

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 4:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:18-27. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 and 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 106 and 114 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Paramonos of Balsatia and the 370 Martyrs; Martyr Philoumenos; Holymartyr Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth; Bishop Urban of Macedonia; Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Phaedros, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Georgia Lambrinos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Louis Lambrinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 22 years ago and brother & uncle, Chris Tountas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- Father Lou, Parish Council and all Church Ministries would like to wish everyone a very safe, healthy & Happy Thanksgiving.
- Harriet, John, Marisa, Nicolette, Johnny, Maria, Greg, Megan, Annette, George and Maria with much love in honor of our mother & grandmother, Mary Antonas on the occasion of her 80th birthday. We are so thankful to have such an inspiration in our lives.

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: saintdemetriosmd@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.

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 **Thursday, December 3rd**. 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.

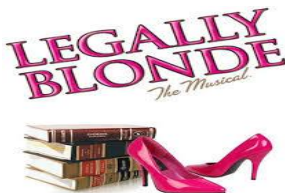
2021 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 6th**, we will begin distributing the 2021 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Narthex. Please pick-up your calendar so that we can reduce the cost 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.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday December 8th at 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Boardroom. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or just want some nice conversation.

Saint Demetrios Green Team Clean Up Day a Success! Thanks to the 16 volunteers that helped clean up the grounds of Saint Demetrios Church as part of the Saint Demetrios Green Team Fall Clean Up Day! The event was a success, and even though the grounds are well kept, there were almost 20 big bags of trash collected, especially from the environmental stormwater management ponds that must be maintained. The volunteers were a mix of adults and children, and a great time was had even though it involved picking up trash and we were distancing and following proper safety protocol! We will do another event in the Spring. Please join us for our next meeting on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm where we will hear from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake on ways we can work together to protect our earth starting right her at our church. To join, go to meet.google.com/opw-krkx-vqo. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mary Triandafilou at mtrianda28@gmail.com or Nicole Katsikides at nicole@katsikides.com. Also, please join our Facebook Group by searching for Saint Demetrios Green Team on Facebook and requesting to join.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's
46th production will be:



Matinee Show Dates:

Saturday, February 13th & 20th, 2021

Doors open at 11:30am / Show starts at 12:00noon

Dinner Theatre Show Dates:

Friday, February 19th & 26th, 2021

Saturday, February 13th, 20th & 27th, 2021

Sunday, February 14th & 21st, 2021

Friday and Saturday Shows:

Doors open at 6:00pm / Dinner at 6:30pm

Show starts at 8:00pm

Sunday Shows:

Doors open at 4:00pm / Dinner at 4:30pm

Show starts at 6:00pm

Tickets are on sale now:

Matinee ~ \$25.00 / Dinner Theater ~ \$55.00

Tickets can be purchased by [calling Eleni Libertini](tel:443.390.2981)
443.390.2981 (text or voice) or [email: suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com)

For more information please visit our website: www.suburbanplayers.com

PHILOPTOCHOS

December 7th, 2020 ~ Board Meeting 6:30
December 2020 ~ NO General Meeting

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

Christmas Angel Tree: Please help us gather Christmas presents ~ Our Christmas Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Adopt an Angel Ornament off the Christmas Tree - Donate the item listed on the Angel – Please return by December 13th. If you are unable to attend church but would like to Adopt an Angel call Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291

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 in the blue bins in the hallway. Please contact Mary Tsakiris with any questions 410.245.1291

Annual Christmas Bazaar: Curbside pick-up on Sunday, December 6th, 12:00-2:00pm. Pastries, rice pudding, Christmas bread, and Yia Yia's Treasures will be available for purchase. COVID guidelines will be enforced.

Cemetery Wreaths and Crosses: Orders can be picked up on Sunday, December 6th, 12:00-2:00pm. Please contact Joanna Beleos with any questions 410.458.1547

Yia Yia's Treasures: If you are unable to attend December 6th, No problem! Please contact Thorina Trintis and Irene Eliou at 410.292.6972 to set up a time to shop.

Pastries: Contact Ritsa Economakis 410.256.0953 to reserve your sweets.

Pre- Ordering Breads: We are currently taking Christmas Bread orders. Limited quantities due to COVID restrictions. Breads are \$10 with a limit of 2. Please call Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545 or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 to reserve your bread. Pick up for ordered breads will be on December 6th.

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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.

PRE-SCHOOL

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2020-2021 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Infant & Toddler Program, Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. For more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: preschool2504@gmail.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.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$349,368	\$303,382	461
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$343,152	\$318,775	441

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, November 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H)	<u>Wednesday, December 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm	<u>Saturday, December 5th</u> Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
<u>Tuesday, December 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Thursday, December 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Sunday, December 6th</u> <i>10th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar Virtual Church School
	<u>Friday, December 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Christmas Bazaar Set-Up	

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 6th ~ Philoptochos Curbside Christmas Bazaar (more details to come)
- December 7th ~ Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- December 8th ~ Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am
- December 11th ~ Christmas Tree Decorating, 9:00am
- December 12th ~ GOYA Meeting
- December 13th ~ Memorial Sunday
- December 14th ~ Ronald McDonald House
- December 15th ~ Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm