

January 25, 2015

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

The **Epistle Reading** is Hebrew 7:26-8:2. **The Gospel Reading** is Luke 19:1-10. These Readings may be found on pages 1363 & 1227 in the **Holy Bible** or page 116 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

**Today we remember:** Saint Gregory Nazianzos the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople; Neomartyr Auxentios.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Koula Proakis & Family and Despina Kaitis & Family *in loving memory of* Cleo Roxanis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- The Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community *for special blessings and the health & welfare of* our Psalti, Sotirios Mitilineos. May God continue to bless him.
- 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.

**40-Day Baby Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. John Kaufman will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a son, for the traditional 40-day Blessing.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis & Diamando Sargianis.

**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 Irene Eliou, Irene Lericos & Joanne Pantelides.

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

**Oath of Office:** We will be administering the Oath of Office to our 2015 Parish Council on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us as we welcome the newest Parish Council members.

**Orthodox Studies:** We will not meet next **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**; instead please join us for the *Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am*. 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 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation
- Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ SS. Mary Magdelene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church

**Demetrakia Dance Troupe:** Registration for the 2015 Demetrakia Dance Troupe session will be held during coffee hour today and for the next 2 Sundays. Registration is free. Dancers must be at least 4 years old and in pre-school at the time of registration. The Demetrakia 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual End of Season / New Season Party will be held on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm. All dancers (from last season and/or registering for the first time this year) and their families are invited! Please contact any dance instructor of Emily Liadakis at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com) for more information.

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE** for the Suburban Players 40<sup>th</sup> Production ~ *“Shrek The Musical”*. Show dates are **February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**. Tickets are \$45/pp and we are excited to announce that we have added a **Saturday matinee on February 21<sup>st</sup>** 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!

**The Orthodox Christian Way** returns Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm. There will be four evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, followed by group discussion and a question and answer session with the panel of clergy and lay presenters. Presentations will begin at 7:00 pm, following a late supper. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note that we will not meet on March 24<sup>th</sup>, due to the Annunciation Vespers at the Cathedral.

The topics for this session are:

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Coming to Orthodoxy / Personal Journeys
- March 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Resurrection and Immortality
- March 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Forgiveness
- March 31<sup>st</sup> ~ The Season Coming of Christ

Call the church office at 410.661.1090 for more information.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Chick-fil-A Fund Raiser:** Help support our Pre-School by joining us on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Chick-fil-A in Parkville for a *Spirit Night Fundraiser!* Dine in or carry out and the Pre-School will earn 20% of ticketed sales. *Pick up the required flyer from the Narthex Table and Eat Mor Chikin!!*

**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](mailto: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.

**Library News:** We are in the first month of the year and it is hard to believe that today is the last Sunday of the month. January is one of the holiest months. We start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, with the feast of St. Basil the Great. We celebrate the Epiphany and Athanasios and Cyril patriarchs of Alexandria. January 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Gregory the Theologian and Synaxis of the new Martyrs of Russia. This is the day when we commemorate all that were persecuted in the hands of atheists throughout the former Russian Empire. One of these clergymen was Metropolitan Peter of Krutitsa, who was born in 1863. In April, 1925 the Metropolitan govern all of the Russian churches. He was put through many tortures and exiles. On one of those exiles he was thrown off a moving train. Many clergymen were killed in the manner. He was tortured for 12 long years and executed on October 10, 1937 in Magnitogorsk because of his faith and love for Christ.

**The Book & Knitting Club** will be meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The book of discussion this month will be *“The Witness”* by Nora Roberts. All knitters and crocheters are welcomed. Experience not necessary we will teach you.

**Spirit:** The deadline for all *“Spirit”* article(s) is January 30<sup>th</sup>. Share your news with the community. Please email your article(s) to: [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net).

**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.

**Your Stewardship Dollars at Work:** As you think about your Stewardship commitment, remember that our monthly utilities (electricity, propane & water) average **\$5,917**.

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
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$188,399	\$24,801	190

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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<p><b><u>Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Sweet Adeline's (H/G) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) GOYA Soccer, 5:30 pm (H/G) Play Meeting, 7:00 pm (B)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Men's Basketball, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) No Orthodox Studies <i>Divine Liturgy ~ Three Hierarchs 10:00 am</i> Demetrakia Dance (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> Play Rehearsal, 1:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup></u></b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke (Publican &amp; Pharisee) Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Church School, 9:55 am Play Rehearsal, 1:30 pm (H/G) Godparents Sunday at The Cathedral</i></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.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Save the Date ~ "The Way" series will be returning on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>!*

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**



**\*\*January Charity Initiative:** 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 (it's 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.



**\*\*Manny's Special Meatloaf, Oven Pot Roast, Slow Cooker Chicken-Merlot with Mushrooms ~** these are just a sampling of the warming comfort foods you can make during these cold winter days. Learn how by purchasing your copy of Kali Orexi IV. There are also plenty of seafood recipes to help you get more fish and shellfish into your diet. Check it out for yourself by visiting our table in the Hermes Center after Sunday Liturgy or call Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589 to order a book today! 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.



**\*\*Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero.** Philoptochos is asking each of the 27,000 Philoptochos members, their family and friends, to contribute \$100 per person, to make a total Philoptochos commitment of more than \$2 million towards this worthy project. Make your check payable to "Saint Demetrios Philoptochos" with "Saint Nicholas Shrine" on the memo line. When you send your donation put "Attn: Margo Lambros" on the envelope as she is our Assistant Treasurer and chapter liaison to the project. The shrine will be the only religious structure at Ground Zero ~ and it is ORTHODOX.



**\*\*Chapter Challenge Organizational Meeting ~** Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Philoptochos room. For more information and to RSVP, contact Mary Triandafilou at 410.528.1589. Philoptochos members are energetic, inspirational and creative so bring your talents and ideas to discuss this National Chapter Challenge entrusted to us by our Philoptochos sisters. Together we can make a difference in the lives of those around us!

**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](mailto:gvavas@comcast.net), Manoli Theoharris, 410-790-7542 or DCGreeks.com. The Parade will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.