

January 14, 2018

Sunday after Theophany

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 4:12-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 & 1149 in the Holy Bible or on pages 127-128 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Apodosis of Theophany

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Katherine Strakes *in loving memory of* her beloved sister, Mary Antonakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- George & James Antonakos and Constance Rizkalla *in loving memory of* their beloved mother, Mary Antonakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- *In loving memory of* Peter Boutselis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago, by his wife, Vasiliki Boutselis, and their children, Peter & Olympia Boutselis; Penny & Evan Padousis, and grandchildren, Alexa Arcangioli, Katerina Boutselis and Zoe Padousis. May his memory be eternal.
- Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, Peter Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord nine years ago.
- Jimmy & Chris Spanos *in loving memory of* their sister, Tina Triktis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Martha Sinis *for the health & welfare of* her children and grandchildren, and best wishes to Phillip *on the occasion of* his 17th birthday. I love you all.
- Martha Sinis and her sister, Barbara *in loving memory of* their parents, Aikaterini & Marinos Kalothis and their grandmother, Aikaterini Kalothi. May their memories be eternal.
- Helen Argis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Jack Michael Argis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

40-Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Skevakis will present their 3rd child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day Baby Blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Mary Antonakos and Peter Boutselis. May their memories be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Georgia Kerasiotes & Maria Andreyev.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the family *in loving memory of* Peter Boutselis, father of Penny Padousis. Coffee will be served by Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis and Toula Woods.

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

2018 Parish Council: We would like to congratulate the new members and the continuing members of our Parish Council and wish them a very fruitful 2018. The 2018 Parish Council Executive Board consists of: Peter Georgelakos, *President*, Nick Kosmas, *Vice-President*, Cathy Xanthakos, *Treasurer*, Mark Alberding, *Financial Secretary* and Irene Kaikis Lericos, *Recording Secretary*. Please take time to thank them for serving our community.

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem: We will conduct a special blessing and prayer today on those members of our Congregation who will depart on **Monday, January 15th, 2018** on a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Lands. We pray for their safety and that they may experience a very enlightening pilgrimage and arrive home safely to share with all of us their wonderful experience.

Godparent/Godchildren Sunday: Godparent's Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 4th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

February 19th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

Orthodox Studies: Due to the pilgrimage to the Holy Land of many of our members, we will not have any further classes in January, please join us as we resume on **Friday, February 9th**. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

2018 Calendars: If you were unable to pick-up the 2018 Ecclesiastical Calendar and would like to have one, the calendars can be picked-up from the Church office during regular business hours. (Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm), or you can call the Church office at 410.661.1090 and request that the calendar be mailed to you. Only calendars that are requested will be mailed. Because we have a limited number of calendars, to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, only **one** calendar per family.

For Your Awareness: In January 2018, we will start a monthly passing of a collection tray for the purpose of funding much-needed building maintenance items. The tray will be passed the second Sunday of each month, and proceeds will be dedicated to building maintenance items, including the heating and cooling system for the Sanctuary, and a security system for the Church building and grounds. Trays are not for the purpose of Stewardship pledge collection; we ask that you thoughtfully consider what you can do above your Stewardship pledge this one Sunday per month to address the increasing needs of our buildings and grounds. Every dollar matters, and is responsibly managed by your Parish Council. We thank you in advance for your contributions!

Godparents Sunday: Saint Demetrios will be celebrating Godparent Sunday on **February 4th, 2018**, and The Koritsia will be hosting the Godparent Sunday Luncheon that afternoon in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following church. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour. You can also contact Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.com or Christina Tsakiris at cmt7226@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children if purchased prior to the event. If purchased at the door, tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. We look forward to seeing you there and we thank you for your support!"

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 & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

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.

Greek Independence Day Parade: The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade fundraiser dance will be held on **January 27th** at 8:00pm, at Greek Town Square, with music by Power Station from New York. General admission seats are \$50. VIP ~ Sponsor tables of 10 available for \$800. Complimentary mezedakia at all tables, cash bar and 50/50 raffle. For tickets and reservations contact: Manoli 410.790.7542 or Emily 443.838.1248. **Save the date:** This year's parade will be **Sunday, March 25th!**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

General Meeting: Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room

Philoptochos General Meeting: Kick off the New Year by joining us on **Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm** for our General Philoptochos meeting and share in fellowship and refreshments. We will be presenting and approving our 2018 budget and have some wonderful events coming up that will be announced. Bring a friend, daughter or granddaughter so we can join forces in Philoptochos and help make the world a little brighter. Philoptochos NEEDS YOU!!

MEMBERSHIP: *Philoptochos is ~ PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION! JOIN THE TEAM OF FUN LOVING, HARD WORKING MEMBERS SPREADING JOY TO THOSE WHO NEED A KIND WORD, SMILE AND ENCOURAGEMENT!* We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community). Membership is open to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and is based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. When considering your stewardship donation, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, school children in need and the Baltimore Rescue Mission. For more information: Please contact Elaine 410.472.3458, stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 15th

St. Demetrios Bull & Oyster Roast ~ January 20th

Pre-School Brunch ~ January 21st

Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th

Lent begins on February 19th

Presidents Day ~ February 19th Office, Pre-School & Greek School will be closed

The American Hellenic Council is happy to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2018 American Hellenic Council (A-H-C) Scholarship Awards.

Three deserving students will be awarded:

The Aris Anagnos \$1,500 Scholarship

The Dr. & Mrs. Kallins \$1,000 scholarship

The Van Vlahakis Family \$1,000 scholarship

The winners will be announced at our Annual Awards Gala on March 31, 2018. You or a loved one can be among the winners. This year's deadline is January 31, 2018. To download application, please go enter address in your web browser: <http://www.americanhellenic.org/american-hellenic-scholarship>

Welcome OCMC/OCF Spring Break Albania: the best alternative to everything else out there. Sign up for a week in which you will see a nation that has risen from the ashes of atheism. A week where you will see what it means to desire Christ first through your interactions with the youth, the youth leaders, the faithful and the church leadership. Apply for the 2018 OCMC/OCF Spring Break trip to Albania at www.ocmc.org or by calling 1-877-643-6784 and open your heart to participate in the Best Spring Break Destination EVER.

Tickets are available for the Suburban Players 43rd Production ~ "Guys and Dolls." Dates are: February 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018. Ticket prices for Dinner Theatre are \$46 (Adults); \$45/pp for 10 or more tickets; \$25 (Children under 12); Saturday matinee on February 10th for \$20/pp at 11:00am with light fare for purchase. Contact: Eleni Libertini via email at: elibertini@comcast.net or phone at 410.679.5622. A delicious meal and wonderful show awaits you! Ad spaces in all sizes are also available in our program book. This is an inexpensive way to advertise your business, send well wishes to fellow stewards and support your church. Contact kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or phone at 410.256.4487 to purchase your ad. Deadline for all ads is **January 22nd, 2018.**

Help Needed: Many hands are needed! We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, January 27th, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.** If you would like to participate please contact Katherine Strakes at 410.828.4125.

Technology Team: Please stop by the Hermes Rafailides Center today to update your contact information, as we begin the migration process to email-based communications. For more information, contact members of the Technology Team: Irene Kaikis Lericos, Catherine Xanthakos, Maria Stamas, Stephen Kucharski or Stephen Christ.

Pre-School Brunch / Open House: Please join us on **Sunday, January 21st** (following Liturgy) for a Gourmet Brunch / Open House. Cost \$5 p/person. We will be serving Bagels, Traditional Greek Omelet, Potatoes, Fruit, Bacon/Sausage, Juice/Coffee. Open House from 11:30am-1pm. For more information contact Betty Boteler, 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending **January 27th.** If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use, kindly remove them before this date

Orthodox Observer: If you are **NOT** receiving the Orthodox Observer, and would like to, please send an email to the church office containing your name and address and we will have you added to the mailing list. Our email address is: saintdemetrios@comcast.net

Adult Basketball Tournament: Calling all retired GOYAns, Friends of GOYAns and GOYA Parents! Do you miss being in GOYA? Do you miss the tournaments? Do you miss the dances? Do you miss the friends? Perhaps you weren't in GOYA, but wish you were!!! Well here's your chance!! We are bringing it all back with the Saint Demetrios 1st Annual **THROW BACK TOURNAMENT** on **Saturday, January 20th!!** Start off your day playing basketball with your old friends and representing your decade! Finish your day with a GOYA Dinner/Dance at our Bull & Oyster Roast at Jimmy's Seafood featuring The Koko Brothers playing your favorite old-school dance hits!! To register email Manuel Diacogiannis at Diacol@hotmail.com! See you there!! Money raised will benefit our current GOYA so that they can visit The Shrine at Saint Nicholas in New York and The Holy Cross Monastery in Boston.

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

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, the donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom, which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is **May 18th.** Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

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	\$213,232	\$21,755	206
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$186,647	\$25,705	180

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 15th</u> Martin Luther King Day Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Pre-School Mom’s Night Out, 7:00pm (H/G) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, (Leads A&B), 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm GOYA Basketball</p>	<p><u>Thursday, January 18th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Guys and Dolls Rehearsal, (Leads A,B,C), 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 19th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am GOYA Tournament Set-Up, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 20th</u> GOYA Throwback Basketball Tournament, (H/G) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, (H/G) Cameo Kids, 1:00-2:00pm Full Cast, 1:30-3:30pm Dancers, 2:30-4:30pm St. Demetrios Bull & Oyster Roast, 6:00pm</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 21st</u> 15th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am Pre-School Brunch, following Liturgy, (H/G) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal (H/G) Full Cast, Dancers & Cameo Kids, 2:00pm</p>
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The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

“Guys and Dolls”

Tickets on Sale NOW!

Show A: Saturday, February 10, 2018

(Matinee)

Doors Open ~ 10:15am

Show ~ 11:00am

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show B: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show C: Sunday, February 11, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

Show D: Friday, February 16, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show E: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show F: Sunday, February 18, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

Ticket Prices

Matinee ~ \$20.00

Dinner Theatre:

Adults ~ \$46.00 (Table of 10 ~ \$45.00 each)

Children under 12 ~ \$25.00

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact Eleni Libertini at 410.679.5622 or elibertini@comcast.net or during coffee hour in the Hermes Rafailides Center

Checks, cash and credit cards accepted.

Return check fee: \$35.00

Tickets are sold by assigned tables.

All sales are final.

No Refunds.

For Dinner Shows ~ Doors open 30 minutes before Dinner is served!

Thank you for your support!!!