

January 4, 2015

Sunday before Theophany

The **Epistle Reading** is II Timothy 4:5-8. The **Gospel Reading** is Mark 1:1-8. These Readings may be found on pages 1355 & 1180 in the **Holy Bible** or pages 125-126 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Pre-Theophany; Synaxis of the Holy Seventy Apostles; The Righteous Theoktistos; Righteous Onouphrios the Younger, Neomartyr; Appolinaria; Dorotheos the monk.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Thorina Trintis & Family *in honor of* Bill and Basili Trintis, on the occasion of their nameday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Chris Spanos & Family *for the continued health & welfare of* her husband, their father and grand father, Jimmy Spanos.
- Martha Sinis & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Aikaterini Kalothi, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago; father, grandfather & great grandfather, Marinos Kalothi, who fell asleep in the Lord 36 years ago and grandmother, great grandmother & great, great grandmother Aikaterini Kalothi, who fell asleep in the Lord 87 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Artoclasia is being offered *for the health & welfare of* Basilios A. Trintis & Family

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy and served by Fedra Carman, Kate Cocoros & Martha Sinis.

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: Make a New Year's resolution to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on Friday, January 9th at 9:30 am in the board room. 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 410.692.7590.

2015 Calendar: Today, Sunday, January 4th, will be our final day distributing the 2015 Ecclesiastical Calendar to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars are available after the Divine Liturgy, during the coffee hour in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please pick up your calendar so that we can reduce the amount of postage for sending them through the mail.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2014-2015 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (age 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 Kiria Betty via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Please support our Pre-School with a \$5 donation for a bumper sticker, "Learning through God's eyes". Available at coffee hour through the pre-school or by contacting: Kelly MacDonnell at 410.917.2992.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the Suburban Players 40th Production ~ "*Shrek The Musical*". Show dates are **February 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2015**. Tickets are \$45/pp and we are excited to announce that we have added a **Saturday matinee on February 21st** for \$20/pp at 11:00 am with light fare for purchase. See Harriet Hatzidimitriou in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call her at 410.248.0582 to purchase your tickets. A delicious meal and wonderful show await you! **Ad space in all sizes is 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. See Dottie Ganer in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Diving Liturgy or call her at 410.866.7336 to purchase your ad. **Deadline for all ads is January 16th, 2015.**

Help Needed ~ We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on Saturday, January 17th, 2015. If you would like to participate please contact Katherine Strakes at 410.828.4125.

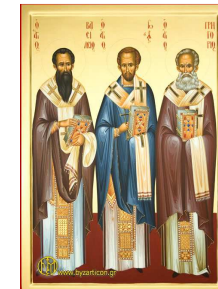
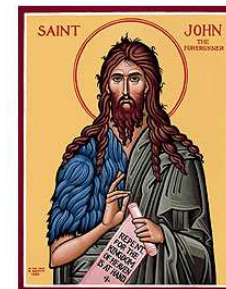
Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending January 23rd. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use, kindly remove them before this date.

Calendar and Use of the Facility Procedures: This is a reminder that the Church Office must clear all events, meetings, food preparation, rehearsals and hall/kitchen dates on the parish calendar. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 and schedule your building usage.

Orthodox Christian Network: Would like to introduce **The Children's Word**, a ministry offered by the Orthodox Christian Network & Presvytera Alexandra Houck. The Children's Word is a weekly Sunday bulletin for the Orthodox Youth. Each issue includes a message on the Sunday Gospel lesson and on one of the Saints for the week. The Children's Word can be used in Church School or at home. Please pick up **The Children's Word** bulletin from the Narthex table or on the web at: www.myocn.net and click on read tab and scroll down and click on **The Children's Word**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters ~ Monday, January 5th, 10:00 am
Feast of the Epiphany ~ Blessing of the Waters Divine Liturgy ~ Tuesday, January 6th, 10:00 am
Feast of Saint John the Baptist Divine Liturgy ~ Wednesday, January 7th, 10:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ Monday, January 19th ~ Pre-School & Greek School Closed
Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ Friday, January 30th, 10:00 am



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME – TALENT -- TREASURE”

If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the *Pangari*. For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes can also be found at the *Pangari*.

Dear Stewards, remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask you to include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ walked among us for 33 years. Could you add 33 cents a day to your pledge to help maintain His home at Saint Demetrios? That would be an additional \$9 a month to your pledge. Think of what you have, and remember what He gave up for you.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$346,446	\$ 321,069	486

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>Monday, January 5th Pre School, 8:45 am <i>Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (M) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 7th Pre School, 8:45 am <i>Saint John the Baptist ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G) The Way Cmt. Mtg., 6:00 pm (B) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (M) Finance Mtg., 7:00 pm (L)</p>	<p>Friday, January 9th Pre School, 8:45 am Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am, (B) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 6th Pre School, 8:45 am <i>Feast of the Epiphany ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> GOYA Soccer, 5:30 pm (H/G) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p>Thursday, January 8th Pre School, 8:45 am Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G) Play Mtg., 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p>Sunday, January 11th <i>Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Vasilopita Bread Cutting /</i> <i>St. Basil Collection</i> Church School, 9:55 am Pre-School Breakfast, (H/G/K) Play Rehearsal, 1:30 pm (H/G)</p>

*In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

From the entire Philoptochos Board to all of our Saint Demetrios Family, "We Wish You a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!"

A special thank you from the members of our beloved Philoptochos to all who made donations to the many Christmas drives we sponsored during the holidays. There are several appreciative families, children, adults and organizations that extend their sincerest **THANK YOU** and wishes for a Happy New Year! The charity work Philoptochos members strive to complete, could not be accomplished without your continued love and support.

Please join us to welcome the New Year together at our General Philoptochos Meeting Tuesday, January 13th at 6:45p in the Philoptochos Room.

January is the time to remember to make your stewardship commitment to Philoptochos. Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to the church office. Attention: Philoptochos Membership on the envelope. Please specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. For more information contact our Membership Chairs, Thorina Trintis 410.866.2127 or Violette Cocoros 410.256.6283.

Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero ~ Dear Philoptochos Sisters: You will receive a letter this month from our President Elaine Sackleh detailing the plans for the new Saint Nicholas Shrine in NYC. If every Philoptochos member nationally contributed \$100 we would commit more than \$2 million towards this worthy project (that would be equal to \$1.50 a week for the 15 months of the drive). Margo Lambros our Assistant Treasurer will be our liaison to National for this project, so when you make a pledge please put "attention: Margo Lambros" on the envelope so that it is directed properly. Thank you for your support.



Begin your menu planning for 2015 with a copy of the latest edition of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos cookbook, Kali Orexi IV! Purchase a gift set with Kali Orexi IV cookbook, embroidered apron and bonus, wooden cooking spoon, for \$35. Individual books are available for \$20 per copy and individual aprons are \$15 each. Contact Dottie Ganer or Mary Triandafilou to purchase multiple copies. The sales of the cookbooks and aprons support the many charities Philoptochos supports throughout the year.

*“It does not matter how much we give,
but how much love, we put into our giving.”*

Mother Theresa