

December 8, 2019

10th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 4:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Luke 13:10-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 and 1220 in the Holy Bible or on pages 106 and 109 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Proeortia for the Feast of Conception of Saint Anna, Mother of the Theotokos; Righteous Patapios; Sophronios, Bishop of Cyprus; Apollo, Crispos, Caesar and Epaphroditos, of the 70 Apostles; Martyr Parthenios.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Antonas Family *in loving memory of* George (1 year) & Frances Antonas (12 years), parents of Karen, Toni & Leah, brother & sister-in-law of Nicholas Antonas & his wife Mary, loving grandparents of Gabriela, Paul, George & Luke. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- John, Harriet, Marisa, Nicolette and Johnny Hatzidimitriou *in loving memory of* our uncle and Godfather, George Antonas. He will be in our Hearts Forever.
- 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.
- Paul Mavromihalis & Rebecca Ocampo, Tom Mavromihalis & Kelly O'Keefe, Trevor & Delaney *in loving memory of* their mother & grandmother, Georgia Mavromihalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Irene Cororos & Family *in loving memory of* her sister & their aunt, Georgia Mavromihils, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Diane Stavros & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, father, grandfather & brother-in-law, George, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Georgia Kerasiotes & Family *in loving memory of* George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Georgia Kerasiotes & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, Nicholas Kerasiotes on his nameday.
- Flora Christ *in loving memory of* her husband, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago and *in loving memory of* her son, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Argie, Panayiotis & Erene Christ *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago and father & Pappou, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Paul, Maria, Paulina & Pete Christ *in loving memory of* father, Pete H. Christ., Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago and brother & uncle, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Thareni Stamas and her family *in loving memory of* her Godfather, Pete H. Christ, Jr., and their great uncle, Pete H. Christ, Sr.
- The families of John Makris, Despina, Sollon, Marika Makris, Alex Makris & Anna Colandrea *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Dafni Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. Whose love will always be in our hearts.
- Helen Coutros McShane, her children, Kelly and Corinna and grandchildren, Macy, Meredith, Rynn & Rand *in loving memory of* their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Michael William McShane, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

- George Mavronis & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Georgia Mavromihalis who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; George Antonas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago; Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago; Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago; Frances Antonas, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago; Dafni Makris who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar. Please plan on stopping by the Bazaar after Liturgy and see all the great gifts ideas that they have.

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 13th 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 next **Sunday, December 15th.** For more information please contact George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637.

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, 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."

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.

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 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

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 Yia Yia's Bingo", as well as from their annual Throwback Old School Basketball Tournament and Bull & Oyster Roast.

Library News: Having Christmas dinner and want to make something different? Want to impress your Greek mother-in-law? We can help you with that. We have many Greek cookbooks, including our Philoptochos cookbook that are filled with our lady's recipes. We have many Christmas books and DVD's for children. We have a little something for everyone. Want to join a ministry come join us. Don't forget to stop by the Little Library. It is 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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

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

Thanksgiving Drive: Thank You to Mary Tsakiris and everyone who made this very important event successful.

Breakfast with Santa: A very special Thank You to Lisa Jones-Venetos for Chairing this successful event!! Thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes and to everyone who attended and made this a fun filled event!! Finally let's not forget Santa who took the time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

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

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 - Please contact Mary Tsakiris with any questions 410.245.1291

Annual Christmas Bazaar: Last day for the Bazaar ~ Please come to join us after Church

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 TODAY. 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

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.



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



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.


Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents their

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 8th ♦ 12:00pm to 4:00pm

*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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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	\$354,668	\$316,856	463

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L) Pre-School Meeting ~ Chat & Chew, 6:00pm (C) Ladies Basketball, 7:15pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, December 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Christmas Bread Baking, 8:30am Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (HG)</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Christmas Bread Bagging Christmas Tree Decorating</p> <p><u>Friday, December 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am Hope/Joy Christmas Event, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, December 15th</u> <i>11th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am <i>Hall Rental</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) 3rd Advent Program Nativity Pageant Church School Nativity Pageant GOYA Toys for Tots Program Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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Upcoming Events

Philoptochos Annual Christmas Dinner ~ December 16th
Pre-School Christmas Program ~ December 18th
Christmas Eve ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm ~ December 24th
Christmas Eve ~ Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil ~ December 24th
Orthros, 6:00pm / Divine Liturgy, 7:00pm
Christmas Day ~ December 25th
Pre-School & Office Closed ~ December 26th