

November 24, 2019

13th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 2:4-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:18-27. These Readings may be found on pages 1334 and 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 102 and 114 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Post-Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple; Clement, Bishop of Rome; Holymartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria; Holymartyr Hermogenes; Martrys Philoumenos, Alexander, and Christopher.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Charlotte Vorias and Athena Vorias *in loving memory of* husband and father, Steve Vorias, who fell asleep in the Lord 36 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- The Poletis Family *in loving memory of* husband, father and grandfather, Louis Poletis, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* Catherine "Irene" Latgis, his sister, her sister-in-law, & their aunt. May she have many years of good health & happiness, on the occasion of her name day.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* Catherine "Katie" Nichols, their sister-in-law & aunt. May she have many years of good health & happiness, on the occasion of her name day.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Nielson will present their 2nd child for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour will take place in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy. It will be sponsored & served by our Philoptochos Ladies Society.

For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.

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.

2019 Stewardship: If you've made a 2019 Stewardship pledge, please ensure you're up to date in fulfilling your commitment for the year. Let's strive to be 100% complete by end-of-year and finish strong. Thank you for your diligence!

Orthodox Studies: We will not be meeting on **Friday, November 29th** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 6th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

Parish Assembly: A Parish Assembly will be held today, **Sunday, November 24th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2019 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish. The Philoptochos Ladies will be offering lunch for sale at the meeting.

Recognition Sunday: Today, Sunday, November 24th ~ GOYA, Presidents, Advisors & Basketball Coaches.

Saint Catherine Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Saint Catherine with a Divine Liturgy on **Monday, November 25th** at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us.

Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy: Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 28th** so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a church family.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms have been mailed to all Stewards but can also be found on the Narthex table. The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our Church for the season are needed as well. Please return the form to the church office by **November 27th**. Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. *No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!*

Cemetery Committee: We are looking to add an additional Civil Engineer who would be willing to assist with the current and future needs of the Church. For additional information please contact, Manuel Vendelis at 410.409.3047.

Nativity Pageant: Our Church School's ANNUAL NATIVITY PAGEANT will be held following the Divine Liturgy in the Church Nave on **Sunday, December 15th**. For more information please contact George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637.

Bell Choir / Junior Chorus: We are seeking bell ringers and singers to perform with the Adult Choir on **Sunday, December 22nd** for the Advent Program. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy. Rehearsal will be held today **Sunday, November 24th** and will continue on the following **Sundays: December 1st & 8th**. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-657.9772 for more information.

SAINT DEMETRIOS TOYS for TOTS DRIVE ~ Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 6th Annual toy drive for the US Marines Toys for Tots Program. Our small GOYA toy collection has turned into a Community Toy Drive!! Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes which are located throughout the Church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 400 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA ~ memo Toys for Tots. We will be collecting Toys through **December 15th**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you

GOYA HELPING THE NEEDY: Our GOYA will be collecting various items to assist the needy. The month of November GOYA will be collecting canned goods. Please help us help the needy. You can drop off your donations Monday thru Friday from 9am-3pm or on Sunday's after Liturgy in the boxes outside the Hermes Rafailides Center.

January 25th ~ Our 4th Annual Adult Basketball Tournament & Throwback Bull Roast/Dance Featuring the KOKO Brothers playing your favorite music from the 50's through the 90's (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church and securing a Bus for our GOYA Trip to Boston during Lent to visit The Holy Cross Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology)

Did You Hear the News? Our wonderful GOYA has pledged to pay a mortgage payment (February) for our Church!!! By using proceeds from their annual "Not Your YiaYia's Bingo", as well as from their annual Throwback Old School Basketball Tournament and Bull & Oyster Roast.

Library News: Every day is a day to be thankful to God. Whether it's a bad day and you would like to through in the towel, there is something to be grateful for, even though you might not be able to see it at that moment of anger or despair. This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. While you are preparing your feast, take a few minutes to say a prayer of thanks to God. The Library Ministry would like to thank everyone who has supported us, and we would like to wish everyone a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY**. Take time to stop by the Little Library, it is right next to the mailbox. You take a book and give a book. Don't want to part with your book? No problem, we have plenty to share, so help yourself.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday December 10th, 2019 at 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Library. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or just want some nice conversation.

Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 the Library will be hosting a Greek cooking class in the Library at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed to attend for free.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2019-2020 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Infant & Toddler Program, Two-Year-Old Program, Pre-School, and Pre-Kindergarten. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. For more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net

Need some help this Holiday Season? We have Your Answer! Saint Demetrios Pre-School is now accepting reservations for drop-in-care for infants and toddlers. We are open for drop-in care from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Friday ~ Cost per day (6 hours) \$50 / Cost per hour \$10. For more information please pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Betty at 41.661.1090 ext. 204.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 45th production will be
"Footloose"

Show Dates: February 14th thru 16th and 21st thru 23rd.

TICKET SALES ARE OPEN!

Dinner Theatre: \$50 (Friday Shows: \$45) / Matinee: \$25 / Cash Bar
All Shows. For tickets contact Eleni Libertini at 443.390.2981
(text/voicemail) or Suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com

Scan code with your smart-phone camera to access event details;
click "going" to stay up to date on all our production details.



Hope/Joy Christmas Party

Friday, December 13th, 2019

Save the Date ~ Details coming soon!!!



PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: December 2nd, 2019 at 6:30pm

NO General Meeting: December 16th, 2019 ~ Christmas Dinner Celebration!!

Breakfast with Santa: November 30th, 2019: 9am -12pm – Please reserve your seat today!! Please contact Lisa Jones-Venetos ~ danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428

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 Atrium of Hermes Rafailides Building. Adopt an Angel Ornament off the Christmas Tree - Donate the item listed on the Angel – Please return by December 15. Please call Mary Tsakiris with any questions – 410.245.1291

Stockings of Joy: Now accepting items to stuff into stockings for Veterans ~ Items needed are gloves, hats, scarves, hand-held games, cards, combs, flashlights, crossword & search word books, decorative blankets etc. Full size Toiletries: Shampoos, toothpaste, hair gel, shaving cream, razors, etc. Please place items into the blue bin in the hallway - Please contact Mary Tsakiris with any questions 410.245.1291

Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 7th and 8th: Vendors are still being accepted. Applications are on the Narthex Table. We do not duplicate vendors so sign up early. Please bring the whole Family for a fun filled event.

Cemetery Wreaths and Crosses: Are available for pre-order. Order forms are available on the Narthex table. Pricing remains the same as last year, \$33.00 which includes the stand. Please give order your form and payment to ~ Lisa Jones-Venetos, Joanna Beleos or leave in the Church office

YiaYia's Treasures: Is accepting donations of gently used Christmas decorations/ornaments and small gifts to sell at the Bazaar ~ Donations will be collected in the Philoptochos room till **December 1st**. Please call or email Lisa Jones-Venetos with any questions at danskliese1@aol.com or 410.529.9428.

Greek and American Sweets: Please contact Ritsa Economakis 410.256.0953, if you would like to donate desserts for the dessert table.

Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew: We will be Baking Christmas breads on **Wednesday, December 11th** beginning at 8:30am. Calling all bakers . . . no experience necessary. Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545.

Pre- Ordering Breads: All orders must be paid in full when ordering. Breads are \$10 with a limit of 4. See Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour to place an order or call 410.870.3372. Final day to order is **Friday, December 6th**. Pick up for ordered breads will be on **December 15th**.

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner: Please join us for our annual Christmas dinner **Monday December 16th at 6:30pm**. The Dinner will be held at Ikaros Restaurant and the tickets are \$35 per person. This includes appetizers, main course and dessert. This promises to be a fun filled evening. Spouses and friends from all communities are welcome. For tickets please contact Georgia Vavas, 410.583.0068 gvavas@comcast.net or Kriss Cocoros, 443.540.5041 malona2000@gmail.com.

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

KORITSIA

Koritsia will be hosting CPR, First Aid & AED Training at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on **January 4, 2020** or **February 29, 2020**, check in time is **9:00am**. Class promptly begins at **9:30am** until **1:30pm**. (Bring your own snacks, this will be a working lunch). You will not receive credit for being certified if you are not at the entire class. Certification Cards will be handed out at the end of class. Any person age 9 and above is encouraged to attend. Cost of class is \$85.00 per person ~ make checks payable to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and memo check as CPR class. To register please contact Simon Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com or 410.510.7557. There are only 25 seats per day available, deadline to register is **January 2nd** and **February 20th**. For more information please pick up a registration form from the Narthex Table.

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: Back by popular demand . . . 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. This includes adult and children's shoes and any gender. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked "**SHOE DONATION**" in the hall by the ladies' room. Contact Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

Scrip Gift Cards: Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIP rebates a percentage to the Church. All you need to do is complete the Family Order Form, attach a check payable to Saint Demetrios and mail or drop off the form (w/check) to the church office. 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards the Church Mortgage. Please contact Maria Angelos at mvailas@aol.com or 443.280.2690 with any questions.

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
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$357,428	\$315,348	458
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$347,368	\$302,862	460

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, November 25th <i>Saint Catherine Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 26th Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 27th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) No Greek School No GOYA Basketball Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M) <i>Christmas Card/ Flower Donation Due</i></p> <p>Thursday, November 28th <i>Thanksgiving Day Liturgy, 9:00am</i></p> <p>Friday, November 29th <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i> Pre-School & Office Closed Breakfast w/ Santa Set-Up</p>	<p>Saturday, November 30th Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa, 9:00am (H/G)</p> <p>Sunday, December 1st <i>14th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Bell/Choir Rehearsal Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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Upcoming Events

Christmas Card / Flower Donation Due ~ November 27th
Breakfast with Santa ~ November 30th
Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 7th & 8th
Memorial Sunday ~ December 8th
Hope / Joy Christmas Event ~ December 13th
Philoptochos Christmas Crab-Cake Dinner ~ December 16th

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents **Breakfast with Santa!**



Saturday, November 30th ♦ 9:00am – Noon

Tickets: Adults: (12 yrs. & up) \$15.00
Children: (11 yrs. & under) \$10.00



Tickets include; pancakes, sausage, milk, orange juice, coffee, craft for children and picture with Santa for each child.

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