

The Epistle Reading is Hebrews 13:17-21. The Gospel Reading is Luke 13:10-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1369 & 1220 in the Holy Bible or on page 109 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra, the Wonderworker; Neomartyr Nicholas of Karamanos.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The families of John Makris, Despina Sollon, Marika Makris, Alex Makris and Anna Colandrea & their families *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Dafni Makris who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. Her love will always be in our hearts.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- John Kontorousis and Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, Irini Kontorousis who fell asleep in the Lord 9 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sarantinos, Lamar and Kidd families *in loving memory of* Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kevin and Linda Goodman *in loving memory of* Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Coutros McShane, Kelly, Bill, Macy & Meredith MacDonnell and Corinna, Tom, Rynn & Rand Stone *in loving memory of* Michael William McShane who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakavas and Mary Bennett.

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.

Christmas Service: Sunday Before Nativity, Sunday, December 20th ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on *Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th* beginning with *Orthros at 6:00pm* followed by the *Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm*. **Please make note that there will not be any services on Christmas Day.** Due to COVID restrictions the Parish Council and their families **will not** be sponsoring the annual coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy.

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.

2020 Stewardship: If you have made a 2020 Stewardship pledge, please ensure you are up to date in fulfilling your commitment for the year. Let us all strive to be 100% by the end-of-year and finish strong. Thank you for your diligence!

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 97% 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.

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 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 here 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.

GOYA News: The December 12th meeting has been CANCELLED due to the recent updated COVID restrictions.

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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 stintis@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

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 13. 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 crossword and search word books, masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, full size Toiletries: Shampoos, toothpaste, hair gel, shaving cream, razors etc. Please place items into the blue bins in the hallway - Please contact Mary Tsakiris with any questions 410.245.1291.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: TODAY immediately following Liturgy, December 6th 12-2pm. 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 TODAY, December 6th 12-2pm. 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.

Christmas Breads: Will be sold TODAY - Breads are \$10. Pick up for ordered breads will be immediately following Liturgy

There is detailed information available on the Narthex table for all upcoming Philoptochos events.

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](tel:443.390.2981) Eleni Libertini
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

LIFE-LINE SCREENING: Life-Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on January 8, 2021. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation of irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening form \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

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	\$354,668	\$316,856	463
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$344,462	\$322,415	443

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, December 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm	<u>Wednesday, December 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm	<u>Sunday, December 13th</u> <i>11th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 12:30pm
<u>Tuesday, December 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am	<u>Thursday, December 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	
	<u>Friday, December 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Christmas Tree Decorating, 9:00am	

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13th ~ Memorial Sunday
December 14th ~ Ronald McDonald House
December 15th ~ Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm
December 24th Christmas Eve ~ **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil**
Orthros, 6:00pm / Divine Liturgy 7:00pm
No Pre-School or Child Care ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm
December 25th Christmas Day ~ **No Services** ~ Pre-School & Office Closed

