

The Epistle Reading is II Corinthians 11:31-12:1-9. The Gospel Reading is Luke 8:41-56. These Readings may be found on pages 1316 and 1213 in the Holy Bible or on page and 104 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica; Prokla, wife of Pilate; Kyriakos, Patriarch of Constantinople.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Agapaloglou, Economakis and Libertini Family *for the health and welfare of* Marianthe Wallace on the day of her Chismation.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* their grandson, Demetrios Alexander Karavedas on the occasion of his nameday.

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

The Artoclasia for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration is offered *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community and was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis, Diamando Sarigianis, Georgia Kerasiotes, Maria Andreyev and Vula Stamatopoulos.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis, Diamando Sarigianis and Eleni Libertini

Flowers: The baskets of flowers that adorn the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration have been donated by the following:

- Diamando Sarigianis *in honor of* her grandson, James Nicholas Galanakis, on his Nameday.
- Joanna Beleos and family *in loving memory of* their Godfather, Jimmy Diamond.
- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.
- Cathy Xanthakos *in loving memory of* George, Cleo, Pete and Helen Xanthakos

Saint Demetrios Icon: The decorated Saint Demetrios Icon that adorns the Solea for our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday Celebration has been donated by:

- Tom & Smaro Cook *in honor of* their granddaughter, Drew Smaro Baranowski.

Flowers: The flowers that adorn the tables in the Hermes Rafailides Center for the reception, in celebration of our Great Vespers and Saint Demetrios Nameday, sponsored by our Ladies of Philoptochos have been donated by the following:

- The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos *for the health and welfare of* our Saint Demetrios Parish

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy and is sponsored and served by the Ladies of Philoptochos.

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

We have been experiencing telephone difficulties if you need to reach the church office please call 410.661.0685 or email us at: saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

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: Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Please join us at 9:30am on **Friday, November 1st** in the board room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Synaxis of the Archangel Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate the Synaxis of the Archangel with a Divine Liturgy on **Friday, November 8th** at 10:00am. Please plan to join us.

Upcoming Recognition Sundays: *November 17th* ~ 50 Years of Stewardship of the Year. *November 24th* ~ GOYA, Presidents, Advisors & Basketball Coaches.

Sprucing up our grounds and building continues as we prepare for the 50th Anniversary of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church. Since the summer months, our church has been painted and power washed. Within the last few weeks, the new HVAC system for our main church building has been completely installed; and just this past week, the main entrance pavement to our Hermes Rafailides Center has been completely replaced and repaved. Many thanks to Constantine (Gus) and Patricia Galanakis for donating the funds to complete this paving project. It was much needed, and their generosity is truly appreciated! Also, this past week, the HVAC work began for our Educational Building and later today, Peter Georgelakos & Alex Karageorges will be on the premises trimming back some overgrown trees.

Parish Council Elections: The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held on, **Sunday, November 17th** directly after the Divine Liturgy, in the board room. Make an effort to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2020, 2021 & 2022. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Smaro Cook, Gus Serevetas, Gus Stamatopoulos, Mary Triandafilou & Lambros Venetos. **Please plan to join us for this very important election!**

Parish Assembly: A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 24th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2019 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish.

Saint Catherine Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint Catherine with a Divine Liturgy on **Monday, November 25th** at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 28th** so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a church family.

Bell Choir / Junior Chorus: We are seeking bell ringers and singers to perform with the Adult Choir on **Sunday, December 22nd** for the Advent Program. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy. The first rehearsal will be held on **Sunday, November 10th** and will continue on the following Sundays: November 17th, 24th and December 1st & 8th. 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.

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 your children baptized here? What ministries do you enjoy the most? Please email us your short responses and/or photos to our dedicated anniversary email: stdemetrios50@gmail.com.

NOT YOUR YIAYIA'S BINGO ~ Saturday, November 23rd. Featuring Designer Handbags and a Few Manly Man Prizes. BIG NEWS . . . This year GOYA will use proceeds from our Bingo to pay the February Mortgage for our Church!!! Please stop by the GOYA table during Coffee Hour to purchase tickets, reserve a table or to sponsor one of our many fantastic Bingo Prizes!!! Thank you for supporting our GOYA!!!

GOYA HELPING THE NEEDY: Our GOYA will be collecting various items to assist the needy. The month of October GOYA will be collecting Hygiene Items and November GOYA will be collecting canned goods. Please help us help the needy. You can drop off your donations Monday thru Friday from 9am-3pm or on Sunday's after Liturgy in the boxes outside the Hermes Rafailides Center.

January 25th ~ Our 4th Annual Adult Basketball Tournament & Throwback Bull Roast/Dance Featuring the KOKO Brothers playing your favorite music from the 50's through the 90's (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church and securing a Bus for our GOYA Trip to Boston during Lent to visit The Holy Cross Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology)

Did You Hear the News? Our wonderful GOYA has pledged to pay a mortgage payment (February) for our Church!!! By using proceeds from their annual "Not Your YiaYia's Bingo", as well as from their annual Throwback Old School Basketball Tournament and Bull & Oyster Roast. Let's help them by supporting their bingo on **November 23rd**. Tickets are on sale every Sunday at coffee hour. Would you like to sponsor one of the prizes? Let them know!

Library News: Ever wonder who Pontius Pilate was married to? She was unnamed in the Bible and she only appeared in a single verse in the Gospel of Matthew, where she tries to persuade her husband not to condemn Jesus to death. Her name is Procula and she is considered a saint in the Eastern and Ethiopian Orthodox Church. She is also known as Procula or Claudia. You can learn about Saint Procula and other saints by visiting our Library. Have a couple of hours to spare a month? Join our Library Ministry. Don't have time to visit the Library no problem. We now have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one of your books. Don't have a book, no worries we have plenty to spare.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday November 12th, 2019 at 9:00am-12:00 pm** at the Library. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or just want some nice conversation.

Festival chairperson: If you are interested in chairing the **2020 Festival** please contact the church office at 410-661-1090 on/or before **November 18, 2019**.

Nativity Retreat at St. Mary in Hunt Valley, **Saturday, November 16th** with speaker Father Nicholas Belcher. The topic is ***"The Tree of Life and the Fruits of Paradise"***. Cost is \$20 per person which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please register online (www.nativityofthetheotokos.org/registration) or by mailing payment along with name and email to the church by Nov. 7th. Questions, contact sylvia.tsakalos@gmail.com

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: November 4st – 6:30pm
General Meeting: November 11th – 6:30pm

A special Thank You to our Vespers Chair Smaro Cook for a job well done!! Thank you to everyone who helped make our Vespers a beautiful evening

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Philoptochos will be collecting food and monetary donations for Thanksgiving families in need. Please place any donations in our blue bin located in the Church building hallway. The following items are needed: Canned goods, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, turkey and ham. Please make any checks payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos ~ Please memo your check to Thanksgiving Food Donations

Thanksgiving/Christmas Families: The Philoptochos will be sponsoring Families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. If you would like to sponsor a Family or Child, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291 or Lisa Jones Venetos 410.529.9428.

Breakfast with Santa: **November 30th, 2019 - 9am -12pm** ~ Please reserve your seat today!! Please contact Lisa Jones-Venetos at danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428

Stockings of Joy: Now accepting items to stuff into stockings for Veterans. Items needed are gloves, hats, scarves, hand-held games, cards, combs, flashlights, crossword and search word books, decorative blankets etc., Full size Toiletries: Shampoos, toothpaste, hair gel, shaving cream, razors etc. Please place items into the blue bins in the hallway. Additional info is available at the Narthex table. Please contact Mary Tsakiris with any questions 410.245.1291

Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 7th and 8th - Vendors are still being accepted. Applications are in the Narthex. We do not duplicate vendors so sign up early. Please bring the whole Family for a fun filled event.

Cemetery Wreaths and Crosses: Are available for pre-order. Order forms are available on the Narthex table. Pricing remains the same as last year, \$33.00 which includes the stand. Please give order form and payment to Lisa Jones Venetos, Joanna Beleos or leave in the Church office

Yia Yia's Treasures: Is accepting donations of gently used Christmas decorations/ornaments and small gifts to sell at the Bazaar. Please bring your donations to Coffee Hour. Please call or email Lisa Jones-Venetos with any questions at danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428.

Save the date: December 16th ~ Philoptochos Christmas Dinner ~ Details to follow

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 45th production will be

"Footloose"

Show Dates: February 14th thru 16th and 21st thru 23rd.



Don't want to be on stage but still want to help? Join the production crew by contacting Smaro Cook at 410.340.4990. All are welcome to help.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We Are Buzzing With Excitement ~ Our Infant & Toddler Room (6 weeks – 24 months) opened on **Monday, September 30th**. Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30am-5:30pm (\$320 wk.) / Monday - Friday 8:30am-3:30pm (\$245). For tours and registration call 410.661.1090 ext. 204 / sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2019-2020 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Infant & Toddler Program, Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. For more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net

Need some help this Holiday Season? We have Your Answer! Saint Demetrios Pre-School is now accepting reservations for drop-in-care for infants and toddlers. We are open for drop-in care from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Friday ~ Cost per day (6 hours) \$50 / Cost per hour \$10. For more information please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Betty at 41.661.1090 ext. 204.

KORITSIA

Koritsia will be hosting CPR, First Aid & AED Training at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on **January 4, 2020** or **February 29, 2020**, check in time is **9:00am**. Class promptly begins at **9:30am** until **1:30pm**. (Bring your own snacks, this will be a working lunch). You will not receive credit for being certified if you are not at the entire class. Certification Cards will be handed out at the end of class. Any person age 9 or up are encouraged to attend. Cost of class is \$85.00 per person ~ make checks payable to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and memo check as CPR class. To register please contact Simon Volikas at srintis@hotmail.com or 410.510.7557. There are only 25 seats per day available, deadline to register is **January 2nd** and **February 20th**. For more information please pick up a registration form from the Narthex Table.

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: Back by popular demand . . . Saint Demetrios has partnered with Got Sneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate us \$1.00 for every wearable sneaker and 10¢ for every other type of shoe. This includes adult and children's shoes and any gender. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked "**SHOE DONATION**" in the hall by the ladies' room. Contact Simone Volikas at srintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

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.

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 27th**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. *No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!*

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
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$351,444	\$301,405	448
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$345,107	\$284,546	456

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, October 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) APC Retreat	<u>Wednesday, October 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) APC Retreat	<u>Friday, November 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)
<u>Tuesday, October 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) APC Retreat	<u>Thursday, October 31st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) APC Retreat	<u>Sunday, November 3rd</u> <i>5th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am <i>Philoptochos Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Demetrakia Dance, 12:00pm(C)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 8th ~ Synaxis of the Archangels Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
- November 9th ~ 50th Anniversary Grand Banquet
- November 10th, 17th & 24th ~ Advent Bell Choir / Junior Chorus
- November 11th ~ Veterans Day ~ Office Closed
- November 17th ~ Memorial Sunday / Parish Elections
- November 17th Recognition Sunday ~ 50 years of Stewards
- November 19th ~ Pre-School Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00pm
- November 23rd ~ Not Your YiaYia's Bingo
- November 24th ~ Parish Assembly
- November 25th ~ Saint Catherine Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
- November 28th ~ Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy, 9:00am
- November 28th to 29th ~ Thanksgiving Holiday (Office & Pre-School Closed)