

November 22, 2020

9th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel Reading is Luke 12:16-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1335 and 1219 in the Holy Bible or on pages 104 and 108 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Post-Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple; Philemon and Apphrias of the 70 Apostles; Archippos and Onesimos of the 70 Apostles; Martyr Cecelia and her companions; Holymartyr Clement, Bishop of Bulgaria; Holymartyr Sisinius.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Athena and Charlotte Vorias *in loving memory of* father & husband, Steve Vorias, who fell asleep in the Lord 37 years ago. Our love for him will last forever. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- Sophia Andreadakis, her children and grandchildren *in loving memory of* husband, father and papou, John Andreadakis who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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 410.661.1090 ext. 202 (office) or ext. 204 (pre-school) or email us at: 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 22nd**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the church proper. 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 register through the church office.*

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. *Please register through the church office.*

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!***

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 96% 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!

Church Christmas Decorating: Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung, and poinsettias placed. Your help is needed. Decorating will take place on **Friday, December 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Questions contact Kelly MacDonnell, 410-917-2992.

2021 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 6th,** we will begin distributing the 2021 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Narthex. 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.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 46th production will be 'Legally Blonde, The Musical'



Show Dates: February 13th & 14th, 19th thru 21st and 26th & 27th

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

Visit our website: www.suburbanplayers.com

TICKET SALES ARE OPEN!

Dinner Theatre: \$55 / 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)**

Friday and Saturday Times: Doors Open at 6:00pm / Dinner at 6:30pm
Show Starts at 8:00pm

Sunday Times: Doors Open at 4:00pm / Dinner at 4:30pm
Show Starts at 6:00pm

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: December 7th – 6:30pm

General Meeting: No December Meeting

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thank you to Mary Tsakiris and Elaine Sackleh for picking up and delivering the Thanksgiving meals. A big Thank You to everyone who donated food and monetary donations. We were able to feed 12 Families and contribute to the Baltimore Hunger Project.

Christmas Food Drive: We are collecting food and monetary donations for Christmas families in need. Place any food donations in the blue bin located in the Church hallway. Please make any checks payable to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos – Memo any checks to Christmas Food Drive. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291

Annual Christmas Bazaar/Visit with Santa: This event has been CANCELED due to the COVID restrictions and to ensure that our Philoptochos Members stay healthy and safe.

Curb Side Christmas Bazaar: December 6th – Save the date details to follow

Cemetery Wreaths and Crosses: Have been sold out. Pick up date is December 6th. Please contact Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 with any questions or to arrange gravesite delivery. On behalf of Philoptochos we wish all of our Parishioners a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!!

Christmas Bread Pre-Ordering: Limited quantity. Please contact Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 to place orders. Pick up date is December 6th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

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.

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	\$347,368	\$302,862	460
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$341,571	\$315,900	437

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, November 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H) <u>Tuesday, November 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Wednesday, November 25th</u> <i>Saint Katherine Divine Liturgy,</i> 10:00am Pre-School, 8:30am No Greek School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H) <u>Thursday, November 26th</u> Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy, 9:00am Pre-School & Office Closed <u>Friday, November 27th</u> Thanksgiving Holiday Pre-School & Office Closed	<u>Sunday, November 29th</u> <i>13th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 2:00pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22nd, Parish Assembly Meeting in Church Proper after liturgy
November 26th and 27th ~ Office Closed
December 6th, Philoptochos Curbside Christmas Bazaar (more details to come)
December 8th, Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am