

**December 2, 2018**

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

**The Epistle Reading is:** Ephesians 6:10-17. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:35-43. These Readings may be found on pages 1337 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 109 & 115 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Abbakoum the Prophet; Abibos, Martyr; Myrope, Martyr; Righteous Theophilos; Andrew; Porphyrios of Kafsohalivia.

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

- Helen Coutros McShane, Corinna Stone, Kelly MacDonnell and their families *in loving memory of* Michael William McShane who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Nick, Mary & George Antonas *in loving memory of* Despina Sapounakis who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son Peter Passon

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis & Katholiki Trintis.

**Coffee Hour:** *There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar.*

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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, December 7<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).

**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.**

**Christmas Service:** Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**2019 Calendars:** On **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will be distributing the 2019 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.

**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!**

**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 [tcCook@bpointwellness.com](mailto:tcCook@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 [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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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>

**Christmas Eve ~ December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Orthros @ 6:00pm**

**Divine Liturgy @ 7:00pm**

**New Year's Eve Liturgy ~ December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm**

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

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## PHILOPTOCHOS

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

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

**Breakfast with Santa:** A big, "Thank you" to Lisa Jones Venetos and all the helper elves that made this event a success. And we can't forget to thank Santa for taking the time to stop by and see all the children!

**Annual Christmas Bazaar: Come after service to see all our wonderful vendors . . . food is available for purchase.**

**The Philoptochos Giving Tree:** Please visit our Giving Tree to select a Christmas family member to purchase gifts. The families are from the Middle River, High Road, and Pleasant Plains school systems. Select a stocking, read the information on the card, purchase your gift, wrap it and label it with the person's name. Return it to the giving tree to be sent to the family with their Christmas food basket the week before Christmas. All gift should be returned by **Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Special arrangements can be made by calling Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291 or Elaine Sackleh 410.472.3458.

**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. 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 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 8:30a 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 2nd. 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, wine included. 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.

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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	\$320,386	\$286,186	392
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$362,046	\$324,632	464

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)  
Philoptochos Board Meeting,  
6:30pm (P)  
**Mamma Mia Rehearsal,**  
**7:00pm (H/G)**

#### Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
**Pre-School Cookie Exchange**  
Book/Knitting Club,  
9:00am (L)

#### Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)  
GOYA Basketball,  
6:30pm (H/G)  
No Men's Basketball

#### Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School, 8:45am (C)  
Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)  
Christmas Bread Baking (K)  
Hope/Joy Christmas Event,  
6:00pm (H/G/K)

#### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Bread Baking (K)

#### Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**  
**Orthros 9:00am**  
**Divine Liturgy, 10:00am**  
**Recognition Sunday ~ Altar Boys**  
**Pre-School Gourmet Brunch**  
Church School, 9:55am (C)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Program (Grades 3-12)  
Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Dance Practice, 12:00pm  
**Mamma Mia Rehearsal,**  
**2:00pm (M)**

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

*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 a 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.*

