

**November 15, 2020**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading** is Ephesians 2:4-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 10:25-37. These Readings may be found on pages 1334 and 1216 in the Holy Bible or on pages 102 and 106 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Martyrs, Confessors Guorias and Samonas, also Martyr Abibos; Justinian and Theodora of Constantinople.

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

- Maria Andreyev and Family *in loving memory of* father, husband and grandfather, Andrei Andreyev, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamp is lit by:**

- The Palikaria for the health and welfare of Pete Sorvalis.

**40-Day Blessing:** Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Nichols will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-Day Blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

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

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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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**We have been experiencing telephone difficulties. If you need to reach the church office, please call 410.661.1090 ext. 202 (office) or ext. 204 (pre-school) or email us at: [saintdemetriusmd@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriusmd@gmail.com)**

**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.

**Parish Assembly:** A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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. Boxed lunches available for purchase ~ sponsored by Philoptochos.

**Saint Katherine Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint Katherine with a Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 26<sup>th</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. *No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!*

**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!

**Saint Demetrios Green Team:** It's Fall Cleanup Time! Everyone is invited to participate in our first project! We will tour our lovely grounds to remove unwanted items (okay, let's call it what it is, trash). The Green Team will supply the bags and after-Liturgy snacks as we take this chance before the arrival of colder weather to beautify our Saint Demetrios environment. Wear your masks, garden gloves, and bring a change of clothes and a water bottle and join us for some fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome! Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 1 pm. Call Nicole Katsikides at 443-322-6762 for more information.

**The Orthodox Christian WAY:** Beginning Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2 will take place this Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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. If you are interested in checking out a book, please contact Mary Tsakiris at 410.245.1291.

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# PHILOPTOCHOS

**Board Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Philoptochos will be collecting food and monetary donations for Thanksgiving families in need. Donations must be received by **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** 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**

**Christmas Bread Pre-Ordering and Baking:** more information to come.

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## 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 [stintis@hotmail.com](mailto:stintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

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## SUBURBAN PLAYERS

*The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 46<sup>th</sup> production will be 'Legally Blonde, The Musical'*

*Show Dates: February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Tickets go on sale November 15, 2020 \* Dinner Theater - \$55.00 / Matinee - \$25.00 / Cash Bar*

*Visit our website: [www.suburbanplayers.com](http://www.suburbanplayers.com)*



# 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.

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## 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>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$347,173	\$299,880	460
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$340,160	\$313,465	435

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

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H) <b><u>Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am THE WAY, 6:15pm (H)	<b><u>Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Parish Council Mtg, 7:00pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H) Philoptochos Thanksgiving Food Drive Last Day <b><u>Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am <b><u>Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am	<b><u>Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> <i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <b>Orthros, 9:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> <b>Parish Assembly Mtg, after church</b> Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 2:00pm
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

THE WAY, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm *\*\*New Date\*\**  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Parish Assembly Meeting  
November 25<sup>th</sup>, Saint Katherine Divine Liturgy, 10:00am *(through the office only)*  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy, 9:00am *(through the office only)*  
November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Office Closed