

**December 29, 2019**

**Sunday after Nativity**

**The Epistle Reading** is Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 2:13-23. These Readings may be found on pages 1329 and 1148 in the Holy Bible or on pages 123 and 124 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Post-Nativity: Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the prophet, and Iakovos (James) the Brother of our Lord; The Holy Fourteen-Thousand Martyred Children killed by Herod; Righteous Markellos; Bishop George.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:**

- Irene Kaputsos & Family *in loving memory of* Marshall, Emmanuel, Anna, Vasili, Stefanos, Irene, Sevasti, Panagiotis, Savvas, Ekaterini, Tony, Annoula and Stefanos.
- Diane Zamaria & Family *for the health & welfare of* Sam Zamaria. May God keep him in His care.
- Elaine, Jerry, Sophia and Nicholas Sackleh *in honor of* their daughter & sister, Athena on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many more healthy & successful years.
- Angela, Andreas & Vasili Kanaras *in loving memory of* son and brother, Elias George, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Vasilios Kanaras and his fiancé, Anna Peltsems *in loving memory of* brother, Elias George Kanaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Elias George Kanaras who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Ritsa Economakis

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee will take place in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy today. It is sponsored and served by the Philoptochos Ladies Society.

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

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*On behalf of Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of our Saint Demetrios Family a Happy & Healthy New Year!!*

**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:** The Stewardship Committee extends our appreciation to our Stewards who have met their 2019 pledge commitment. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Community and we thank you! If you are not current in your 2019 commitment, we ask that you fulfill your pledge in December. End of Year 2019 Statements will be mailed in January.

**Orthodox Studies:** A brand new year is upon us, start your off right by learning more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 9:30am in the board room. Please be advised that if Baltimore County Public schools are closed or delayed due to weather we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410-692-7590.

**2020 Calendars:** Today, **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be distributing the 2020 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please pick-up your calendar so that we can reduce the cost of mailing them. Because we have a limited number of calendars, to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, only **one** calendar will be given per family.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ Our 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** The Library Ministry would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year! The Little Library is located next to the mailbox. You just take a book and replace it with one of yours. Can't part with your books, just take one anyway.

**The Book and Knitting Club** will meet on **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Library. The book of choice is *Educated by Tara Westover*. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or just want some nice conversation.

**Greek Cooking Class:** The Library will be hosting a Greek cooking class in the Library on **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed to attend for free.

**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.

**Coffee Hour Update:** As you are aware, our Ladies of Philoptochos have been making and serving coffee after Liturgies for quite some time. We would like to give these ladies a break and involve the entire community in the making and serving of coffee. In 2020, we would like to start a new schedule:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month ~ coffee hour will be hosted/sponsored by a different ministry of the church. Each ministry will be approached to get on the calendar. Please help your ministry on that Sunday.
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month remains Memorial Sunday at our church, so Philoptochos will continue to serve coffee for hours who wish to sponsor coffee hour in memory of their dearly departed. Please contact Maria Antonakas at 410.995.0353 or [mariaa6@verizon.net](mailto:mariaa6@verizon.net) to sponsor this coffee hour.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month will be served as usual by our Ladies of Philoptochos. We urge all members to sign up for a Sunday by contacting Presvytera Alice at 410.817.9651 or [anoplos@comcast.net](mailto:anoplos@comcast.net).
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month will now be "community coffee hour". Coffee will be provided, but we urge our parishioners to help by bringing baked goods or healthy snacks. If no snacks are provided, only coffee will be served..

We thank each and every one of you for helping to make this project successful!!

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## PHILOPTOCHOS

**January 6, 2020 – Board Meeting – 6:30pm**  
**January 13, 2020 – General Meeting – 6:30pm**

A special Thank You to Mary Tsakiris for all the work she has been doing this holiday season with the social service programs.

- Philoptochos was able to help 8 families have a very happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Twenty Children will have gifts to open because of our Angel tree.
- Thirty-Five Veterans will have stockings of joy.
- The Baltimore Rescue Mission and the Karis House will also have perishable food, toys and clothing for Christmas.

*The Philoptochos would like to sincerely Thank all the Saint Demetrios Parishioners who gave to our various programs during this Holiday season. Your generous donations helped put food and presents in many homes and shelters this year.*

**Vasilopita Sunday:** Will be held **January 5<sup>th</sup>**. A collection will be taken with proceeds going to Saint Basils Academy

*The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos would like to wish everyone a Happy Healthy New Year!!*

## SUBURBAN PLAYERS

*The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 45<sup>th</sup> production will be*  
***"Footloose"***

*Show Dates: February 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### 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.



## KORITSIA

Koritsia will be hosting CPR, First Aid & AED Training at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020** or **February 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:strintis@hotmail.com) or 410.510.7557. There are only 25 seats per day available, deadline to register is **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **February 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:strintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

## 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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2018</b>	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$366,336	\$331,141	467
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$357,966	\$332,175	467

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      (Year-Round Child Care Only)                      NO Greek School                      Footloose Rehearsal,                      7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>                      New Year's Eve                      Office Closing at 12:00pm                      Feast of Saint Basil                      Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>                      New Year's Day                      Office, Greek School &amp;                      Pre-School Closed</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Men's Basketball</p> <p><b><u>Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)                      Dance Practice, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Koritsia CPR Class, 9:30am (H/G)                      Dance Practice, 1:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Sunday before Theophany                      Eve of the Feast of Epiphany &amp;                      Blessings of the Waters                      Orthros, 9:00 am                      Divine Liturgy, 10:00am                      Philoptochos Vasilopita Sunday                      Church School                      Dance Rehearsal, 12:00pm                      Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*New Year's Eve ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm*  
*New Year's Eve ~ Feast of Saint Basil Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm*  
*New Year's Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessings of the Waters ~ January 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*Orthros, 9:00am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00am*  
*Philoptochos Vasilopita Sunday ~ January 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*Feast of Epiphany & Blessings of the Waters Divine Liturgy ~ January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*  
*Feast of Saint John the Baptist Divine Liturgy ~ January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*  
*Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*