

December 1, 2019

14th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:35-43. These Readings may be found on pages 1335 and 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 104 and 115 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Naoum the Prophet; Righteous Philaretos the Merciful; Ananias the Persian, Martyr; Theokletos, Archbishop of Lakedaimonia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, would like to take this opportunity to pray that the members of our Saint Demetrios Family had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- Sarantinos, Lamar & Kidd families *in loving memory of* Sandy Sarantinos who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kevin & Linda Goodman *in loving memory of* Godfather, Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Diane Zamaria & Family *for the health & welfare of* Dr. Sam Zamaria. May God watch over him and keep him in His care.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

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Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour will take place in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy. It will be sponsored & served by our 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: Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 6th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterkateart@gmail.com.

Christmas Service: Sunday Before Nativity, Sunday,, December 22nd ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on *Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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.

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

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms can 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 **December 4th (extended date)**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

Advent and Christmas Program: We will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Today ~ December 1st ~ Pre-K, K, Grades 1-3

Sunday, December 8th ~ Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 15th ~ Church School Nativity Play

Sunday December 22nd ~ Bell Choir / Junior Choir / Adult Choir

We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

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, December 1st** and will continue next **Sunday, December 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.

Church Christmas Decorating: Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung, and poinsettias placed. Your help is needed. Decorating will take place on **Thursday, December 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Questions contact Kelly MacDonnell, 410-917-2992.

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.

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

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.

Library News: It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is coming sooner than we would like. Everyday this week a different Saint is celebrated. On Wednesday, we celebrate Saint Barbara on Thursday, we celebrate Saint Sabba, and on Friday, Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker. If you are named after any of these saints Happy Name Day. We have many books about these saints and many others. Just stop by the Library and see what we have to offer. Don't have time to visit the Library, no problem we have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one of your books. Can't part with your books, no problem we have plenty to spare.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday December 10th, 2019 at 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Library. The book of choice is a Christmas book of your choice. We will then discuss our book and what we like about it. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or just want some nice conversation.

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

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 [Suburbanplayers 2504@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Hope/Joy Christmas Party

Friday, December 13th, 2019 ♦ 6pm – 8pm

Please bring a new, unwrapped present for
"TOYS for TOTS"
as your admission! (One per child attending)

SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS!

Enjoy a night of fellowship with Dinner, a visit from Saint Nicholas, Christmas
Tree Decorating,
Caroling, Crafts, Fellowship and MORE!

For more information contact: Kelly MacDonnell 410.917.2992



PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: December 2nd, 2019 at 6:30pm

NO General Meeting: December 16th, 2019 ~ Christmas Dinner Celebration!!

Christmas Food Drive: Philoptochos will be collecting food and monetary donations for Christmas 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 Christmas Food Donations

Christmas Angel Tree: Please help us gather Christmas presents – Our Christmas Angel Tree is in the Atrium of Hermes Rafailides Building. Adopt an Angel Ornament off the Christmas Tree - Donate the item listed on the Angel – Please return by December 15. Please call Mary Tsakiris with any questions – 410.245.1291

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.

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

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 strintis@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 strintis@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.

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	\$362,046	\$324,632	464
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$349,368	\$303,382	461

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm (B) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, December 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (HG) Christmas Bazaar Set-Up</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Christmas Bazaar Set-Up NO Men's Basketball</p> <p><u>Friday, December 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am Christmas Bazaar Set-Up</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 7th</u> Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, 9:00am- 4:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 8th</u> 10th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, 12:00-4:00pm(H/G) Church School, 9:55am (C) 2nd Advent Program, (Grades 3-12) Bell/ Junior Chorus Rehearsal Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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Upcoming Events

Pre-School Chat & Chew ~ December 10th
Christmas Bread Baking ~ December 11th
Christmas Tree & Church Decorating ~ December 12th
Hope / Joy Christmas Event ~ December 13th
Philoptochos Annual Christmas Dinner ~ December 16th
Pre-School Christmas Program ~ December 18th

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents their

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th ♦ 9am to 4pm
Sunday, December 8th ♦ 12:00pm to 4pm

Vendors of all types:
Greek Pastries, YiaYia's Treasures,
Fresh Wreaths and Cemetery Crosses, Sightings of Santa & Mrs. Claus,
Greek & American Food and Much More!!!



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