

The Epistle Reading is Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel Reading is Luke 14:16-24, Matthew 22:14. These Readings may be found on pages 1343 & 1222 and 1170 in the Holy Bible or on page 122 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Holy ForeFathers of Christ; Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentios, Eugenios, Mardarios, and Orestes; Loukia, Martyr for the Virgin Mary; Holymartyr Gabriel, Archbishop of Serbia.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Thorina Trintis & Family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, Basilios (Bill) Trintis ~ her beloved husband, their father & grandfather . . . Always in our hearts.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- Thorina Trintis and Family *in loving memory of* her parents, their grandparents & great-grandparents, Nick and Marista Kosmas.
- Thorina Trintis and Family *in loving memory of* Bill's parents, their grandparents & great-grandparents, Anthony and Julia Trintis.
- The Daniels, Christ & Latgis Families *in loving memory of* brother-in-law and uncle, Ernest Memphis who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; sister-in-law and aunt, Victoria Memphis who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago and nephew and cousin, William (Billy) Memphis who fell asleep in the Lord 29 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Flora Christ *in loving memory of* husband, Peter H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago and *in loving memory of* son, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Argie, Panayiotis & Erene Christ *in loving memory of* husband & father, Pete H. Christ, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago and father & papou, Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Paul, Maria, Pauline & Pete Christ *in loving memory of* father, Pete H. Christ, Sr. who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago and brother & uncle, Pete H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Thareni Stamas *in loving memory of* her dear godfather, Pete H. Christ, Jr. "It's a Beautiful Thing!"
- Bessie Machlinski and Pete Sotirakos & their families *in loving memory of their* mother & grandmother, Anna Sotirakos who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Bessie Sotirakos O'Brien, Gus and Eleni O'Brien & Katerina Sotirakos *in loving memory of* wife, mother, sister, aunt and yiayia, Ekaterini Sotirakos who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Peter Sotirakos & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & yiayia, Ekaterini Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Stephen, Stephanie, Daniel and Stephen Christ, *in honor of* their father & papou, Dan Daniels, on the special occasion of his retirement. May he be blessed with many years of health & happiness. Welcome to the Palikaria!
- Stephen, Stephanie, Daniel and Stephen Christ, *in honor of* their godson and godbrother, Michael Hagepanos, on the occasion of his 21st birthday. May he be blessed with many years of health & happiness.

Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Anna Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago; Ekaterini Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Ernest Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Maritsa Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago; Basilios 'Bill' Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago; Peter H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago; Victoria Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago; Peter H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago; Nick Kosmas, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago; Anthony Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 57 years ago; William (Billy) Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 29 years ago; Julia Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 61 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

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.

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: Starting 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 98% 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 Please join us for our next meeting on Sunday, December 13 at 7:00 pm where we will hear from Bonny Sorak, Senior Outreach Coordinator, 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

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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 srintis@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

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

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos
Sunday, December 13, 2020

Christmas Food Drive (ending December 16th):

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: Thank you to everyone who sponsored an angel. If you were unable to drop off your gifts today, please contact Mary Tsakiris to arrange pickup. (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

Donations for the Baltimore Rescue Mission & Karis House:

TOYS~ **Boys** infant through age 9 and **Girls** infant through age 17.

No crayons, no stuffed animals, no monsters, no Star Wars, no rock n' roll toys.

Please do NOT gift wrap!! Items needed by Wednesday, December 16th.

Place in bin labeled Baltimore Rescue Mission and Karis Home by Bridge Walkway.

MEN (new): casual/ long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, briefs, socks, slippers (sizes M-2X)

WOMEN (new): sweatshirts, sleep wear, slippers, socks, pullover sweaters, slippers (sizes M-2X)

CHILDREN (new): newborn size to size 8 - clothing, pj's, socks, underwear

Other Items: Toiletries, deodorant, body wash, hand sanitizers, Chapstick, foot powder.

Walmart/Target GIFT CARDS (increments of \$5 or \$10, ONLY)

Call Maria Antonakas with any questions and for gift card drop-off 410.978.9244.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: Thank you to everyone who supported our mini-Christmas bazaar. Big thank you to Georgia Kerasiotes, Ritsa Economakis, Thorina Trintis, Irene Eliou, Tina Holder, Dottie Ganer, Bessie Makris, and all the women that helped baked the Christmas bread and pastries.

YiaYia's Treasures: The last chance to shop will be today, immediately following liturgy.

Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser: Still looking for some gift ideas? Gift cards are still available from Texas Roadhouse. Philoptochos will receive 10% of every gift card sold. The promotion ends Saturday, December 19th. Please go to <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=591596&> to purchase your gift card!

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	\$355,155	\$322,712	463
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$350,512	\$336,615	445

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, December 14^h</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Ronald McDonald House Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm	<u>Wednesday, December 16^h</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School 4:30pm-7:30pm Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm	<u>Saturday, December 19th</u> Hall Rental
<u>Tuesday, December 15^h</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm	<u>Thursday, December 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Sunday, December 20th</u> <i>Sunday Before Nativity</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 12:30pm
	<u>Friday, December 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24th Christmas Eve ~ **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil**

Orthros, 6:00pm / Divine Liturgy 7:00pm

No Pre-School or Child Care ~ Office Closes at 12:00pm

December 25th Christmas Day ~ **No Services** ~ Pre-School & Office Closed

December 31st News Year's Eve ~ Pre-School Closes at 3:30pm ~ Office Closes at 12:00pm

Feast of Saint Basil ~ Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

