

December 9, 2018

10th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 4:22-27. The Gospel Reading is Luke 13:10-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1332 & 1220 in the Holy Bible or on page 109 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Conception of Saint Anna, Mother of the Theotokos; Patapios the Righteous; Sosthenos, Apollo, Cypha, and Tychicos, of the 70 Apostles, and their companions; Stephen of the Church of Antipas; Emperor Theophilus.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Vangie Demetrakis & family *in loving memory of* Jim Demetrakis who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago and Tom Demetrakis who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Sarantinos, Lamar & Kidd families *in loving memory of* Sandy Sarantinos who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kevin & Linda Goodman *in loving memory of* Godfather, Sandy Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Jimmy Spanos & family *in loving memory of* his sister, Tina Triktis who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago.
- Devoted husband George Mavronis & children: Steve Angelo & Michiele; Evangelos & Despina Papavasilakis; Chris & Nikki Kazakos, and all their grandchildren, *in loving memory of* their wife, mother & grandmother Irene Mavronis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son Peter Passon

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis & Dimtra Psihopedas.

Coffee Hour: *There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Pre-School Gourmet Brunch.*

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

Memorial Sunday will be held on December 16th, due to the Pre-School Gourmet Brunch today, December 9th. Please make note of date change.

Christmas Service: Sunday, December 24th ~ Orthros at 9:00am / Divine Liturgy at 10:00am. The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on *Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th* beginning with *Orthros at 6:00pm* followed by the *Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm*. The annual Christmas Concert will follow directly after the Divine Liturgy. *Please make note that there will not be any services on Christmas Day.* Also, please plan to join us for a Coffee Hour in honor of the Christmas Holiday Season, sponsored by the Parish Council and their families, directly after the concert.

Advent & Christmas Program: We will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. Last Sunday, our Church School grades Pre-K/Grade 2 did a wonderful job and we look forward to hearing grades 3-12 today. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$320,386	\$286,186	392
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$362,046	\$324,632	464

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) Philoptochos Dinner Set-up <i>Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Philoptochos Christmas Dinner, 6:30, (H/G/K)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, December 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) <i>Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, December 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men’s Basketball (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Savers Donations Due</p>	<p><u>Sunday, December 16th</u> <i>11th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Church School Nativity Play Bell/Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal (after Liturgy) GOYA Toys for Tots Program Dance Practice, 12:00pm <i>Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 2:00pm (M)</i></p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Sunday ~ December 16th

Pre-School Christmas Pageant ~ December 19th

Christmas Eve ~ December 24th ~ Orthros @ 6:00pm ~ Divine Liturgy @ 7:00pm

New Year’s Eve Liturgy ~ December 31st at 5:00pm

New Year’s Eve Dance ~ December 31st

Today ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12
Sunday, December 16th ~ Church School Nativity Play
Sunday December 23rd ~ Bell Choir/Adult Choir

We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Orthodox Studies: Please join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 14th** at 9:30am in the board room. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, we will not meet. We love new members! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618 / painterKateart@gmail.com.

2018 Stewardship Pledge Reminder: The Stewardship Committee extends our appreciation to our Stewards who have met their 2018 pledge commitment. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Community and we thank you! If you are not current in your 2018 commitment, we ask that you fulfill your pledge in December. The final Stewardship statement for the year has been mailed and we ask you to help us finish strong for the year.

2019 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 16th**, we will be distributing the 2019 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. 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.

Nativity Pageant: Our Church School's ANNUAL NATIVITY PAGEANT will be held following Divine Liturgy in the Church Nave on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th**. For more information please contact George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637.

Church Christmas Decorating: Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung, and poinsettias placed. Your help is needed. Decorating will take place this Thursday, December 13th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Questions contact Kelly MacDonnell @ 410-917-2992.

New Year's Eve Celebration: The Demetrakia Dance Troupe will host a NYE dance in honor of St. Demetrios' 50th Anniversary with live music by Mortes. Please join us to bring in 2019 and begin our parish's year of celebrations! Adults - \$35. Students (ages 6-21) - \$20. Kids 5 & under free. Tickets include party favors, champagne toast & Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com, 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor. Tickets available on Sundays during coffee hour and online at www.eventbee.com (under "find events", search for "St. Demetrios"). Proceeds will benefit the St. Demetrios Mortgage Fund.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Gourmet Brunch: Please join us directly after Divine Liturgy for a Gourmet Brunch, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. All proceeds will benefit our Pre-School.

Library: Sunday Dec 9, 2018: It is FINALLY HERE our Little Free Library!!! You can't miss it because it is right next to the mailbox.. How that works you take a book and you replace it with one of your books that you no longer need. This idea started in 2010 by Todd Bol. In 2009 Mr. Bol lost his job and he set up a home office. He cut up a discarded garage door in the model of a one-room school house in tribute to his teacher mother that died in 2001. He set up the tiny library in his yard and filled it with her books. Today there are 75,000 "Little Free Libraries," in 88 countries around the world. Todd Bol died in Oct at the age of 62 but his legacy lives on.

Book and Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting Club will meet on Tues January 8, 2019, at Mary Tsakiris' house. The book of choice for this month is The Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner. Our Book and Knitting Club has grown from 3 members to 13 members. You don't have to knit or crochet, you can come and just have some nice conversation. All are welcomed.

GOYA NEWS

GOYA ~ TOYS for TOTS: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 6th Annual toy drive for the US Marines Toys for Tots Program. 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 16th**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

Old School Throwback Reunion ~ Bull & Oyster Roast: Join us for a night of dancing to the oldies with the Koko Brothers, great food, great friends, great times, games & prizes! **Saturday, January 19th from 8-12pm**. For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Paul Rizas at 410.365.1703 / email paulrizas@gmail.com

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Contact Eleni Libertini at 410-679-5622 or by email at elibertini@comcast.net

Mamma Mia Show Dates: \$46.00 per person; \$20.00 per person for Matinee.

- Friday February 15, 2019 - Doors Open at 6:00pm; Show Starts at 8:00pm
- Saturday February 16th, MATINEE ~ Doors Open at 12noon; Show starts at 12:30pm
- Saturday February 16, 2019 - Doors Open at 5:30pm; Show Starts at 7:30pm
- Sunday February 17, 2019- Doors Open at 4:00pm; Show Starts at 6:00pm
- Friday February 22, 2019- Doors Open at 6:00pm; Show Starts at 8:00pm
- Saturday February 23, 2019- Doors Open at 5:30pm; Show Starts at 7:30pm
- Sunday February 24, 2019- Doors Open at 4:00pm; Show Starts at 6:00pm

Purchase your ad space now in our Program Book! The Suburban Players Program book is now accepting ads for Mamma Mia. Purchase your space now to advertise your business or organization. Program Books are passed out each night of the show. To purchase a space in our Program Book please contact Tom Cook at 410-790-9370 or cook@bpointwellness.com.

KORITSIA NEWS

Koritsia: The following events are sponsored by the Koritsia and all proceeds will help to pay down the mortgage of the church. Please show your support for Saint Demetrios!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Simone Volikas at strentis@hotmail.com.

Flyers can be found on the Narthex Table, pick-up a packet and share with a friend

Savers Thrift Store

Clean out your closets of old clothes, towels & bedding. Place all items in a trash bag and drop them off between **Now & December 14th**. Savers Thrift Store will pay the church 20 cents for every pound of items.

Script Gift Cards

Simply buy gift cards to retailers where you already shop, and SCRIPT 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 or to the white "Gift Card Box" on the Narthex table. 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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

General Meeting: No meeting – Christmas Dinner Celebration

Annual Christmas Bazaar: Thank you to Lisa Jones Venetos and Joanna Beleos for a wonderful event. Thank you also to Thorina Trintis and Ritsa Economakis for chairing Yiayia's Treasures and the Pastries. A big thanks to Lambros Venetos and everyone that helped in the kitchen and on the food line.

Christmas Breads: Christmas breads are ready for pick up after liturgy today.

Philoptochos "Christmas Crab Cake Dinner": This is your last chance to buy tickets after liturgy before this wonderful event. December 11th at 6:30pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The dinner will be catered by Casa Mia. Tickets are \$35, no sales at the door. Spouses and friends from all communities are welcome! Contact Kriss Cocoros (410.628.1193/malona2000@gmail.com) or Margo Lambros (410.465.0371/mlambros@comcast.net).

The Philoptochos Giving Tree: Please visit our Giving Tree to select a Christmas family member to purchase gifts. The families are from the Middle River, High Road and Pleasant Plains school systems as well as Baltimore Rescue Mission and Karis Home. Select a stocking, read the card of information, purchase your gift, wrap it and label it with the person's name or Baltimore Rescue Mission/Karis Home. Return it to the giving tree to be sent to the family with their Christmas food basket the week before Christmas. All gifts should be returned by Sunday December 16th. Special arrangements can be made by calling Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291 or Elaine Sackleh 410.472.3458.

Stockings of Joy: Now accepting items to stuff into stockings for Veterans at Perry Point Veterans Hospital. Gloves, hats, scarfs, \$5 Dunkin Donut gift cards, handheld games, decks of cards, combs, flashlights, crossword and search word books etc. Place items into blue bins in hallway. contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428.

Christmas Families: The Philoptochos will be supporting local families for the Christmas season, each family will need food and gifts. If you would like to sponsor a family or a child. Contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291, Elaine Sackleh 410.472.3458 or Lisa Jones 410-529-9428.

Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy.