

January 10, 2021

Sunday after Theophany

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 4:12-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 and 1149 in the Holy Bible or on page 127-128 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Sunday After Theophany; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; Presbyter Markianos of Constantinople; Dometianos, Bishop of Melitene.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Demetrios & Rena Makres *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Peter Hodges who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- John Kontorousis & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother, sister, aunt & grandmother, Irini Kontorousis who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Stella, Eleni & Luke Sabracos, Nicholas Vavas and Christine Vavas *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, Spencer Vavas, who fell asleep in the Lord 17 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Irini Kontorousis who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros, Toula Stamas and 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.

Oath of Office: We will be administering the Oath of Office to our 2021 Parish Council in the coming weeks. Date to be determined. Please join us as we welcome the newest Parish Council members.

Registration for weekly services: Due to COVID restricts, please contact the church office to register if planning to attend a weekday service, sacrament or funeral.

The Book and Knitting Club is a very thriving ministry. Our ladies knitted and crocheted many beautiful things, baby blankets, scarves, hats, blankets, etc. 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.

2021 Calendars: Please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202, if you would like your 2021 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides mailed to you. 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% and finish strong. Thank you for your 2020 Stewardship Commitment!

2021 Stewardship: We pray that you are well and safe! Thank you for your continued support of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church during these trying times! Our 2021 Stewardship drive is upon us. We are off to a good start! 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. An increase of several dollars per week for our 450+ stewards would greatly help with our church expenses. Won't you do all you can to help? Please strive to submit your 2021 commitment.

Lent begins on Monday, March 15th. Please mark your calendars!

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **March 19th**. It has been a tradition here at Saint Demetrios to adorn the Icon of the Panaghia with a flower arrangement each Friday. If you are interested in donating one of these arrangements, please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Library News: Saint Gregory, was the Bishop of Nyssa and the younger brother of St. Basil. Saint Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy who fought against the Arian heresy with his brother Saint Basil. Saint Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of the church property and sent to Ancyra. Saint Gregory went from place to place encouraging his flock to Orthodoxy. After the death of the emperor Valens, Saint Gregory was restored to his Cathedral. In the year of 383, Saint Gregory participated in a Council of Constantinople, where he preached a sermon of the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Saint Gregory died leaving behind remarkable work of dogmatic library. We have a nice and new selection of books and CD's. Don't have time to visit the Library no problem because we have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You just take a book and leave a book. Don't have a book no problem, take one anyway we have plenty to spare.

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

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending **February 6th**. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use kindly remove them before this date.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos Go Red Sunday and Philoptochos Membership Sunday will be held on January 31, 2021. We will take a group picture following Liturgy.

Save The Date: Philoptochos Spring Fling Flea Market will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Details coming soon!

Philoptochos is looking for a chairperson for our annual My Ladies Luncheon. Please contact Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 or jbeleos@gmail.com if you are interested.

Philoptochos Election Year 2021: Thank you Simone Trintis Volikas for volunteering to be the election chairperson. If anyone would like to run for the board, please contact Simone at Srintis@hotmail.com

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 srintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

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

**LEGALLY
BLONDE**
The Musical



Matinee Show Dates:

Saturday, February 13th & 20th, 2021

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

Dinner Theatre Show Dates:

Friday, February 19th & 26th, 2021

Saturday, February 12th, 2021

Sunday, February 14th, 2021

Play Shows:

Dinner at 6:30pm

Show starts at 7:00pm

Dinner at 4:30pm

Show starts at 6:00pm

Due to Covid-19
The Suburban Players production of
Legally Blonde has been postponed.
New Dates Coming Soon!

Now:

Theater ~ \$55.00

For more information, please contact Eleni by [calling](tel:443.390.2981) Eleni Libertini
443.390.2981 or [email: suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit our website: www.suburbanplayers.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
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$158,007	\$26,020	142
2021	\$380,000	\$621,900	\$174,716	\$35,722	153

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am</p>	<p><u>Friday, January 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 17th</u> <i>12th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Virtual Church School</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting ~ January 12th at 7:00pm
Book/Knitting Club ~ January 14th at 9:00am
Martin Luther King Birthday ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 18th
Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th at 10:00am