Knitting Club ~ November 13<sup>th</sup>

Parish Elections ~ November 18<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School Thanksgiving Program/Dinner ~ November 20<sup>th</sup>

*Divine Liturgy ~ Thanksgiving ~ November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am*

*Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office Closed ~ November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Card / Flower Donations Due ~ November 28<sup>th</sup>

Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Preschool Brunch ~ December 9<sup>th</sup>

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner ~ December 11<sup>th</sup>

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## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

**Board Meeting: November 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room**

**General Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room**

**Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 11<sup>th</sup>:** All the past presidents of Philoptochos will be called to the Solea for a group photo. We will take a member's photo of everyone in the hall or outside. Also, the Ladies of the Philoptochos Society will be taking a collection on that day for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This is a national commitment on our budget. We hope that you can give generously.

**Holiday Food Drive:** During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season, please help us spread joy to families in the community! There are several ways to help: Adopt a Family; Donate Food Items to be distributed to families in need. Items may be placed in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building hallway; Monetary Contributions are welcome to purchase needed food. For monetary donations: Please make checks payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and on memo line, designate “Food Baskets”. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Sackleh 410.472.3458 or Mary Tsakiris, 410.592.7319. Please check the Narthex table for a list of specific items requested by the families.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!***

***~MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON~***

**SAVE THE DATE (more information to follow):**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast with Santa**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Bazaar**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner – in the Hermes Rafailides Center**

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## **KORITSIA NEWS**

**Koritsia:** The following events are sponsored by the Koritsia and all proceeds will help to pay down the mortgage of the church. Please show your support for Saint Demetrios!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Simone Volikas at [stintis@hotmail.com](mailto:stintis@hotmail.com).

**Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table, pick-up a packet and share with a friend**

### **Savers Thrift Store**

Clean out your closets of old clothes, towels & bedding. Place all items in a trash bag and drop them off between **Now & December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Savers Thrift Store will pay the church 20 cents for every pound of items.

### **Script Gift Cards**

Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIPT rebates a percentage to the Church. All you need to do is complete the Family Order Form, attach a check payable to Saint Demetrios and mail or drop off the form (w/check) to the church office or to the white “Gift Card Box” on the Narthex table. 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards the Church Mortgage.

Please contact Maria Angelos at [mvailas@aol.com](mailto:mvailas@aol.com) or 443.280.2690 with any questions.

### **Cards for a Cause**

Join Saint Demetrios Koritsia in raising funds for the church while solving all your greeting card problems!! Spend \$30 for 30 beautiful cards w/matching envelopes and Saint Demetrios will receive 43% of the proceeds for their fundraising efforts. Pick up an order form from the Narthex Table.

Final Day to order is: **November 4<sup>th</sup>!!!**

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**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**

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$315,127	\$267,379	387
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$351,445	\$302,495	448

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b><u>Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm (B) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Pre-School Bull Roast / Silent Auction, 4:00pm (H/G)</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Annunciation GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School 8:45am (C) <i>Synaxis of the Archangels ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> Men’s Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <b>Orthros 9:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> <b>Philoptochos ~ Make-A-Difference Day</b> Church School, 9:55am (C) Nativity Bell/Chorus Demetrakia Dance, 12:00pm Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 2:00pm</p>
	<p><b><u>Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am</p>	