

December 30, 2018

Sunday after Nativity

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 1:11:19. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 2:13-23. These Readings may be found on pages 1329 & 1148 in the Holy Bible or on pages 97 & 124 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Post-Nativity: Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the prophet, and Iakavos the brother of our Lord; Anysia, Righteous Martyr of Thessolinika; Philetairos, Martyr; Righteous Leon; Righteous Neomartyr Gideon the Younger of Tynnavo; Theodora of Caesaria.

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:

- Sophia Andreadakis *in loving memory of* her husband, John Andreadakis who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Michelle & James Jones, John Andreadakis, II & Rebecca Neagle and Christina & Matthew Pandullo *in loving memory of* their father, John Andreadakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gregory Jr. & Niko Bara, Isabella & John C. III Andreadakis and Penelope & Maxwell Pandullo *in loving memory of* their Papou John Andreadakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Rallis family *in loving memory of* son, brother & uncle, Anastasios Rallis who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his 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.
- Thorina Trintis & Family *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & great-grandfather, Nick Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago today. May his memory be forever eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be etenal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* John Andreadakis who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread: Sunday, December 30th & New Year's Eve was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored *in loving memory*, by the family of John Andreadakis. 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 Happy & Healthy New Year!!

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 and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

Orthodox Studies: A brand new year is upon us, start your off right by learning more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, January 4th**, at 9:30am in the board room. Please be advised that if Balto. County Public schools are closed or delayed due to weather we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410-692-7590.

2019 Calendars: Today, **Sunday, December 30th** 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.

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 by **January 14th, 2019**. Any payments received after that date, will be applied to 2019. End of Year 2018 Statements will be mailed mid to end of January.

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.

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 New Year!

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

Godparents Sunday: This year, Saint Demetrios will be celebrating Godparents Sunday on **February 10th** and The Koritsia Group will be hosting the Godparents Sunday Luncheon that afternoon in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following church. Tickets will be on sale 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!"

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: Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room – rolling out 2019 budget

The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos would like to wish everyone 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.

Philoptochos Giving Tree and Christmas Food: Saint Demetrios Parishioners, thank you from the bottom of the hearts of those lucky families who are in receipt of your generous Christmas gifts and food items! Through the generosity of our community we were able to help 52 people in 9 families this Christmas season. Fresh meats and perishables were delivered along with a box of other food items to complement their Christmas meal and help with food for the holiday week. Please know that all of your donations - monetary and in kind are so greatly appreciated. Many a tear of joy has been seen this week as the recipients receive our parishes love. Let us pray that we all get closer to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And let us recognize our gratitude for the ability to reach out for Our Lord each day and understand that all things are possible through Jesus Christ. May God Bless you all!

SAVE THE DATES: 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.

Fundraiser: Come and enjoy an evening out for dinner and at the same time you will be helping those less fortunate. It's the Philoptochos fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh on **January 14th** from 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Pick up a flyer (must show the flyer at the restaurant) after church service and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We are also selling gift cards. Please Contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291 with any questions or see her at coffee hour.



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

Ad Book

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

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Purchase your ad space now to advertise your business or organization.

Program books are passed out each night of the show.

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To purchase a space in our Program book, Please contact:

Tom Cook at 410.790.9370

or

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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$329,545	\$312,195	404
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$366,336	\$331,141	467

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 31st</u> <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Office Closing at 12:00pm</i> <i>Saint Basil Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm</i> <i>New Year's Eve Celebration,</i> <i>9:00pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 1st</u> <i>Happy New Year!!</i> <i>No Services on New Year's Day</i> <i>Office/Pre-School/Greek School Closed</i></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Momma Mia Rehearsal, 7:00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Lock-In (H/G/K)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 5th</u> <i>Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, January 6th</u> <i>Holy Theophany</i> <i>Feast of Epiphany ~ Blessing of the Waters</i> <i>Orthros, 8:45am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Philoptochos Vasilopita / Spaghetti Luncheon</i> Church School, 9:55am Dance Practice, 12:00pm Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 2:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 5th ~ Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil, 9:00am

Sunday, January 6th ~ Feast of Epiphany ~ Blessing of the Waters

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

Monday, January 7th ~ Feast of Saint John the Baptist

Divine Liturgy, 9:00am

Wednesday, January 30th ~ Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ 9:00am