

November 17, 2019

9th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Galatians 6:11-18. The Gospel Reading is Luke 12:16-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 and 1219 in the Holy Bible or on pages 100 and 108 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Gregory, Bishop of Neocaesaria, Wonderworker, Gennadios, Archbishop of Constantinople.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- *In loving memory of* Steve Eliopoulos from Maria Arambiges, Vivian, and Renee and their families. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- Sophia Andreadakis, her children and grandchildren *in loving memory of* husband, father and Papou, John Andreadakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Michelle & James D. Jones, John Andreadakis II & Rebecca Neagle and Christina & Matthew Pandullo *in loving memory of* their father, John Andreadakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year 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 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George and Marcie Lambros *in loving memory of* John Andreadakis who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal..
- Maria Andreyev & family *in loving memory of* husband, father, and grandfather, Andrei Andreyev who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus, Patricia & James Galanakis *in loving memory of* parents and grandparents, James A. Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago & Bertha Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 24 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Perry, Becky & Christopher Galanakis and Brendan & Nicole Lowder *in loving memory of* parents and grand-parents, James A Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago & Bertha Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 24 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Michael Tsamouras and family *in loving memory of* Sophia Tsamouras, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Esther Alatzas & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Anthony Alatzas who fell asleep in the Lord 31 years ago and son, brother & uncle, Nicholas Alatzas, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Tsakiris who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Jim and Lisa Mitsos and family *in honor of* her father James Stroumbis, on his 92nd Birthday.
- Stephanie, Daniel and Stephen Christ *in honor of* her husband and their father, Stephen Christ on the occasion of his 50th Birthday. May God grant him many more.

Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* John Andreadakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Andrei Andreyev, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; James A Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Bertha Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 24 years ago; George Diafokeris who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago; Mary Cocoros, who fell asleep in the Lord 29 years ago and George Tsakiris, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Maria Andreyev & Patricia Galanakis

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored today, *in loving memory* by the families of Andrei Andreyev, James A. Galanakis and Bertha Galanakis. It will take place in the Hermes Rafailides Center and served by the Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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.

2019 Stewardship: If you've made a 2019 Stewardship pledge, please ensure you're up-to-date in fulfilling your commitment for the year. Let's strive to be 100% complete by end-of-year and finish strong. Thank you for your diligence!

Orthodox Studies: Learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Please join us at 9:30 am on **Friday, November 22nd** in the board room. We love new members! For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

Parish Council Elections: The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held today, **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. The Philoptochos Ladies will be offering lunch for sale at the meeting.

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

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.

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!**

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.

Nativity Pageant: Our Church School's ANNUAL NATIVITY PAGEANT will be held following the Divine Liturgy in the Church Nave of **Sunday, December 15th**. For more information please contact George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637.

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. Rehearsal will be held today **Sunday, November 17th** and will continue on the following Sundays: November 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.

SAINT DEMETRIOS TOYS for TOTS DRIVE ~ Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 6th Annual toy drive for the US Marines Toys for Tots Program. Our small GOYA toy collection has turned into a Community Toy Drive!! Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes which are located throughout the Church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 400 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA ~ memo Toys for Tots. We will be collecting Toys through **December 15th**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you

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 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!

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

Library News: Ever wonder about Greek Traditions and what is the purpose of them? We have books that can help you with that. Want to add a little Greek pizzazz to your Thanksgiving Dinner? No problem, we have cookbooks that can make any Greek mother and mother-in law proud. We have meditations to help you reflect and spiritually guide you through the season. Come and check out our new look. If you would like to join our ministry stop by and introduce yourself.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday December 10th, 2019 at 9:00am-12:00 pm** in 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.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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.

TICKET SALES ARE OPEN!

Dinner Theatre: \$50 (Friday Shows: \$45) / Matinee: \$25 / Cash Bar

All Shows. For tickets contact Eleni Libertini at 443.390.2981

(text/voicemail) or Suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com

Scan code with your smart-phone camera to access event details; click "going" to stay up-to-date on all our production details.



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 and above is 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.

Scrip Gift Cards: Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIP 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. 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: December 2nd, 2019

Thanksgiving Food Drive: During the Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Please help us spread joy to families in the community! Donations must be received by **Monday, November 25th, 2019**. Donate Thanksgiving dinner: Turkey or Ham, Turkey Pan, Dry Stuffing Mix, Applesauce, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie or Brownie Mix, Apple Juice, Bread or Biscuits, Canned Vegetables (Sauerkraut, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Spinach, Green Beans, Peas, Mixed Veggies), Instant Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Cereal, Milk, Eggs, Margarine or Butter, and cookies. Donate to their Pantry: Canned Soups, Hot/Cold Cereal, Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, SPAM, Ham), Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pudding or Ready-Made Desserts and Protein Bars. Items may be placed in the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church hallway. Monetary Contributions are welcome to purchase needed food. See Lisa Jones-Venetos. For monetary donations: Please make checks payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and on memo line, designate "Food Baskets" Donation Questions? Contact Mary Tsakiris 410.592.7319.

Breakfast with Santa: November 30th, 2019: 9am -12pm – Please reserve your seat today!! Please contact Lisa Jones-Venetos ~ 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 & search word books, decorative blankets etc. Full size Toiletries: Shampoos, toothpaste, hair gel, shaving cream, razors, etc. Please place items into the blue bin in the hallway - 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 your form and payment to ~ Lisa Jones-Venetos, Joanna Beleos or leave in the Church office

YiaYia'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 410.256.0953, if you would like to donate desserts for the dessert table.

Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew: We will be Baking Christmas breads on **Wednesday, December 11th** beginning at 8:30am. Calling all bakers . . . no experience necessary. Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545.

Pre- Ordering Breads: All orders must be paid in full when ordering. Breads are \$10 with a limit of 4. See Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour to place an order or call 410.870.3372. Final day to order is **Friday, December 6th**. Pick up for ordered breads will be on **December 15th**.

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner: Please join us for our annual Christmas dinner **Monday December 16th at 6:30pm**. The Dinner will be held at Ikaros Restaurant and the tickets are \$35 per person. This includes appetizers, main course and dessert. This promises to be a fun filled evening. Spouses and friends from all communities are welcome. For tickets please contact Georgia Vavas, 410.583.0068 gvavas@comcast.net or Kriss Cocoros, 443.540.5041 malona2000@gmail.com.

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

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	\$357,428	\$315,348	458
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$347,173	\$299,880	460

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, November 18th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 19th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B) Pre-School Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 20th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p>Thursday, November 21st Entrance of the Theotokos Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p>Friday, November 22nd Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Not Your YiaYia's Bingo Set-Up</p>	<p>Saturday, November 23rd Not Your YiaYia's Bingo (H/G)</p> <p>Sunday, November 24th 13th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Parish Assembly Recognition Sunday~ GOYA Church School, 9:55am (C) Advent Bell Choir/Junior Chorus Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G) Demetrakia Dance, 12:00pm (C)</p>
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The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland expresses its appreciation to the community for the opportunity to adapt space within the Theodore George Library of the Annunciation Orthodox Center to exhibit parts of the museum's extensive collection. The museum will be hosting the Cathedral's community coffee hour on **Sunday, November 24th** and invites everyone to join us at the AOC to view a selection of regional costumed dolls of Greece, a display of antique icons and some highlights of the Paul S. Sarbanes Collection recently donated to HHMM by the retired U.S. Senator . Please take a few minutes to view the temporary display of "A THREAD THROUGH TIME: Regional Embroidery Techniques of Greece" in the William Donald Schaefer Room and consider becoming a member of the museum. Everyone is welcome.