

January 17, 2021

12th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Hebrews 13:17-21. The Gospel Reading is Luke 17:12-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1369 and 1225 in the Holy Bible or on page 112 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Righteous and Theophoros Anthony the Great; Anthony the Younger, Skete of Verroia; Neomartyr George of Ioannina.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Father Lou & the Parish Council *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- The Philoptochos Ladies Society and Saint Demetrios Pre-School *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community.

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.

Oath of Office: We will be administering the Oath of Office to our 2021 Parish Council **Sunday, January 24th**. Please join us as we welcome the newest Parish Council members.

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

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 has been postponed. 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.

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, February 9, 2021 at 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Boardroom. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some good conversation.

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, there are only three weeks available. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Library News: Saint Anthony was born in 251 to noble Egyptian parents. They provided their son with a good education and the fear of God. Although he was left with a substantial wealth, Anthony forsakes everything and followed Christ. Anthony sold his estate and distributed the money to the poor and he persuaded his younger sister to be like him and gave her to the care of the virgins. Anthony was tormented by demons as a test to his faith. His faith was so strong he defeated their torment. Saint Anthony had reached the venerable age of 104 with a still mind and body, despite his life in the desert his severe mode of life. You can read about of Saint Anthony and many other saints by visiting our Library. If you do not 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 to leave, 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

There will be no Board Meeting in February *only a General Meeting on February 8th at 6:30pm*

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

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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.

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 12:00pm

Dinner Theatre Show Dates:

Friday, February 19th & 26th, 2021
Saturday, February 12th & 19th, 2021
Sunday, February 14th & 21st, 2021
Dinner at 6:30pm / Show starts at 6:00pm
Dinner at 4:30pm / Show starts at 6:00pm

Play Shows:

Dinner at 6:30pm
Show starts at 6:00pm

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	\$181,797	\$43,638	174
2021	\$380,000	\$621,900	\$180,836	\$42,212	156

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, January 18th</u> <i>Martin Luther King Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed</i>	<u>Wednesday, January 20th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm	<u>Sunday, January 24th</u> <i>14th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Virtual Church School</i>
<u>Tuesday, January 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	<u>Thursday, January 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	
	<u>Friday, January 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:30am	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th at 10:00am
Parish Council Oath of Office ~ January 31st
Presentation of our Lord ~ February 2nd ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Philoptochos General Meeting ~ February 8th, 6:30pm
Book / Knitting Club ~ February 9th, 9:00am
President's Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ February 15th
