

February 1, 2015

16th Sunday of Luke

The **Epistle Reading** is Romans 8:28-39. The **Gospel Reading** is Matthew 25:14-30. These Readings may be found on pages 1300 & 1174 in the **Holy Bible** or page 90 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

Today we remember: The Publican (Tax Collector) and the Pharisee; Pretoria of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple; Typhoon, Martyr; Perpetual, Felicitas, Satyr, and those martyred with them at Megara; Basil of Athens, Confessor, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Geometry Anastasias of Napoleon; Righteous David and Summon.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Lisa & Labors Veneto *in honor of* their 1st Wedding Anniversary. May God grant them many more happy & healthy years together?

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?
- Lisa Jones *in loving memory of* her grandparents, Marie (5 years) & Robert (34 years) Jones and Betty (4 years) & Sherman (17 years) Dahlgren. May their memory be eternal?
- Labors Veneto *in loving memory of* his parents, Effie (5 years) & John (39 years) Veneto. May their memory be eternal?
- John & Sophia Andreadakis & Family *for the health & welfare of* her sister, Linda Skandalis. May God continue to look over her.
- Sophia Andreadakis & Family *in honor of* husband, father & grandfather, John Andreadakis, on the occasion of his birthday. May God continue to bless him.
- Joanne Pantelis *for the health & welfare of* her husband, Gabriel, on the occasion of his birthday. May God continue to bless him.
- Daughters, Joanne, Stefany & Paula *in loving memory of* their beloved father, John Skelers, on the occasion of his birthday.
- Dottie Ganer *in loving memory of* her grandmother, Maryanthy Eleftheiou, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 yrs. ago and her mother, Evelyn Terry, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 yrs. ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toula Stamas.

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.

Oath of Office: Today, we will be administering the Oath of Office to our 2015 Parish Council following the Divine Liturgy. After the Oath of Office, the Parish Council will meet momentarily to choose its Executive Committee. We congratulate the new members and the continuing members of our Parish Council and wish them a very fruitful 2015.

Orthodox Studies: Want to learn more about your Orthodox Faith? Join us on Friday, February 6th 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 8th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, February 15th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, February 22nd ~ SS. Mary Magdelene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning February 27th, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary. It has been a tradition here at Saint Demetrios to adorn the Icon of the Panaghia with a flower arrangement each Friday. If you are interested in donating one of these arrangements, please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Demetrakia Dance Troupe: Registration for the 2015 Demetrakia Dance Troupe session will be held during coffee hour today. Registration is free. Dancers must be at least 4 years old and in pre-school at the time of registration. Please contact any dance instructor or Emily Liadakis at ELiadakis@aol.com for more information.

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!

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, March 3rd, 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 light supper. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. Please note that we will not meet on March 24th, due to the Annunciation Vespers at the Cathedral.

The topics for this session are:

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

Call the church office at 410.661.1090 for more information.

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.

The Book & Knitting Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.-11:30 am, with lunch to follow at 510 Johnny's in Bel Air. The book of choice for this month is **"The Witness"** by Nora Roberts. All knitters and crocheters are welcomed. Experience not necessary we will teach you.

Library News: Any carnival celebrated begins with the Greeks. Greeks are the best with putting on carnivals. Processions, costuming and feasting are ancient ceremonies honoring the Greek God Dionysus, God of wine and festivity. Traditionally Greece's Carnival season is a period of eating, drinking, and dancing for young and old alike and begins 10 weeks (the weekend) before Clean Monday. The most important dates in the Greek carnival seasons are 40-days before Lent. The Carnival begins on Saturday evening with the opening of Triodion, a liturgical book containing three sacred hymns instead of nine. The Triodion this year is February 1, 2015. This religious moment is observed inside the church. The Library has a lot to offer. We have received a lot of new books. We have books and DVD's for all ages. With Lent beginning at the end of the month we have a lot of spiritual books and many cookbooks. If you have a few hours a month and would like to volunteer we are always looking for new faces to add to this ministry.

The Craig Arambiges Lecture will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 9:00 a.m. The speaker will be Elissa Bjeletich and the subject will be Teaching the Story. How do we inhabit the Scripture so we can meet Christ. How does the story work with Orthodoxy. It will be a wonderful lecture with a light breakfast and lunch to be served. Come and listen to this spiritual lady. The library also has one of her books "*In God's Hand.*"

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 19th, 2015.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation awards \$250,000 annually to college students who demonstrate academic success and have the desire to succeed. As one of the largest scholarship award institutions in the United States, the Foundation believes education is at the core of one's personal growth and enlightenment. Providing financially meaningful scholarships ensures that students whose talents and demonstrated abilities have the resources they need to pursue their educational goals. If you know of a college student who may benefit from a scholarship, please inform them of this opportunity. With the application deadline extended to February 20, prospective recipients will have ample time to submit their application and supporting documents. If you would like more information on how you can support the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation with a donation, please contact Yanni Valsamas, Executive Director, at (312) 357-6432.

The American College of Greece (ACG) is accepting applications for **Heritage Greece 2015**, an experiential educational and cultural program for college-aged, Greek-American students. Developed by the National Hellenic Society (NHS) and hosted by The American College of Greece (ACG), Heritage Greece is an unforgettable opportunity for young people to explore their Greek heritage. This year, the Heritage Greece Program will run from **June 11th – 28th, 2015**. Participant will attend a four-credit Greek language and culture course and will travel to the Greek Islands, traditional villages, and archaeological sites. They will have the opportunity to take a Greek cooking class, learn Greek dancing, and experience an insider's tour of the Acropolis museum. ACG is accepting application through **March 27th, 2015**. We are seeking Greek-American college students who have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and have never or seldom been to Greece. We invite you to visit our website at: <http://www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/apply-heritage-greece>, where you can apply as well as learn more details about this year's program.

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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$180,657	\$35,396	220
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$191,779	\$36,301	198

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><u>Monday, February 2nd</u> <i>Presentation of our Lord ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Pre-School, 8:45 am (C) Home School, 9:00 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G) Clergy Retreat No Sweet Adelines</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 3rd</u> Clergy Retreat Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Play Meeting, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 4th</u> Clergy Retreat Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Greek School, 4:30 pm (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 5th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Pre-School Mtg., 6:30 pm (B) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, February 6th</u> Pre School, 8:45 am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B) Play Rehearsal, 7:00 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 7th</u> Play Rehearsal, 1:00 pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 8th</u> <i>17th Sunday of Luke (Prodigal Son)</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</i> Church School, 9:55 am Play Rehearsal, 6:00 pm (H/G) <i>Godparents Sunday at Saint Nicholas</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.**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



February Philoptochos meeting-Special Guest Speaker, Special Date and Time -THURSDAY, February 12th beginning at 6:30p in the Parish Board Room. Please note day and time change as in conjunction with our Chapter Challenge, a special presentation will be given by guest speaker, Dennis Courtney from Project Reboot. Project Reboot is a nonprofit organization providing low cost computers to low income adults, families and seniors.

Save The Dates ~ Lenten Speaker Series with special guest Elissa Bjeletich, Sunday School Director, Author & mother of five, sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Library Ministry and the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos:

****Saturday, March 7th ~ The Craig John Arambiges Memorial Lecture**, beginning at 9:30 am in the Hermes Rafailides Center, Elissa's presentation: *"Living in the Scriptures, The Orthodox Story"*. For more lecture information, please contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.

****Sunday, March 8th - Father Lou Noplos invites you to join him for 'My Ladies Luncheon'** Elissa will present, *"The Life Giving Cross -Youth, Marriage, Parenting & Caregiving"*, sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society and held at the Towson Country Club. For more luncheon information and tickets (\$35pp includes lunch and presentation), call Denise Poletis 443.841.2833.



February is 'Heart Health' Month: Please remember next Sunday, February 8th is "Go Red Sunday". In support of this, we are asking our parishioners to join Philoptochos members in wearing red. For more information from the American Heart Association pick up the flyers from the Narthex table available throughout the month.



Ronald McDonald House Visit/Dinner Service ~ Monday, February 9th. This month our menu theme is "Warm your heart with soup and stew". To help cook & serve or more information, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.592.7319 or Renee Papavasiliou 410.529.9378. Through this program Philoptochos members provide home-cooked meals for children being treated in area hospitals, and their families staying at the Baltimore Ronald McDonald House.



Charity Initiative: Still in need of replenishing supplies for our adopted schools. Philoptochos continues to collect 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.



February 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 ~ Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this important Christian Orthodox project! Our first installment has been sent for our chapter from member contributions and we are well on our way to achieving 100% participation from our Saint Demetrios chapter members, family and friends. National Philoptochos is asking each of the 27,000 Philoptochos members along with our family and friends, to contribute \$100 per person, to make a total Philoptochos commitment of more than \$2 million towards this worthy project. Please direct your donation to 'Saint Demetrios Philoptochos' and specify in the memo line on the check to earmark for the 'Saint Nicholas Shrine'. The chapter liaison to National Philoptochos for this project is Margo Lambros, our Assistant Treasurer. When making your donation please put "attention: Margo Lambros" on the envelope. Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be the only religious structure at Ground Zero and it will be ORTHODOX.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Presentation of our Lord Divine Liturgy ~ Monday, February 2nd at 10:00 am*
- Orthodox Studies, Friday, February 6th at 9:00 am
- Memorial Sunday, Sunday, February 8th
- Ronald McDonald House ~ Monday, February 9th
- Philoptochos General Meeting ~ Thursday, February 12th, 6:00 pm
- *1st Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 am*
- *Shrek, the Musical, February 14th, 15th & 16th (see insert in today's bulletin)*
- *Godparents Sunday at Saint Demetrios ~ Sunday, February 15th*
- No Church School ~ Sunday, February 15th (due to Godparents Sunday)
- Greek School Closed ~ President's Day ~ Monday, February 16th
- Office Closed ~ President's Day ~ Monday, February 16th
- Pre-School Closed ~ President's Day ~ Monday, February 16th
- Parish Council Mtg., ~ Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm
- *2nd Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 am*
- *Shrek, the Musical, February 20th, 21st & 22nd (see insert in today's bulletin)*
- *Lent Begins ~ February 23rd*
- *Holy Unction, Divine Liturgy ~ Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm*
- *1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm*
- *1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ Friday, February 27th at 7:00 pm*
- *3rd Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday, February 28th at 9:00 am*
- *Religious Education Seminar ~ Saturday, February 28th (following Liturgy)*