

January 11, 2015

Sunday after Theophany

The **Epistle Reading** is Hebrew 13:7-16. The **Gospel Reading** is Matthew 4:12-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1369 & 1149 in the **Holy Bible** or page 128 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: Post-Theophany; Theodosios the Righteous, “Koinoviarchou”; Theodosios of Athos; Righteous Agapios.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Peter Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Chris Spanos & Family *for the continued health & welfare of* her husband, their father and grandfather, Jimmy Spanos.
- The family & friends of Basilios A. Trintis, for his *continued health & welfare*. May God continue to bless him.
- Stella Sabracos, Nick Vavas, Christine Antola and Luke & Eleni Sabracos *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Spencer Vavas, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

40-Day Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Gregorakos, will present their child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day baby blessing.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

The Vasilopita Breads cut in church today were generously donated by Gus, Ritsa & Georgia 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 Maria Stamas, Thorina Trintis & Irene Vavas.

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 16th 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.

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

- Sunday, February 1st ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation
- Sunday, February 8th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, February 15th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, February 22nd ~ SS. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church

2015 Calendars: Today, Sunday, January 11th will be our final day distributing the 2015 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides. The calendars are available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please look for Aris Daniels and pick-up your calendar.

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.

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 \$2 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.

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**.

The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade Committee will hold its Annual Parade Dance on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at Greektown Square, 701 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, MD., (across from Saint Nicholas Church) at 8:00 pm. Direct from Greece, Vaggelis Konitopoulos and his orchestra playing “Nisiotika” on violin and laouto will entertain. Tickets are \$55 for adults, students under 20 years old \$35. Mezedakia are included. Cash bar. For tickets, reservations or more information, please contact Georgia Vavas, 410-583-0068, gvavas@comcast.net, Manoli Theoharris, 410-790-7542 or DCGreeks.com. The Parade will take place on April 19, 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*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
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$180,385	\$11,330	179

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><u>Monday, January 12th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (M) Sweet Adeline's (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 13th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Knitter's Club, 9:00 am (L) GOYA Soccer, 5:30 pm (H/G) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 5:45 pm (P) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:45 pm (P) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 14th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G) Play Food Prep, 6:00 pm (K)</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 15th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Pre-School Mtg., 6:30 pm (B) Men's Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 16th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am, (B) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 17th</u> Play Food Prep, 8:00 am (K) Play Rehearsal, 1:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 18th</u> <i>12th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Church School, 9:55 am Play Food Prep, 8:00 am (K)</p>
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***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

The ladies of Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and the entire Saint Demetrios community extend a Special THANK YOU to Gus, Ritsa and Georgia Economakis for providing the Vasilopita breads for our service today.

****Each January the ladies of Philoptochos have a long standing tradition of supporting the needs of Saint Basil Academy. This year in lieu of a Vasilopita luncheon, the members of Philoptochos ask for our community's support, by giving a donation during a special tray collection being done today. All of the proceeds from trays will be sent to assist the needs of the children at Saint Basil Academy. See the Saint Basil Academy Fact Sheet (copies available on the Narthex table) for information on the many services offered****

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

The second semester has begun and our adopted schools are in need of replenishing supplies again. During the month of January Philoptochos will be collecting baggies ~ sandwich, quart and gallon sizes; Kleenex tissues and hand sanitizers (you know its cold and flu season). Please drop off the items into the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building.

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: Philoptochos members should have received a letter this week 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.



Hosting a "small plate" party? Check out the Appetizer & Drink section of our new cookbook, Kali Oresi IV for dishes like Greek meatballs, spinach pies, and saganaki. Finish off with a Frappe and your friends will be saying Opa and dancing like Zorba before the night is over! Find us in the Hermes Rafailides Center after church to pick up your copy or call Dottie Ganer, 410.866.7336. Individual books are available for \$20 per copy and individual aprons are \$15 each. The sales of the cookbooks and aprons support the many charities Philoptochos supports throughout the year.

*I am the manager of God's property: my time, my talents, my possessions,
my body, my soul ~ everything is God's.
Saint Paul asks, "What have you that you have not received?"*