

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Galatians 6:11-18. The Gospel Reading is Luke 12:16-21. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 & 1219 in the Holy Bible or on pages 100 & 108 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Proceution for the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple; Righteous Gregory of Decapolis; St. Proklos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Maximos and Anatolios, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Righteous Sozomenos, Wonderworker; Righteous Dasios.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Georgia Lambrinos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, Louis Lambrinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Athena Vorias & Charlotte Vorias *in loving memory of* father & husband, Steve Vorias, who fell asleep in the Lord 33 years ago. Our love will last forever. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis, Thorina Trintis & Toula Woods.

**The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by:** Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis, Thorina Trintis & Toula Woods.

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. The Coffee hour is sponsored and served by the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

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

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**Orthodox Studies:** We will not be meeting on **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

**Parish Council Elections:** The elections for the Saint Demetrios Parish Council Members will be held today, **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** directly after the Divine Liturgy. Make an effort, to vote for the Parish Council Members needed to serve for the years 2017, 2018 & 2019. There are five Stewards running for the five (5) open positions. They are: Irene Kaikis Lericos, Agisi Makrodimitris, Kirk Rogers, Jerry Sackleh and Lambros Venetos. **Please join us for this very important election!**

**Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy:** Saint Demetrios Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, so that we may thank God for His many Blessings as a Church Family.

**Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation** forms can 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. ***The deadline has been extended! Please return the form to the church office by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.*** All checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

**Parish Assembly:** Our final Parish Assembly for 2016 will be held on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. A quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2016 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meetings is essential to the future growth & direction of our Parish.

**Nativity Pageant Choir and Bell Choir:** Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform at our Nativity Pageant Chorus/Bell Choir during the Church School Nativity Play which will be presented on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy and will only take about 30 minutes (if everyone gets there on time). Rehearsals will be held on the following **Sundays: November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. There are many **solo and duet opportunities** throughout the Pageant. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-256-2143 for more information. We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and continue to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

**Advent & Christmas Program:** Beginning **November 27<sup>th</sup>** 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. All Church School students are to wear their "most Sunday best" on the week that their class is performing. We will rehearse for the **December 4<sup>th</sup> & the December 11<sup>th</sup>** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Reader and Choir

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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

**Adult Choir:** The Choir is always looking for additional members. Our rehearsals are held on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information, call Jennie at 410.256.2143.

**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.

**Unable to come to Church:** If you or someone you know is unable to come to Church, but would like to receive a weekly bulletin via mail. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 or drop an email to [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net) and we will gladly send you a bulletin.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or 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](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**GOYA ~ Toys for Tots:** Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios annual toy drive for the U.S. 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 300 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. A representative from the U.S. Marines will be at our church on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** to pick up all the toys.

**Demetrakia 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year's Eve Celebration** - Live music by Greek musicians Mortes, playing lyra, laouto, bouzouki, violi & more. Adults 21 & over - \$35. Under 21 - \$20. Kids 5 & under free. Tickets available at coffee hour and online at [dgreeks.com](http://dgreeks.com). All tickets include party favors and Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com), 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

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## **UPCOMING NEWS**

*Pre-School Thanksgiving Program ~ November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*No Greek School ~ November 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Thanksgiving Day Liturgy ~ November 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office & Pre-School Closed ~ November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Catherine Divine Liturgy ~ November 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Philoptochos Breakfast with Santa ~ November 26<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Andrew the Apostle Divine Liturgy ~ November 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas Card / Flowers Deadline ~ December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>*

*GOYA Toys-for-Tots ~ December 18<sup>th</sup>*

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**The Hellenic Heritage Museum & Archives of Maryland, Inc.** presents its “3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker Series” celebrity, Michael Emanuel. **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 beginning at 12:30pm** at the AOC, following Liturgy. Mike serves as senior political and congressional correspondent for FOX NEWS. He will share the experience of his Greek & Orthodox heritage. The \$45 per person cost includes lunch. For reservations, contact Stacy Kosmides ~ 410.560.1095; [skosmides@msn.com](mailto:skosmides@msn.com) or Anna Z. Pappas ~ 410.296.2522; [azplato@verizon.net](mailto:azplato@verizon.net).



## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

**Art Auction:** A big thank you to Presvytera Alice and Margo Lambros for chairing this wonderful event. Thank you also to everyone that helped with the set-up, food, credit card helpers, and clean up. It would not have been a success without all of you.

**Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive:** Donations of food for our adopted schools are now being accepted. Collection Bins located in hallway before the bridge. Collection dates, now thru November 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Suggested Food Items:**

Canned Cranberry Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Soup, Cold or Hot Cereal, Stuffing, Instant mashed Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Jell-O/Pudding Boxes, Cake/ Brownie Mix/Cookies, Jars of Peanut Butter/Jelly, Fruit Juices, Gravy Packets/Jars, Biscuit/Muffin Mix

If your family would like to sponsor an entire meal for a family of 4 (we have 7 from Martin Blvd Elementary), please see Lisa Jones Venetos (410-529-9428) to coordinate. Flyers are available on the Narthex table. For those who desire to donate but not shop, funds will be accepted and Philoptochos will do the shopping on your behalf. Please make checks payable to: St Demetrios Philoptochos and in the memo line write food donation. Checks can be mailed to St Demetrios Philoptochos, Attn: TG Food Baskets, 2504 Cub Hill Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234. Questions Please call: Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428 or Joy Becker 410-796-4665

**Breakfast with Santa:** Santa Claus arrives after Thanksgiving! Tickets are selling quickly. Bring the kids, old and young, to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** in **The Hermes Rafailides Center Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11am.** Enjoy pancakes and sausage while starting off the Christmas season with the family. There will be crafts and photos with Santa Clause. Tickets are \$12 each, children under 12 \$7. Reserve your seat today in coffee hour or call Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428/443-621-6805

**Christmas Bazaar:** Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar held in The Hermes Rafalides Center is right around the corner! **December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until 3pm and December 4<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4pm.** Vendor space is available! To help:

Pastries see Ritsa Economakis ♦ Yia Yia's Treasures see Lisa Jones Venetos

Kitchen see Lambros Venetos ♦ Greens see Irene Peltsemes

Vendors see Lisa Jones Venetos

Please take some time to go through your Christmas items at home and see if there is something you would like to donate to **Yia Yia's Treasures!** Gently used **Christmas items only** will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your items in to the Philoptochos room at church.

**Stockings of JOY:** Help support our local Veterans who are spending the Christmas season in a Veterans Hospital. Donations of new socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, hats, gloves, word search books, hand held games, snacks, candy, items to have a party at the hospital are needed. Donations to purchase these items will be greatly appreciated. PS. If you sew, we need you! We are making the stockings as we did several years ago please call Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428

**Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders** ~ *Baking of Christmas breads will be done on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 8:30am until we finish.* 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. To place your order for breads: see Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour or call 410.870.3372. Final day to order is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Pick up for ordered breads will be **Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Bridging the Digital Divide:** If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or [mtrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.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 comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

**STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS**

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$315,781	\$270,432	425
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$332,449	\$293,904	424

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b><u>Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>No Greek School</i></p>	<p><b><u>Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Office / Pre-School Closed</i> <i>St. Catherine Divine Liturgy,</i> <i>10:00am</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>Pre-School Thanksgiving</i> <i>Program, 5:30pm (H/G/K)</i> Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Office / Pre-School Closed</i></p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Philoptochos Breakfast</i> <i>With Santa, 9:00am (H/G/K)</i></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C)</p>

***Beauty and The Beast***

*“Another opening to another show . . .” and we need you!!!* The Production Team and the Dinner Team are working very hard to ensure that we have a wonderful & successful performance of the Saint Demetrios Suburban Player’s production of

***Beauty and The Beast.***

*But, we need your help!* In your November Stewardship mailing, you will find a sheet where areas of need for the production will be listed and you can let us know how you would like help! There will be categories from both the Production and the Dining side such as Set Painters, Costume Coordinator, Stage Manager, Stage Hands, Servers, Bar Servers, Dish Washers, Publicity-Ads-and Ticket Committee members, and many more. Come and be part of the Fellowship as we work together as a Community!!



Also we are in need of the following: Dancers, Children between the ages of 5-7 for a “cameo” appearance at the Saturday Matinee & Sunday performances, Youth ages 8-12 for specific scenes, and former Suburban Players members who would like to appear in a single scene (no dancing necessary) with little rehearsal necessary.

For more information, please contact Jennie Kegel at 410.256.2143 or [jcocosk@aol.com](mailto:jcocosk@aol.com)



***Hope/Joy Christmas Party***

*Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ 6pm – 8pm*

*Please bring a new, unwrapped present for  
“TOYS for TOTS”*

***SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS!***

*Enjoy a visit from Saint Nicholas, Christmas Tree Decorating,  
Caroling, Crafts, Fellowship and MORE!*

*For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.*