

November 26, 2017

13th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 4:1-7. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:18-27. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 106 & 114 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: The Righteous Penitents Alypius the Stylite, Nikon, the Preacher of Repentance, and Stylianos of Paphlagon; Neomartyr George.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, would like to take this opportunity to pray that the members of our Saint Demetrios Family had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Stergos & Lucy Kosmas *for the health & welfare* of their cousin, Anne (in Australia). May God bless her.

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

The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by: Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toula Stamas.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is sponsored & served by the 50th Anniversary Committee.

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

Orthodox Studies: Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 1st at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

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 1st.*** 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 2017 will be held on **Sunday, December 17th**, 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 2017 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.

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.

Church Christmas Decorating: We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Holiday on **Thursday, December 14th**, 9am to 2pm. Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung and poinsettias placed. Your help is needed. Come to the Narthex and dress comfortably.

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.

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie and Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table.

Nativity Pageant Choir and Bell Choir: Two Rehearsals Left! Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform on the first Advent Sunday and for the Nativity Pageant Chorus/Bell Choir during the Church School Nativity Play which will be presented on **Sunday, December 17th**. 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). The rehearsals will be held on December 3rd & 10th. 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."

Orthodox Christian Way: Registration continues following Divine Liturgy. This weeks session will take place on **Tuesday, November 28th**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center.

- **November 28th** ~ Question & Answer Session: This session will be devoted to your questions about our Church and its teachings which have been submitted at the first three sessions. Father Lou will review the questions and prepare answers to as many as time allows. Please submit your questions to us in writing during the first three sessions or email by **November 23rd** to the Church Office at saintdemetrios@comcast.net.

Presentations begin at 7:00 pm following the 6:15 light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30 pm. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35 or \$10 each session. Register after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or by calling the Church Office at 410.661.1090.

Advent & Christmas Program: Beginning today, 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 3rd & the December 10th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 26th ~ Reader and Choir / Bells

Sunday, December 3rd ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 10th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 17th ~ 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."

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.

GOYA ~ TOYS for TOTS: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios 5th 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 17th**. Thank you for your help. We cannot make this a success without you.

70's, 80's & 90's Night 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 20th from 6-10pm.** Money raised will help send our GOYA to visit the St. Nicholas Shrine in New York and the Holy Cross Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts!! For early bird discounted tickets contact Paul Rizas at 410.365.1703 or email paulrizas@gmail.com.

Koritsia: We all have to eat, so why not eat out at one of the following restaurants and raise funds to help pay the mortgage of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church.

January 30th, 2018 ~ Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh. 10% is donated back to church. Also during the Christmas Season if we buy Gift cards and mention Saint Demetrios, Texas Roadhouse will donate 20% back to church.

February 20th, 2018 ~ Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz in Fallston.

We are still collecting clothing & household items for Savers Thrift Store. We will earn .20 per pound for our donations and all money raised will help to pay the mortgage. Our final day for accepting donations is: **December 3rd, 2017.**

Pan-Orthodox St. Nicholas Festival ~ Dec. 9th. On Saturday, Dec. 9th, Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church (1723 E. Fairmount Ave. Baltimore) will host a Pan-Orthodox St. Nicholas Festival for Sunday School students. All parents and children are cordially invited to attend. The games and other fun activities begin at 3:00PM. Afterwards, Great Vespers start at 5:00PM. The activities are appropriate for young children up to middle school. Teens are needed to run the activities at the various stations. Please send your RSVP by Dec. 1st to Olga Hansen 410-967-6738 bryolg@verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Way ~ November 28th

Christmas Card / Flower Donations Due ~ December 1st

Divine Liturgy ~ St. Andrew the Apostle ~ November 30th

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 2nd & 3rd

Memorial Sunday ~ December 10th

Parish Assembly ~ December 17th

Christmas Holiday ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm on December 22nd,

Office Closed ~ December 25th & 26th

Christmas Eve ~ Orthros, 6:00pm / Divine Liturgy, 7:00pm

Musical Christmas Program to follow

New Year Holiday ~ Office Closing at 12:00pm on December 29th

Office Closed ~ January 1st, 2018

New Years Eve ~ Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room

General Meeting: Philoptochos Community Christmas Dinner Thursday, December 14th.

Philoptochos Community Christmas Dinner: The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos would like to invite you to their 1st annual Community Christmas Dinner! Join us as we celebrate Christmas together with food and fellowship. The dinner will be catered by Chefs Expressions and includes a Lenten Italian feast! Tickets are \$25, and a cash bar of beer and wine will be available. Dinner is on **Thursday, December 14th** from 6-9pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. The evening will include singing Christmas carols and a Bid 'n Buy! Tickets can be purchased after Liturgy at coffee hour or by calling Angie at 443-286-4234 or Presvytera Alice at 443-417-0975. We will also be collecting \$5 and \$10 gift cards from Target or Walmart to benefit the Walden School.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: A special thank you to our chair and co-chair, Lisa Venetors and Mary Tsakiris for their hard work and for everyone that donated. This year with everyone's help 6 families a total of 29 people did not have to go without a Thanksgiving dinner, snacks etc.

Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders ~ Baking of Christmas breads will be done on **Thursday, December 7th** 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. All orders must be paid in full when ordering. 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 3rd**. Pick up for ordered breads will be on **December 10th**.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: December 2nd and 3rd. We will have more than 25 crafters/vendors. We have Lilla Rose hair jewelry & accessories, Scentsy, LipSense, YiaYia's Treasures, homemade Christmas items, Painted Crab Shells, painted tiles, painted gourds, LuLaRoe clothing, Agnes & Dora clothing, Teen books the McGonigal series (possible author signing), wind chimes, Gourmet Popcorn, wood carvings from Africe, Arbonne, Leather Goods, Christian books, Icona, Tastefully Simple, Fresh Greens, Jeweled Candles and more!!! Please come out and support this event. Have friends and family come for lunch and shopping. Contact Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428 or Joanna Beleos 410-458-1547 with questions.

YiaYia's Treasures: While everyone is in the "Cleaning Mode" please begin bringing in your unwanted or gently-used Christmas items for YiaYia's Treasures! Donations will be collected in the Philoptochos room from now until **November 29th**. Please contact Thorina Trintis at 410-866-2127.

Greek American Sweets: Please bring in your sweets of all kinds to Ritsa Economakis and crew. Please contact Ritsa Economakis if you have any questions.

Stockings of Joy: Items needed to stuff into stockings for Veterans. Gloves, hats, scarfs, 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 has accepted 4 families to aid for the Christmas season, each family will need food and gifts. There are 15 children in total. If you would like to sponsor a family, or a child. Contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291 or Lisa Jones 410-529-9428.

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
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$332,449	\$296,854	424
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$317,152	\$281,662	389

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, November 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Palikaria Mtg., 9:00am The Way, 6:15pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, November 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar <i>Set-Up, (H/G/K)</i> Guys & Dolls Full Cast Mtg., <i>7:00pm (M)</i></p>	<p><u>Thursday, November 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Palikaria, 9:00am St. Andrew the Apostle <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar <i>Set-Up (H/G/K)</i></p> <p><u>Friday, December 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar <i>Set-Up, (H/G/K)</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 2nd</u> Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, <i>9:00am – 3:00pm (H/G/K)</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, December 3rd</u> 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Advent Program (Pre-k – 2nd grade) Nativity Choir after Divine Liturgy Dance Practice, 12:15pm (C) Savers Donations Final Day Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, <i>12:00 – 4:00pm (H/G/K)</i></p>
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The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. has planned a bus trip, for **Thursday, December 7th, 2017**, to view, with a docent, the exhibition ***"The House in Ancient Greek Art"*** at the National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, VA. The bus will leave from the Annunciation Cathedral North Lot at 9am and return approx., 4:30pm. The cost, per person is \$90 (HHMM members, \$85), and includes a three course lunch at the Salamander Resort. For reservations, please contact Anna Z. Pappas, 410.296.2522 or azplato@verizon.net. Please, make your check payable to **'HHMM'** and mail, with your phone number and address, to: Anna Z. Pappas, 1055 W. Joppa Road, #428, Towson, MD. 21204.

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos presents their

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 2nd ♦ 9am to 4pm
Sunday, December 3rd ♦ Noon to 4pm

Vendors of all types:

*Painted Crab Shells, Greek Pastries, YiaYia's Treasures,
Fresh Wreaths and Cemetery Crosses, Sightings of Mrs. Claus,
Greek & American Food and Much More!!!*

Vendor Space Still Available

Contact: Lisa Jones-Venetos

410.529.9429

Or email: danskliese1@aol.com

or Joanna Beleos

410.458.1547



Hope/Joy Christmas Party

Friday, December 15th, 2017 ♦ 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.

