

November 1, 2020

5th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is I Corinthians 12:27-13:8. The Gospel Reading is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1317 and 1224 in the Holy Bible or on page 100-101 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Kosmas and Daminanos, the Unmercenary Physicians of Asia Minor, and their Righteous Mother Theodote; Righteous David the Ascetic of Euboea; Iakovos and Dionysios, the New Righteous Martyrs; Righteous Helen of Sinope; Neomartyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Helen H Foudos and Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Adrienne Houzouris, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp is lit:

- Joan Courpas and Family *in loving memory of* husband, father and grandfather, Anthony Courpas who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- *In Loving Memory* of our dearest mom, YiaYia and “YiaYia Megali” Maritsa (Xatzi) Kosmas on her heavenly 100th birthday and her falling asleep in the Lord 4 years ago on October 31, 2016 from the Kosmas, Trintis and Stamas family.
- 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.”
- Rita, Vasillios, and Irene Antjakas *in loving memory of* brother and uncle, Angelo Papatthakis who fell asleep in the Lord on October 28, 2020. May his memory be eternal.

Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Anthony Courpas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days 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 Trintis, Emily Koulepis, Helen Foudos, Despina Panteloukas, Katherine Thoupas Strittmater, Angelina Vakoutis, Florence Stefanou, Mary “Maritsa” Kosmas, Elaine Pikounis, Eva Macris, Penny Makris, Leslie Sarantinos, Sophia Balis, D.D.S., Katherine Strakes, Adrienne Houzouris, Angela Scaljon, Georgia Mavromihalis, Chryssi Karas, 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 Ritsa Economakis and Diamando Sarigianis.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis

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: saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com

Saint John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint John Chrysostom with a Divine Liturgy on **Friday, November 13th** at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us.

Parish Council Elections: Many of you have already known that Metropolitan Evangelos has been promoted to the Metropolitan of Sardis which once was a great city and center of Orthodox Christianity. Archbishop Elpidophoros of America is our Archbishop temporarily and has appointed the Very Reverend Constantine Moralis as the Chancellor of the Metropolis of New Jersey. Archbishop Elpidophoros has instructed all of the parishes of New Jersey to change their procedures for parish elections and streamline these procedures in the event there are only enough people running for Parish Council to fill the vacancies. In our case, this year we have five people running to fill the five vacancies which means we do not need to have elections. We congratulate the Very Reverend Constantine Moralis on this appointment as the Chancellor of the Metropolis of New Jersey and wish him well in the new position.

Parish Assembly: A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 22nd**, 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 2020 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 Katherine Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint Katherine with a Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, 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 26th** 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 **Monday, November 30th**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

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.

Stewardship News: We pray that you are well and safe! Thank you for your continued support of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church during these trying times! To date, we have received 95% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledges! Please help us to get to 100%. Our 2021 Stewardship drive is upon us. You should have already received your pledge card in the mail for your 2021 commitment. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship, and we ask that you carefully consider your 2021 pledge. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our annual Saint Demetrios Greek Festival and other fundraising activities and our Church Play may also be affected. Unfortunately, our church expenses essentially remained the same. Please prayerfully consider increasing your 2021 Stewardship Pledge to help support our beloved Saint Demetrios Church. Our ultimate goal is to support 100% of our operating budget through Stewardship. Won't you do all you can to bring this goal to fruition? Please strive to submit your 2021 commitment prior to the close of 2020. Let's start 2021 strong!

GOYA Registration. It's that time again!! Working with Father Lou & Presvytera Alice we have come up with a no contact social distancing plan for our new GOYA year! Because of COVID-19, we have set up online registration which will be emailed to the community. *Our 2nd GOYA meeting will be Saturday, November 7th, 2:30PM. Please register before then if you haven't already.* We look forward to another year of bringing the 'youth of our community' together in Christian fellowship again this year!

NOTE** The following criteria must be met before continuing with the registration: A GOYAN must be a teenager (13-18 years old) who is in the 7th – 12th grade, or is at least 12 years old on or before September 1st of this year and in the 7th grade and whose *parents are members in good standing at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.*

Saint Demetrios new "Green Team": Please join the Saint Demetrios "Green Team" in our first meeting on November 1, 2020 at 7:30 virtually through Google Meets. We will be discussing the start of this group and ways we can work together to make our church and our world more green.

We have some great initial steps we can take such as participating in the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake and looking at environmental improvements we can make here at Saint Demetrios. We will also discuss potential green projects and outreach such as creating special environmental gardens (rain gardens), composting, clean ups and other important steps. The link to the meeting is: [meet.google.com](https://meet.google.com/qpq-mcko-huq) and the code is: qpq-mcko-huq. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Triandafilou at mtrianda28@gmail.com or Nicole Katsikides at nicole@katsikides.com. We look forward to seeing you!

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on Tuesday November 10th, 2020 at 9:00am-12:00 pm at the Library. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or just want some nice conversation

The Orthodox Christian WAY: Beginning Tuesday, November 10th in the Hermes Rafailides Center, we will feature our first presentation for our Fall Series. Stephen Kucharski will present a two-part series: **"Monasteries and Monastics ~ A look into the history, function and lifestyle of these special Orthodox Christians."** Part 1 will take place on Tuesday, November 10th and Part 2 will follow on Tuesday, November 17th. Registration forms are on the Narthex Table as you walk out from the right exit doors. **Call Maria Antonakas for more information (410-978-9244).** We begin at 6:15pm with a light supper and the presentation will begin at 7 pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone. As a participant, you are required to wear a mask. COVID protection regulations will be followed.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: November 2nd – 6:30pm

General Meeting: November 9th – 6:30pm

Philoptochos Sunday ~ November 1st: The Ladies of the Philoptochos Society will be taking a special collection today 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. *There is a detailed list on the Narthex Table.* Please make any checks payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos ~ Please memo your check to Thanksgiving Food Donations. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291

Annual Christmas Bazaar/Visit with Santa ~ Saturday, November 28th, 9am to 8pm & Sunday, November 29th, 12pm -3pm

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. Contact Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547.

Yia Yia's Treasures: Is accepting donations of gently used Christmas decorations/ornaments and small gifts to sell at the Bazaar. Please bring your donations to the Church Office.

KORITSIA

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: 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. Please drop off your **“SHOE DONATION”** under the Portico. Contact Simone Volakis at strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

Food Truck Fridays: This Fall Saint Demetrios will be hosting rotating Food Trucks every Friday starting October 9th through November 13th from 4pm to 8pm. BYOBlanket and chairs. Social distancing and masks are required. For more information, contact Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com

Food Trucks for Friday, November 6th: Mr. Souvlaki (Greek), Breaking the Border (Mexican) and Miss Twist (Soft-Serve Ice Cream). Vendor: Ellen Brookhart wreaths, Dimitri's Olive Oil and Color Street Nails. Entertainment by: The Greek DJs.

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
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$345,107	\$286,748	456
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$339,460	\$300,701	432

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, November 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg, 6:30pm (P) Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H)	<u>Wednesday, November 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H)	<u>Saturday, November 7th</u> GOYA Outdoor Activities / Meeting, 2:30pm
<u>Tuesday, November 3rd</u> Election Day Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Thursday, November 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am YiaYia's Treasures Set-Up	<u>Sunday, November 8th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 2:00pm
	<u>Friday, November 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Food Truck Friday, 4:00pm-8:00pm YiaYia's Treasures, 4:00pm-8:00pm	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Truck Fridays, November 6th & 13th
THE WAY, November 10th and 17th
November 8th, Memorial Sunday
November 11th, Veterans Day ~ Office Closed
November 13th, Saint John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
November 22nd, Parish Assembly