

December 16, 2018

11th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel Reading is Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 22:14. These Readings may be found on pages 1343, 1222 & 1170 in the Holy Bible or on pages 112 & 111 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Holy Forefathers of Christ; Angaios the Prophet; Holymartyr Modestos; Empress Theophano; Lucia of Syracuse.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gabriel Pantelides *in loving memory of* his late wife, Elaine who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Cathy, Michael, Manuel, Gabe, Anthony & Costa Pizanis *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Elaine Pantelides who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Flora Christ *in loving memory of* husband, Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago and *in loving memory of* son, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Argie, Panayiotis & Erene Christ *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago and *in loving memory of* father & papou, Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Paul, Marie, Paulina & Pete Christ *in loving memory of* father & papou, Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago and brother & uncle, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Thareni Stamas *in loving memory of* her Godfather, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. "It's a beautiful thing."
- Irene Kaputsos *in loving memory of* her husband, Marshall who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The families of John Makris, Despina Sollon, Maika Makris, Alex Makris & Anna Colandrea *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Dafni Makris who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Katina Mavrophilipos, Konstantinos & Toulia Mavrophilipos, Dimitrios & Cindy Mavrophilipos & their families *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, Ioannis Mavrophilipos who fell asleep in the Lord 9 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus & Karen Karayinopoulos *in loving memory of* Delores Kaidy who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her member be eternal.
- Gus & Helen Xintas & Family *in loving memory of* son & brother, Steve Xintas who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Karayinopoulos Family *in loving memory of* Jim Karayinopoulos who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Gus who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago and daughter, sister & aunt, Gina who fell asleep in the Lord 27 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Roula Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son Peter Passon.

- Smaro & Tom Cook *in honor of* the birth of their new granddaughter Drew Smaro Baranowski.
- Athena & Stephen Pedrick *in honor of* their granddaughter Athena Letras and the birth of their new granddaughter Drew Smaro Baranowski.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Matsos will present their 1st child, a son for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Ioannis D. Mavrophilipos who fell asleep in the Lord 9 months ago; Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago; Dafni Makres who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago and Elaine Pantelides who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & Mary Tsakiris

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory, by the families of* Pete H. Christ, Sr., Pete H. Christ, Jr., Dafni Makres & Elaine Pantelides. Coffee will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy by our Philoptochos Ladies: Maria Christ, Vickie Fellner and Maria Stamas.

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

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 be advised that we **will not** be meeting on Friday, December 21st or 28th. We will resume on Friday, January 4th, 2019 at 9:30am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410-692-7590.

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.

Community Christmas Card Correction: Mrs. Mersina Belios, Mr. & Mrs. George Chrisovergis, Mr. & Mrs. David Lamar, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pappas & Argiro Sarantinos-Perrin were accidentally omitted from the 2018 Community Christmas Card. Please accept our apologies.

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.

2019 Calendars: Today, Sunday, December 16th 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.

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. Last Sunday, our Church School grades Pre-K/Grade 2 did a wonderful job and we look forward to hearing grades 3-12 today. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Today ~ Sunday, December 16th ~ Church School Nativity Play
Sunday December 23rd ~ Bell Choir/Adult Choir

We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

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, 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor Tickets available on Sundays during coffee hour and online at www.eventbee.com (under "find events", search for "St. Demetrios"). Proceeds will benefit the St. Demetrios Mortgage Fund.

Godparent Sunday: This year, Saint Demetrios will be celebrating Godparent Sunday on **February 10th** and The Koritsia Group will be hosting the Godparent Sunday Luncheon that afternoon in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following church. Tickets will be on sale at a table during coffee hour. You can also contact Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.com, Christina Tsakiris at cmt726@gmail.com or Natalie Alatzas nalatzas@slateenclave.com to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for children if purchased prior to the event. If purchased at the door, tickets will be \$22 for adults and \$17 for children. We look forward to seeing you there and we thank you for your support!"

50th Anniversary: Our next meeting is planned for **Monday, January 28th, 2019** at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

Upcoming Recognition Sundays: **Sunday, January 13th, 2019** ~ All Baptisms & Confirmations over the last 50 years; **Sunday, January 27th, 2019** ~ Demetrakia Dance Troupes, all dancers over the last 50 years; **Sunday, February 3rd, 2019** ~ Parish Council, all members over the last 50 years.

New Spring Dates Released for Family Photo Sessions: Lifetouch Photography will be back at Saint Demetrios on **Friday, April 12th** and **Saturday, April 13th** for the final two opportunities to get your family photos for our upcoming 50th Anniversary Commemorative Album. More details to come.

Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church! As we get closer to our 50th Anniversary, we are looking to highlight our history. You, our parishioners, are a very special part of the decades that have unfolded here at 2504 Cub Hill Road since 1969. So tell us what Saint Demetrios means to you. What is your favorite memory? Did you get married here? Were you children baptized here? What ministries do you enjoy the most? Please email us your short responses and/or photos to our dedicated anniversary email address at: stdemetrios50@gmail.com Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, January 8th, 2019** at Mary Tsakiris' house. The book of choice for this month is *The Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. Our Book & knitting club has grown from 3 members to 13 members. You don't have to knit or crochet, you can come and just have some nice conversation. All are welcomed.

Library News: It is hard to believe that 2018 is almost at an end. Our library is a very active ministry. We have monthly Pre-School visits. The children learn about God and they do a craft. We have weekly Church School visits and a very successful Book & Knitting Club. This summer VBS took out over 300 books and the children had daily visits to the library. We had the Craig Arambiges Lecture . . . Our guest speaker was Dr. Harry Boosalis and we were delighted to have him for two sessions. We also give scholarships *in memory of* Craig Arambiges Memorial fund. Now we have started the Little Free Library. As you can see we are a very busy ministry. Come and join us we are always looking for new volunteers.

The Little Free Library: Don't forget to stop by The Little Free Library and take a book on the way to your car. If you do not have a book to give in return no problem bring one when you can and if you forget no worries. We love sharing our knowledge.

GOYA NEWS

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 19th 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

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.

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

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 or 443.280.2690 with any questions. **The Final Day to order gift cards for Christmas is Monday, December 17th ~**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting ~ December 18th
Pre-School Christmas Pageant ~ December 19th
Adult Choir ~ December 20th

Office Closes at 12:00pm on December 24th
Christmas Eve ~ December 24th

Orthros @ 6:00pm

Divine Liturgy @ 7:00pm

Office Closed on December 25th & 26th

Office Closes at 12:00pm on December 31st

New Year's Eve Liturgy ~ December 31st at 5:00pm

New Year's Eve Dance ~ December 31st

Office Closed on January 1st

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: January 7th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room
General Meeting: January 14th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room

SAVE THE DATE: Please join Philoptochos for a Vasiloptia Spaghetti Luncheon on **Sunday, January 6th, 2019** following Divine Liturgy. Tickets will go on sale soon. All proceeds to benefit St. Basil's Academy.

Christmas Breads: *Thank you to* Georgia Kerasiotes, Dottie Ganer and all our bakers that helped to make 150 Christmas Breads this year! It was another sell out.

Philoptochos "Christmas Crab Cake Dinner" Thank you to Kriss Cocoros and Margo Lambros and everyone who helped make this event a wonderful evening. The room looked amazing, food was delicious and the door prizes incredible.

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 as well as Baltimore Rescue Mission and Karis Home. Select a stocking, read the card of information, purchase your gift, wrap it and label it with the person's name or Baltimore Rescue Mission/Karis Home. 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 16th**. 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.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Contact Eleni Libertini at 410-679-5622 or by email at 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 16th, 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.

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 |
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| 2017 | \$378,600 | \$659,042 | \$324,280 | \$303,174 | 397 |
| 2018 | \$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

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| <p><u>Monday, December 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) <i>Mamma Mia Rehearsal,</i> <i>7:00pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> | <p><u>Wednesday, December 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Pre-School Christmas Program, 6:30-8:00pm (Church) <i>Mamma Mia Rehearsal,</i> <i>7:00pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, December 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Jesus Birthday Party Adult Choir, 7:00pm Men's Basketball (H/G)</p> | <p><u>Friday, December 21st</u> Pre-School Closed No Orthodox Studies</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 23rd</u> <i>Sunday before Nativity</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am No Church School 4th Advent Program Bells & Adult Choir <i>Mamma Mia Rehearsal,</i> <i>2:00pm (M)</i></p> |
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