

November 25, 2018

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

**The Epistle Reading is:** Galatians 3:23-4:5. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:18-27. These Readings may be found on pages 1331 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on page 114 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Apodosis of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple; Greatmartyr Katherine; Greatmartyr Mercurios.

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

- Flora Christ *for the health & welfare of* her family.

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

- Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, would like to take this opportunity to pray that the members of our Saint Demetrios Family had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* daughter, sister & aunt, Esther on the occasion of her birthday.
- Roula Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son Peter Passon

**Artoclasia:** The Artoclasia is being offered by Flora Christ *for the health & welfare of* her family.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis

**The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by:** Maria Antonakas & Mary Karavedas

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour will take place in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy. It will be sponsored & served by our Philoptochos Ladies Society, We are always looking for new volunteers. Please contact Maria Antonakas at 410-995-0353 to add your name, family, or ministry to the list.

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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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**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.

**Orthodox Studies:** Please join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the board room. We love new members! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / [painterkateart@gmail.com](mailto:painterkateart@gmail.com).

**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!***

**2018 Stewardship Pledge Reminder:** The Stewardship Committee extends our appreciation to our Stewards who have met their 2018 pledge commitment. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Community and we thank you! If you are not current in your 2018 commitment, we ask that you fulfill your pledge in December. The final Stewardship statement for the year has been mailed and we ask you to help us finish strong for the year.

**Memorial Sunday will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, due to the Pre-School Gourmet Brunch on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please make note of date change.**

**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. Our next rehearsal will be held on, **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** and will continue the following Sundays: December 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.

**Church Christmas Decorating:** Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung and poinsettias placed. Your help is needed. **DATE COMING SOON!**

**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

**New Year's Eve Celebration:** The Demetrakia Dance Troupe will host a NYE dance in honor of St. Demetrios' 50th Anniversary with live music by Mortes. Please join us to bring in 2019 and begin our parish's year of celebrations! Adults - \$35. Students (ages 6-21) - \$20. Kids 5 & under free. Tickets include party favors, champagne toast & Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com), 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor Tickets available on Sundays during coffee hour and online at [www.eventbee.com](http://www.eventbee.com) (under "find events", search for "St. Demetrios"). Proceeds will benefit the St. Demetrios Mortgage Fund.

**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. Please contact Betty: 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

**Pan-Orthodox Saint Nicholas Festival ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>:** On **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** Saint Andrew Orthodox Church (2028 E. Lombard Street in Baltimore) will host a Pan-Orthodox Saint Nicholas Festival for Church School students. The games, cookie making, 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 **December 1<sup>st</sup>** to Rev. Deacon James Magruder 410.662.4939 or [jlmagruder4@gmail.com](mailto:jlmagruder4@gmail.com)

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## **GOYA NEWS**

**GOYA ~ TOYS for TOTS:** Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 6<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

**Old School Throwback Reunion ~ 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 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-12pm**. For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Paul Rizas at 410.365.1703 / email [paulrizas@gmail.com](mailto:paulrizas@gmail.com)

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## SUBURBAN PLAYERS

### TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Contact Eleni Libertini at 410-679-5622 or by email at [elibertini@comcast.net](mailto:elibertini@comcast.net)

**Mamma Mia Show Dates:** \$46.00 per person; \$20.00 per person for Matinee.

- Friday February 15, 2019 - Doors Open at 6:00pm; Show Starts at 8:00pm
- Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>, MATINEE ~ Doors Open at 12noon; Show starts at 12:30pm
- 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

Purchase your ad space now in our 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 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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## 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 [strintis@hotmail.com](mailto:strintis@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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Pre-School Cookie Exchange ~ December 4<sup>th</sup>

Hope/Joy Christmas Event ~ December 7<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School Gourmet Brunch ~ December 9<sup>th</sup>

Philoptochos Christmas Crab-Cake Dinner ~ December 11<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Sunday ~ December 16<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School Christmas Pageant ~ December 19<sup>th</sup>

New Year's Eve Dance ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>

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## PHILOPTOCHOS

**Board Meeting: December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm ~ 2019 Budget Review**

**General Meeting: No meeting ~ Christmas Dinner Celebration**

**Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we have secured more than 35 crafters / vendors. We have Lilla Rose hair jewelry & accessories, Scentsy, YiaYia's Treasures, homemade Christmas items, a Glass Blower, Icona, Tastefully Simple, Fresh Greens, Jeweled Candles and more! Please come out and support this event! Have friends and family come for lunch. Contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428 or Joanna Beleos 410-458-1547 for questions.

**YiaYia's Treasure:** 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 until **November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Thorina Trintis at 410-866-2127

**Greek American Sweets:** Please bring in your sweets of all kinds to Ritsa Economakis and crew. The more the merrier. Please contact Ritsa Economakis if you have any questions 410-256-0953.

**Stockings of Joy:** Now accepting items to stuff into stockings for Veterans at Perry Point Veterans Hospital. Gloves, hats, scarfs, \$5 Dunkin Donut gift cards, handheld games, decks of cards, combs, flashlights, crossword and search word books etc. Place items into blue bins in hallway. please contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428.

**Christmas Families:** The Philoptochos will be supporting local families for the Christmas season, each family will need food and gifts. If you would like to sponsor a family or a child. Contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291, Elaine Sackleh 410.472.3458 or Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428.

**Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders:** *Baking of Christmas breads will be done on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>* beginning at 8:30am until we finish. Calling all bakers...no experience necessary. Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545. All orders must be paid in full when ordering. To place your order for breads: see Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour or call 410.870.3372. Final day to order is **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Pick up for ordered breads will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Philoptochos "Christmas Crab Cake Dinner":** Four words that together lead to fellowship, fine food and fun at the annual Philoptochos Christmas dinner. **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The dinner will be catered by Casa Mia. Tickets are \$35, no sales at the door. Spouses and friends from all communities are welcome! Contact Kriss Cocoros (410.628.1193 / [malona2000@gmail.com](mailto:malona2000@gmail.com)) or Margo Lambros (410.465.0371 / [mlambros@comcast.net](mailto:mlambros@comcast.net)). Tickets will be sold at coffee hour after church service.

## 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	\$317,152	\$281,662	389
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$357,428	\$315,348	458

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting,  
7:00pm (B)  
*Mamma Mia Rehearsal,*  
7:00pm (H/G)

#### Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
**Pre-School Giving Tuesday**  
GOYA Basketball,  
6:00pm (H/G)

#### Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)  
*Mamma Mia Rehearsal,*  
7:00pm (H/G)  
*Christmas Card / Flower*  
*Donations Due*

#### Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar*  
*Set-Up (H/G)*  
No Men's Basketball  
Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)

#### Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)  
*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar*  
*Set-Up (H/G)*

#### Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar*  
9:00am – 4:00pm (H/G)

#### Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*  
**Orthros 9:00am**  
**Divine Liturgy, 10:00am**  
Church School, 9:55am (C)  
1<sup>st</sup> Advent Program (PreK-Grade 3)  
Bell Choir Rehearsal  
*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar*  
12:00pm – 4:00pm (H/G)  
*Mamma Mia Rehearsal,*  
2:00pm (M)

## *Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents their* **Annual Christmas Bazaar**

*Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> ♦ 9am to 4pm*

*Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> ♦ Noon to 4pm*

*Vendors of all types:*

*Greek Pastries, YiaYia's Treasures,  
Fresh Wreaths and Cemetery Crosses, Sightings of Mrs. Claus,  
Greek & American Food and Much More!!!*



*Contact: Lisa Jones-Venetos*

*410.529.9428*

*Or email: [danskliese1@aol.com](mailto:danskliese1@aol.com)*

*or Joanna Beleos*

*410.458.1547*



### *Hope/Joy Christmas Party*

*Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ♦ 6pm – 8pm*

*Please bring a new, unwrapped present for  
“TOYS for TOTS”  
as your admission! (One per child attending)*



**SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS!**

*Enjoy an night of fellowship with Dinner, a visit from Saint Nicholas,  
Christmas Tree Decorating,  
Caroling, Crafts, Fellowship and MORE!*

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