

December 27, 2020

Sunday after Nativity

The Epistle Reading is Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 2:13-23. These Readings may be found on pages 1267 and 1148 in the Holy Bible or on page 124 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Post-Nativity; Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the prophet, and Iakovos (James) the Brother of our Lord; First Martyr and Deacon Stephen; Righteous Theodore the Composer.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- Fr. Lou and the Parish Council for the *health and welfare of* the Saint Demetrios Community for the upcoming new year.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

On behalf of Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of our Saint Demetrios Family a Happy and Safe New Year!

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.

New Year's Eve Service: The Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Basil will be celebrated on *Thursday, December 31st* beginning at **5:00pm**. We encourage you to register through the church office to ensure we are not exceeding the COVID restrictions.

2021 Calendars: Today, Sunday, December 27th, will be the last day to pick up your 2021 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides after 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. **If you would like your calendar mailed, please contact the church office.**

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%. *We request that all stewards complete their 2020 pledges by January 15, 2022.* 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!

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

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 443.390.2981](tel: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

January 4, 2021 – Board Meeting – 6:30pm
January 11, 2021 – General Meeting – 6:30pm

Philoptochos would like to thank everyone who made monetary donations, donated food, and adopted an angel from our angel tree. We were able to donate Christmas meals to 19 families from 2 different schools. Seventeen children will have gifts under their tree to open on Christmas morning. The veterans received their stockings of joy. Baltimore rescue mission received coats and other accessories to keep them warm this winter. We were able to donate food to GEDCO's pantry. Unfortunately, Hunger does not end after the holidays, it is an ongoing issue. Philoptochos will continue their mission of feeding the hungry.

Philoptochos would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Save the Date: Vasilopita Sunday, January 3rd

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.

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

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 heartbeat 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	\$357,966	\$332,175	467
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$353,196	\$342,430	449

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, December 28th</u> No Pre-School or Child Care No Greek School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 7:00pm <u>Tuesday, December 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Wednesday, December 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am No Greek School <u>Thursday, December 31st</u> Pre-School, 8:30am, closing at 3:30pm <u>Friday, January 1st</u> New Year's Day	<u>Sunday, January 3rd</u> <i>Sunday before Theophany</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am <i>Philoptochos Vasilopita</i> Virtual Church School Legally Blonde Rehearsal, 12:30pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Year's Eve ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm
New Year's Eve ~ Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm
Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters ~ January 5th
Orthros, 9:00am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters Divine Liturgy ~ January 6th at 10:00am
Feast of Saint John the Baptist Divine Liturgy ~ January 7th at 10:00am
Book/Knitting Club ~ January 14th at 9:00am
