November 1, 2026 **5th Sunday of Luke**

The Epistle Reading is I Corinthians 12:27-13:8. **The Gospel Reading** is Luke 16:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1317 and 1224 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: Kosmas and Damianos, the Unmercenary Physicians of Asia Minor, and their Righteous Mother Theodote; Righteous David the Ascetic of Euboia; Iakovos and Dionysios, the New Righteous Martyrs; Righteous Helen of Sinope, Neomartyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christina Harris and Family ***in loving memory of*** her husband, their father and grandfather, Steve "Spyro" Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp is lit by:

- Mary Antonas and Family ***in loving memory of*** her dearest friend, Joanna Anagnos, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 2nd, 2026. May He rest her soul. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Christina Harris.

The Memorial Service is being chanted *in loving memory of* our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers: Koula Kostopoulos, Theodora Konstant, Demetra Panteloukas, Paraskevi Arambiges, Basiliki Theodoropoulos, Cleopatra Stamidis, Irene Diacoyanis, Mary Dontas, Venetia Adas, Styliani Mitsos, Styliani Maniatis, Diane Ferdinalis, Pauline Prevas, Pota Economakis, Margaret Pizanis, Elaine Pantelides, Eugenia Kariotis, Mary Beleos, Helen Polites, Calliopi Theodore, Sevasti Makres, Olga Livanion, Despina Sakell, Eleni Foudos, Irene Arnas, Georgia Bouris, Anastasia Maggelakis, Katherine Canelos, Paraskevi Metaxas, Kathryn Michalos, Anna Stroumbis, Vasiliki Handakas, Cornelia Rogers, Mary Hayes, Theodora Kapsambelis, Anastasia Koutrakos, Sevasti Eliadis, Faye Varlas, Frances Antonas, Demetra Tsambikos, Mary Antonakos, Tasia Stratigakos, Anna Lozos, Ann Loucas, Eitsa Geoca, Cina Daskalakis, Georgia Karkoulas, Diana Stratos, Betty Tselepis, Evangeline Frangos, Angela Merriken, Irene Lewis, Mary Sorvalis, Juliet Sackleh, Elaine Vardavas, Helen Amentas, Joan Sayers, Cleo Xanthakos, Helen Vendelis, Fannie Angelos, Basilios Trintis, Emily Koulepis, Helen Foudos, Despina Panteloukas, Katherine Thoupas Strittmater, Angelina Vakoutis, Florence Stefanou, Maritsa Kosmas, Elaine Pikounis, Eva Macris, Penny Makris, Leslie Sarantinos, Sophia Balis, Katherine Strakes, Adrienne Houzouris, Angela Scaljon, Georgia Mavromihalis, Chryssi Karas, Gina Michalos, Father Ernest Arambiges, Hariklia Sigambris, Irini Kontorousis, Evelyn Karas, Irene Cocoros, Voula Courtalis, Mary Cross, Robert Padousis, John Sakellarakos, Popei Kleon, Evangeline Alexion, Helen Poletis, Sophie Lericos, Theodora Poletis, Georgia Eliopoulos, Hariklia Sigambris, Presvytera Maria Arambiges, Mary Karavedas, Lori Papaeracleous, Manuel Antonakas, Irene Peltsemes, Helen Conits, Catherine Irene Latgis, Tessie Petropol, and Evangeline Demetrakis, Angela Koutsoutis, Pauline Parlo Panteleakis, Maria Antonopoulos, Paraskevi "Vula" Stamatopoulos, Chrysanthy "Sally" Kootsikas, Anthoula "Flo" Chakales, Charlotte Anne Vorias, Esther Williams, Katherine Diafokeris, Mary Lou Pizanis, Sophia Maggelakis Vendelis

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour today is being sponsored by Aristea Daniels, Stephanie Christ, and Linda Goodman. Thank you to these ladies for supporting this ministry of Philoptochos.

Narthex Greeter: Today's Narthex Greeter will be Lou Triandafilou.

Pastoral Visits: Parishioners who are in assisted living, nursing homes, hospitals, or those who would like a Pastoral visit, house blessing. graveside visit or confession, please contact the office at 410.661.1090.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who have been Baptized or Chrismated into the Orthodox Faith who have properly prepared. We welcome non-Orthodox attendees to come forward at the conclusion of the liturgy to receive blessed bread as our gift to you.

Confessions: Did you know that Confession is one of the Sacraments of the Church, and is offered year-round? If you are interested in going to Confession, please feel free to contact the church office (410.661.1090. press 1) to speak to either Father Lou or Father Karl so that an appointment can be made or see one of them after Liturgy. Please remember ***"What is said in Confession, Stays in Confession!"***

Parish Council Team B (Georgia Economakis, Bill Matsos, Manuel Vendelis, Anthony Trintis and Stephanie Christ) are scheduled to be on duty for the month of November.

Parish Assembly/Elections Meeting: The Parish Assembly/Elections will be held on **Sunday, November 15th,** immediately following the Divine Liturgy in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2026 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. Topics will include: Philoptochos updates, stewardship, annual budget, construction updates, elections, and any topics that you bring to the floor.

Orthodox Studies: Please join us on **Wednesday, November 4th, 10:00am.** We are studying The Amazing Experiences during the Divine Liturgy. We meet in the boardroom, which is across from the elevator. All are welcome, we LOVE new members!! For more information, please contact Kevin Goodman at 410.530.1689.

Welcome: The Welcome Committee would like to thank all who are visiting our church today. Our church has many ministries that can help you learn about our faith and opportunities to join our community. If you would like to learn more about our church and the different ministries available to you, please text Lou Triandafilou at 410.456.5380.

2026 Stewardship: We are three quarters of the way through 2026, and we are slightly behind on the number of pledging stewards. Thank you to both the 398 stewards (90%) that have already submitted their 2026 pledges and the 20 Day Steward Sponsors! It is not too late to submit your pledge and be a Day Steward!! If you have not already submitted your 2026 pledge, please do so as soon as possible! Our winter electric bill was over $17,000! Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship, and we ask that you carefully consider your 2026 pledge. Due to inflation, our beloved church has experienced increased expenses just as you and I have experienced!!! Please consider increasing your pledge to help with our expenses! An increase of $2 to $3 per week would greatly help with our increased expenses! Can you believe that every $1 per week increase for our 444 stewards adds over $21,000 towards our 2026 Stewardship goal! Our ultimate goal is to support 100% of our operating budget through Stewardship. Won't you do all you can to bring this goal to fruition?

2026 Day Steward Initiative: For our 2026 Stewardship Drive, we are continuing the optional Day Sponsor Steward initiative. This optional initiative offers our stewards a personal milestone to sponsor the daily operating expenses for our parish. It is a milestone that many may find appealing and personally rewarding. The daily operating expenses of our beloved Saint Demetrios church are $2,000 including utilities, insurance, cleaning, maintenance, the commitment to the archdiocese, and parish salaries. These are the necessary expenses to ensure our beloved parish is open to everyone. Day Sponsor Stewards make and fulfill a minimum annual pledge of $2,000. Half-day Sponsor Stewards make and fulfill a minimum annual pledge of $1,000. Additional days may be sponsored in additional increments of $1,000 or $2,000. As a Day or Half-Day Sponsor, you may identify the specific day(s) you choose to sponsor. Choose any day throughout the year for a special occasion, in memory of or in honor of a loved one and submit on your 2026 pledge card. Day or Half-day Sponsor Stewards may remain anonymous or choose to be included by name in the church bulletin. Your stewardship pledge may also be made online at: http://www.stdemetriosmd.org Donate Now. After donating online, please send in your completed paper copy 2026 pledge card to the church office. Please contact Val Dzwonczyk at vdzwonc@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the Day Steward Initiative.

Income Tax Deduction: More people can take an income tax deduction on their income tax return for this year. Tax law changes for 2026 allow for an income tax deduction for contributions made to the Church – even if you do not itemize your deductions. For a joint couple, the 2026 deduction is up to $2,000 for contributions made before December 31, 2026. Please be aware that income tax rules are complicated and that this information is not to be taken as tax advice. You should contact your income tax advisor to review your personal tax situation to consider this tax law change and how it best fits into your overall tax strategies.

Love Content Creating? Enjoy taking pictures or filming? We do too! Join the Social Media Committee. We are looking for more content creators, enthusiasts, and aspiring influencers of all ages ~ teens and college too! We can help with software and gear! Text Anthony Skevakis at 321.431.4134 or email Stephanie Christ at <stephanie2twins@yahoo.com>. Know someone? Share that too!

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos is PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION!

Philoptochos Sunday: Please join us to sit as a group on the left side front of the church. We will take a group photo after Liturgy. A collection will be taken for the Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund. Thanks to Mary Tsakiris for preparing the Memorial Koliva in memory of our departed Philoptochos sisters and brothers and to Ritsa Economakis and her baking crew for baking the Artoklasia.

Pickleball Schedule: Every **Wednesday 5:30-8:00pm**. **November dates are November 11th and 18th.** We have three courts and plenty of room to accommodate everyone. Please contact Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 or Jbeleos@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Exercise Classes: Chair exercise, low impact, stretch, movement, and balance class every Thursday at 11:00am in the Music Room. Dancercise/Zumba classes every Saturday at 11:00am usually in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Open attendance. Contact Linda Goodman with questions. lgagrn@gmail.com or 410.615.5006.

Golden Seniors: Upcoming activity! Luncheon and Games, **Tuesday, November 3rd, 12:00-3:00pm** in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Rides can be arranged if needed. RSVP to Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 or Tina Holder 410.627.6081.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Please consider donating for those less fortunate. We will once again provide items needed to prepare Thanksgiving dinner for 16 families from two area schools. For consistency, the Community Outreach Committee plans to do the shopping. A flyer listing the items needed for a full meal donation is available on the table in the Narthex. Monetary donations to cover their purchases are now being accepted and can be given to any Philoptochos Board member. Please make checks payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos, and in the memo line ad: "Food Drive." For questions, please email Irene Angelos at iangelos0709@gmail.com or Barbara Vassos at barbara.vassos@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your support!

Christmas Bazaar: We will be having our Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm.** We are still accepting vendors. If you know of anyone that may be interested in being a vendor, please let us know. You can contact Cristina Rosell Chakales at 3forme@chakales.com. Thank you!

YiaYia's Treasures: We are now collecting gently used Christmas decorations for our Yiayia's Treasures until **Monday, November 9th, 2026.** Anything brought after **November 9th** will not be accepted. You can bring items during coffee hour or make arrangements for drop-off by contacting Mary Tsakiris mtsakiris21@gmail.com 410.245.1291, Harriet Hart. lefty826@verizon.net 443.668.3344 or Linda Goodman lgagrn@gmail.com 410.615.5006. Please do not leave items in the hallway.

Breakfast with Santa: **Saturday, November 28th, 2026, from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and make special memories with your family. Menu is eggs, biscuits, home fries, pancakes, sausage, and desserts. Mrs. Claus and Rudolf and one of the elves took the day off to come and help Santa. with his orders. Ticket prices for children 4 and under are free, 5-12 years old are $15.00 and 12-Adult are $20. 00. We will be selling tickets on **Sunday November 8th, 2026.** after church, or call Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291.

The Angel Tree is back!! Christmas is the time for giving. Help a child have a wonderful Christmas morning by adopting an angel. Start date is **Sunday November 15th, 2026,** and the Gifts are Due on **Sunday, December 6th, 2026.**

Christmas Dinner: Come Eat, Drink and let's be Merry. Join us for our Christmas Dinner on **Sunday, December 13th, 2026,** at Estiatorio Plaka. We will be selling tickets on **Sunday, November 8th, 2026,** after church. or you can call Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291 or Jean Roussos at 410.804.2158.

Next Meetings: Board Meeting on **Monday, November 2nd, at 6:30pm** in the Boardroom. General Meeting on **Monday, November 9th, at 6:30pm** in the Boardroom.

Hope/Joy: Join us for a festive afternoon of Christmas fun and fellowship on **Saturday, December 5th, from 11:00am-1:00pm** in The Hermes Rafailides Center. Children and their families are invited to enjoy a pizza lunch, play Christmas Bingo, and make Christmas crafts. Come celebrate the joy of the season with friends, food, and holiday cheer! **Please RSVP by texting Bekah Richardson at 214.354.0140. Be sure to include the number of adults and children that will be attending.**

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Decorations 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 Community Christmas Card is $25.00 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 **Tuesday, December 1st.** Checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios and please memo as Christmas Card/Flowers. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!!!***

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Open to all children aged 3 (**as of August 31st**) through High School Seniors, lessons began on **September 13th, 2026,** and will conclude on **May 23rd, 2027.** Please see our website https://www.stdemetriosmd.org/ministries/orthodoxfaith-sunday-school/ for the link to the online registration form or use the QR code to register. If you have any questions, please email the school at SundaySchool.StDemetrios@gmail.com.

Our Sunday School Ministry is always looking for volunteers to teach or assist classes. We need substitutes who can fill in if any of our teachers need to take a week off. Should you be interested in offering your time and talents with this vital Orthodox Faith Ministry, or have any questions, please reach out to George Zaverdinos at 410.638.2637 or via email at zavirag@verizon.net or Karyn Skevakis at kskevakis@gmail.com.

GOYA NEWS:

Mark your Calendars for our annual ***"Not Your YiaYia's Bingo"*** on **Friday, November 6th, 2026.** Registration, Kitchen, and Bar Opens at 5:30pm ~ Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are $40. Food, Soft Drinks, Beer, and Wine will be available to purchase, no outside food permitted. Please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table. If you have any questions, please send an email to: stdemetriosmdgoya@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at our Bingo Event.

Follow us on our Facebook: Saint Demetrios GOYA Baltimore Maryland page https://www.facebook.com/groups/1678295413240075

GREEN TEAM NEWS

COATS and OUTERWEAR DRIVE ~ now through **Sunday, November 15th.** Drop off your clean, gently used, or new Coats and Outerwear to the marked bin in the church building by the Choir Loft Door. All sizes welcome ~ children and adult. The coats will be delivered to Soup for the Souls, Blessings Closet in Dundalk. Need more information, contact Mary Pitrowski, 301.643.4108.

Everyday herbs come to the rescue!

♦ Sip a cup of rosemary tea for possible headache relief ~ add ½ tsp. of fresh rosemary to a cup of boiled water. Cover the cup with a lid and infuse 5-20 minutes depending on your desired strength. Strain out the rosemary stems and add desired amount of honey, sweetening to taste. You may repeat every 3 hours for headache relief. ♦ Having trouble with those pesky insect bites. Rub externally sweet basil leaves on to your skin. The basil leaves act as an insect repellent. The juice from the leaves brings relief to insect bites, stings, and swelling.

CONSIDER JOINING THE GREEN TEAM MINISTRY! We have fun and need YOU to carry out the work of being good stewards of God's gift to us, our 34-acre corner of His creation, Saint Demetrios church. Everyone is welcome! For more details about joining the team, contact Mary Triandafilou 443.435.4374.

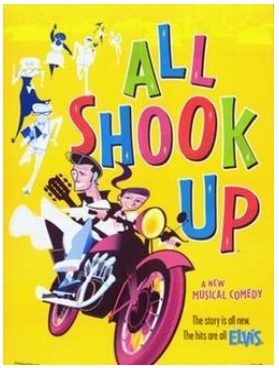
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

Join us on **Saturday, December 19th, 2026, at 12:00pm** as Saint Demetrios host the National Wreaths Across America Day ceremony and trisagion. In conjunction with this event, we are compiling a Veterans Biography Book to be distributed at church services on **Sunday, December 20th, 2026.** If you would like to submit a biography to honor a veteran in your family, or if you wish to support our fundraising or operational efforts for this year's wreaths, please reach out to Gregory Manuel at saintdemetrioswreaths@gmail.com. For more information, please go to the below URL: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/180132/Overview/?relatedId=0.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, November 10th, 9:00am-12:00pm** in the library. The book of the month is **"*The Wishing Game*"** *by Meg Shaffer.* All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, sew, or just want some friendly conversation.

Library News: Saint Justus was a citizen of Italy known for his good works and kindness. When charges of being Christian were brought against his fellow citizens, he was tried according to Roman Law. He refused to sacrifice to the Roman Gods and was sentenced to death by drowning. You can read about our many saints by visiting our library. No time to stop in? Visit our Little Library: take a book and leave a book. If you do not have a book to leave, take one anyway. We have plenty to share. Would you like to join a ministry that does not have a lot of meetings and only needs an hour or so of your time? We would love to meet you. We can always use your help.

AHEPA Worthington Chapter Veterans Day Luncheon is **November 15th, from 2:00-5:00pm** at Pappas Restaurant in Cockeysville. Cost $45. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table for details and RSVP by **November 9th** to mprevas@outlook.com.



SUBURBAN PLAYERS:

Saint Demetrios Suburban Players is proud to announce "***All Shook Up"*** which performs **February 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th and 27th.**

All Shook Up is a jukebox musical featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, with a book by Joe DiPietro. Set in the summer of 1955 in a small Midwestern town, the story follows Chad, a guitar-playing roustabout who is released from jail and brings excitement to the town. The plot centers around Natalie Haller, a mechanic who yearns for love and adventure, and her best friend Dennis, who secretly loves her. The musical combines themes of romance, mistaken identities, and the transformative power of music, drawing inspiration from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

What the Church Fathers say about…
WHAT MAKES A CHRISTIAN

The Church depends on the Holy Scripture and Tradition for her teachings. Contributing to this Tradition are the writings of the Venerable "Fathers" and Elders. These men of God present us with the living Faith of our ancestors, i.e., those who have gone before in the sure knowledge of the truth. The Fathers weave a tapestry of unchangeable truth and secure for us a continuity with the early Church of the Apostles and Martyrs.

Early Christians saw themselves as "new men and women in Christ." As a result, they were forced, by Faith, to abandon their former way of life and enter a new dynamic in Jesus Christ as Lord.

To accept the redeeming and renewing power of Christ, in Baptism, means that we must "cast off the old man," as Saint Paul relates, and "put on the new man" (Ephesians 4:22-24).

These Christians self-portraits from the earliest days of the Faith show this mind-set and prove the sincerity with which the early Believers accepted the Lord, by becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

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, and 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
2025	$380,000	$734,122	$394,311	$334,249	404
2026	$395,000	$763,750	$397,109	$341,984	398

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, November 2nd
Pre-School, 7:30am
Greek School, 4:30pm
Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 3rd
Pre-School, 7:30am
Senior Luncheon, 12:00pm
GOYA Basketball, 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 4th
Pre-School, 7:30am
Orthodox Studies, 10:00am
Greek School, 4:30pm
No Pickleball
Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, November 5th
Pre-School, 7:30am
Guys and Dolls Blanket Event, 12:00pm
Chair Exercise Class, 11:00am
No Adult Basketball

Friday, November 6th
Pre-School, 7:30am
GOYA Bingo, 7:00pm

Saturday, November 7th
Green Team Stream Clean-Up
Dancercise/Zumba, 11:00am

Sunday, November 8th
7th Sunday of Luke
Orthros, 9:00am
Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Memorial Sunday
Veterans Sunday
Orthodox Faith Sunday School, 9:55am
Dance Giving, after Liturgy
Rehearsal, 1:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday, November 21st at 10:00am {Chapel}
Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy ~ Thursday, November 26th at 10:00am
Pre-School ~ Monday, November 9th through Friday, November 13th at 7:30am
Greek School ~ Monday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 11th at 4:30pm
GOYA Basketball ~ Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00pm
Orthodox Studies ~ Wednesday, November 11th at 10:00am
Pickleball~ Wednesday, November 11th
AHEPA Meeting ~ Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00pm
Chair Exercise Class ~ Thursday, November 12th at 11:00am
Pre-School Thanksgiving Event and Spaghetti Dinner ~ Thursday, November 12th at 5:00pm
No Adult Basketball ~ Thursday, November 12th
GOYA Meeting ~ Friday, November 13th
Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar Set-up ~ Friday, November 13th
Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~Saturday, November 14th
AHEPA Bull Roast ~ Saturday, November 14th at 7:00pm (St. Nicholas Church)
Dancercise/Zumba ~ Saturday, November 14th at 11:00am