

The Epistle Reading is Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel Reading is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1329 and 1224 in the Holy Bible or on pages 97 and 100 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph, and Aeithalas; Righteous George the Younger, Neomartyr of Neapolis; Relocation of the Relics of St. George in Lydia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos *in loving honor and for the continued health* of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos members on the occasion of “Philoptochos Sunday.”

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos *in loving memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters & brothers. May their memory be eternal.
- Christina Harris, Katie & Llambro Gjoni, Gus & Jackie Harris and their children *in loving memory of* husband, father & Papou, Steve (Speros) Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is also being chanted *in loving memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers: Koula Kostopoulos, Theodora Konstant, Demetra Panteloukas, Paraskevi Arambiges, Basiliki Theodoropoulos, Cleopatra Stamidis, Irene Diacoyanis, Mary Dontas, Venetia Adas, Styliani Mitsos, Styliani Maniatis, Diane Ferdinalis, Pauline Prevas, Pota Economakis, Margaret Pizanis, Elaine Pantelides, Eugenia Kariotis, Mary Beleos, Helen Polites, Calliopi Theodore, Sevasti Makres, Olga Livanion, Despina Sakell, Eleni Foudos, Irene Arnas, Georgia Bouris, Anastasia Maggelakis, Katherine Canelos, Paraskevi Metaxas, Kathryn Michalos, Anna Stroumbis, Vasiliki Handakas, Cornelia Rogers, Mary Hayes, Theodora Kapsambelis, Anastasia Koutrakos, Sevasti Eliadis, Faye Varlas, Frances Antonas, Demetra Tsambikos, Mary Antonakos, Tassia Stratigakos, Anna Lozos, Ann Loucas, Eitsa Geoca, Cina Daskalakis, Georgia Karkoulas, Diana Stratos, Betty Tselepis, Evangeline Frangos, Angela Merriken, Irene Lewis, Mary Sorvalis, Elaine Vardavas, Helen Amentas, Joan Sayers, Cleo Xanthakos, Helen Vendelis, Basilios Trinitis, Emily Koulepis, Helen Foudos, Despina Panteloukas, Katherine Thoupas Strittmater, Angelina Vakoutis, FlorenceStefano, Mary "Maritsa" Kosmas, Elaine Pikounis, Eva Macris, Penny Makris, Leslie Sarantinos, Sophia Balis, D.D.S, Katherine Strakes, Adrienne Houzouris, Georgia Mavromihalis, Gina Michalos, and Father Earnest Arambiges. May their memories be eternal.

The Memorial Koliva today is prepared by Mary Tsakiris *in memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers.

The Artoclasia is being chanted today *for the health and welfare of* the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Ladies and the entire Saint Demetrios community served by Philoptochos and was prepared by Maria Andreyev, Ritsa Economakis, Georgia Kerasiotes.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society. The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society will also be serving coffee hour.

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. There will **NOT** be Orthodox Studies on, **Friday, November 8th**. Please join us at 9:30am when we resume on **Friday, November 15st** 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.

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**.

Cemetery Committee: We are looking to add an additional Civil Engineer who would be willing to assist with the current and future needs of the Church. For additional information please contact, Manuel Vendelis at 410.409.3047.

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.

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: It is hard to believe that we are into November, and the holidays are approaching. We have a lot of cookbooks to help you plan your Thanksgiving Day feast. We have a nice selection of books for the children to enjoy for Thanksgiving. We have a nice selection for Tweens and Teens. We have a little something for everybody. Stop and see what we have to offer. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to join our ministry, we are always looking for Volunteers. The Library will have a short meeting after church on Sunday Nov 10. If you are interested in our ministry stop in and introduce yourself. 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.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 the Library will be hosting a Greek cooking class in the Library at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed to attend for free.

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!***

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.

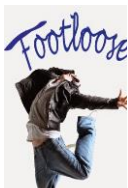
SUBURBAN PLAYERS

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

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

Pre-Sale: **November 1st to 15th, 2019!**

Have a favorite table? As a thank you to our community members and long-time supporters, we're extending a chance to secure seating before tickets go on sale to the public. Dinner Theater: \$50 (Friday Shows: \$45) / Matinee: \$25 / Cash Bar All Shows.



PHILOPTOCHOS

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

Philoptochos Sunday – November 3rd: The Ladies of the Philoptochos Society will be taking a collection today for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This is a national commitment on our budget. Thank You in advance for your generosity.

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 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 on the Narthex Table. 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 ~ Donations will be collected in the Philoptochos room till **December 1st**. Please call or email Lisa Jones-Venetos with any questions at danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428.

Greek and American Sweets: Please contact Ritsa Economakis if you would like to donate desserts for the dessert table – 410.256.0953.

There is detailed information available on the Narthex table for all upcoming Philoptochos events

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

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.

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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| 2018 | \$380,000 | \$727,395 | \$351,445 | \$302,495 | 448 |
| 2019 | \$382,000 | \$791,705 | \$345,107 | \$286,748 | 456 |

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| <u>Monday, November 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30pm (P) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M) <u>Tuesday, November 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Meeting 7:00pm (B) | <u>Wednesday, November 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M) NO GOYA BASKETBALL <u>Thursday, November 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) NO MEN'S BASKETBALL <u>Friday, November 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>Synaxis of the Archangels, Divine Liturgy 10:00am</i> No Orthodox Studies | <u>Saturday, November 9th</u> 50th Anniversary Grand Banquet (Hermes Rafailides Center) <u>Sunday, November 10th</u> <i>8th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Advent Bell Choir/Junior Chorus Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G) Demetrakia Dance, 12:00pm(C) |
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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