

December 23, 2018

Sunday before Nativity

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 1:1-25. These Readings may be found on pages 1366 & 1147 in the Holy Bible or on pages 118 -120 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Pre-Nativity: The Genealogy; Proeortia of Nativity of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Ten Martyrs of Crete; Neomartyr Nicholas; Righteous Naoum, Wonderworker of Ochrid.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Maria, Tina & George, Andreana & Kosta, Athanasi, Andrea & Maria *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Andrei Andreyev who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Nick & Anna Moshonisiotis & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Euaggelia Larentzaki who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Irene Kaputsos *in loving memory of* her husband, Marshall who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Mary Tsakiris *for the health & welfare of* her family
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* their parents & grandparents, Kalliopi & Pandelis Theodore and Anastasia & George Tsakiris and their aunt Sevasti Eliadis. May their memories be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be etenal.
- Bill & Niki Papageorgopoulos *in loving memory of* their parents, George & Dimitri Papaeorgopoulos and Nicholas & Eugelia Courtalis; brothers, Gus & Peter; brother in-laws, James, George & Emmanuel and niece, Gina Courtalis. May their memories be eternal.
- George & Marcella Lambros, their children & grandchildren *in loving memory of* their parents, grandparents & great-grandparents, Gus & Katie Harris, Gus & Anastasia Lambros. May their memories be eternal.
- Voula Georgitsos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, John who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Andrei Andreyev who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and Euaggelia Larentzaki who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Andreyev & Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory, by the families of* Andrei Andreyev and Euaggelia Larentzaki. Coffee will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy by our Philoptochos Ladies.

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

On behalf of Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of our Saint Demetrios Family a very Merry Christmas!

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.

Christmas Service: Monday, December 24th ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on ***Christmas Eve, Monday, 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 23rd*** 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.

Orthodox Studies: Please be advised that we ***will not*** be meeting on ***Friday, December 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. End of Year 2018 Statements will be mailed in January.

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.

Advent & Christmas Program: Today, we will conclude our yearly tradition of our Advent Program. We would like to thank all who participated in this year's programs and on behalf of our Music Ministry & Church School, we wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas.

New Year's Eve Celebration in Honor of St. Demetrios' 50th Anniversary! Join your parish to bring in 2019 and begin our year of 50th Anniversary celebrations! **Tickets include party favors, champagne toast, Vasilopita & LIVE music! Mezedakia available for purchase. Guests may also bring their own food.** Adults ~ \$35. Students (ages 6-21) ~ \$20. Kids 5 & under ~ FREE. Tickets available on Sunday's during coffee hour and online at www.eventbee.com (under "find events", search for "St. Demetrios"). **Proceeds will benefit the St. Demetrios Mortgage Fund.** For more information contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com or 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

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: The Library ministry would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Merry Christmas.

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: January 7th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room
General Meeting: January 15th Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room ~ rolling out 2019 budget

The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you for all your support, love and hard work in helping to make the lives of those less fortunate a little brighter.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no Liturgies on Christmas Day ~ Tuesday, December 25th.

Please join us Christmas Eve ~ Monday, December 24th

Orthros, 6:00pm and Divine Liturgy, 7:00pm.

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

*Musical Christmas Program to follow*

*Christmas Holiday ~ Office Closed ~ December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>*

*New Year's Holiday ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Closed ~ January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*New Year's Eve ~ Feast of Saint Basil Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm*

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

*Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessings of the Waters*

*Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil, 9:00am*

*Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Feast of Epiphany ~ Blessings of the Waters*

*Orthros, 8:45am ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am*

*Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Feast of Saint John the Baptist*

*Divine Liturgy, 9:00am*

*Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ 9:00am*

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The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players  
presents  
**Mamma Mia!**

Ticket Sales

Show A: Friday, February 15, 2019  
Doors Open ~ 6:00pm  
Show ~ 8:00pm

Show B: Saturday, February 16, 2019  
(Matinee)  
Doors Open ~ 12:00 noon  
Show ~ 12:30pm

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show C: Saturday, February 16, 2019  
Doors Open ~ 5:30pm  
Show ~ 7:30pm

Show D: Sunday, February 17, 2019  
Doors Open ~ 4:00pm  
Show ~ 6:00pm

Show E: Friday, February 22, 2019  
Doors Open ~ 6:00pm  
Show ~ 8:00pm

Show F: Saturday, February 23, 2019  
Doors Open ~ 5:30pm  
Show ~ 7:30pm

Show G: Sunday, February 24, 2019  
Doors Open ~ 4:00pm  
Show ~ 6:00pm

Ticket Prices

Matinee ~ \$20.00

Dinner Theater:  
Adults ~ \$46.00 (Table of 10 ~ \$45.00 each)

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact  
Eleni Libertini at 410.679.5622 or  
[elibertini@comcast.net](mailto:elibertini@comcast.net)

Ad Book

Purchase your ad space now in our Program Book! The Suburban Players Program book is now accepting ads for Mamma Mia.

Purchase your ad 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)

*Thank you for your support!!!*

**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 |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>2017</b> | \$378,600         | \$659,042                       | \$326,575                 | \$308,065           | 400           |
| <b>2018</b> | \$380,000         | \$727,395                       | \$366,336                 | \$329,191           | 467           |

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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| <p><b><u>Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Christmas Eve</i><br/><i>Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil</i><br/><i>Orthros, 6:00pm</i><br/><i>Divine Liturgy, 7:00pm</i></p> | <p><b><u>Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Office &amp; Pre-School Closed</i></p> <p><b><u>Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>Pre-School, 8:45am (C)<br/>Men's Basketball (H/G)<br/><i>Year- Round Child Care Only</i></p> | <p><b><u>Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/>Pre-School, 8:45am (C)<br/><i>Year- Round Child Care Only</i></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup></u></b><br/><i>Sunday before Nativity</i><br/><b>Orthros 9:00am</b><br/><b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b><br/><b>No Church School</b><br/><b>Mamma Mia Rehearsal,</b><br/><b>2:00pm</b></p> |
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