

**November 29, 2015**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading** is Ephesians 5:8-19. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:18-27. These Readings may be found on pages 1337 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 107 & 114 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Paramonos of Balsatia and the 370 Martyrs; Martyr Philoumenos; Holymartyr Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth; Bishop Ourbanos of Macedonia; Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonika; Phaedros, Martyr.

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

- Harriet, John, Marisa, Nicolette, Johnny, Maria, Greg, Megan, Annette, George & Maria *in honor of* their mother & grandmother, Mary Antonas, on the occasion of her birthday.

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

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Lisa & Jim Mitsos *for the health & welfare of* Georgia Mavromihalis, Joanne Mavromihalis and Irene Cocoros. May God continue to bless them.
- The Children & Grandchildren of George Darraj *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* George Darraj, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Mary Antonas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis & Toulia Woods.

**The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by:** Mary Antonas, Barbara Nicolaidis, Kitsa Padousis & Toulia Woods.

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. The Coffee hour is sponsored by the family of George Darraj and served by Fedra Carman, Flo Chakales, Angela Koutsoutis.

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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.**

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**Orthodox Studies:** Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

**Advent & Christmas Program:** We will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We will rehearse for the December 6<sup>th</sup> & the December 13<sup>th</sup> programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Reader and Choir

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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**Nativity Pageant Choir:** The Nativity Pageant Choir will continue rehearsals directly after the Divine Liturgy in the Music Room. All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Miss Jennie at 410.246.2143.

**Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation:** You should have received information concerning the Community Christmas card *in the mail with your stewardship statement; or from the Narthex table.* The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our church for the season are needed as well. **The deadline has been extended! Please return the form to the church office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.** All checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

**Church Christmas Decorating:** We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Holiday on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.** Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreath's hung and poinsettias' placed. We are also in need of White Pine branches and Holly branches with or without berries. Your help is needed. Please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to volunteer.

**Parish Assembly:** Our final Parish Assembly for 2015 will be held on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,** immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. A quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2015 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meetings is essential to the future growth & direction of our Parish.

**Christmas Service:** The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning with *Orthros at 6:00pm* and the *Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm.* The annual Christmas Concert will directly follow the Divine Liturgy. ***Please make note that the only Christmas Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.*** Also, please plan to join us for a Coffee Hour in honor of the Christmas Holiday Season, sponsored by the Parish Council and their families, directly after the concert.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 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 via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Toys for Tots:** Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios annual toy drive for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program. Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes, which are located throughout the church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 300 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. The deadline for donating is **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**HOPE/JOY Christmas Event:** Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with Hope and Joy. Come to our annual Family Christmas Event; Friday evening, **December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. For more information or to volunteer contact Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487. **Pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table.**

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**Tickets are now available** for the Suburban Players 41<sup>st</sup> Production - “*Wizard of Oz*” Dates are February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016. Tickets are \$48/pp and we are excited to announce that we have added a Saturday matinee on February 20<sup>th</sup> for \$20/pp at 11:00am 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 Demetri or Rena in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call 410-823-4805 to purchase your ad. Deadline for all ads is January 22, 2016.

**Library News: “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”** This is the message of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Nikon. St. Nikon was born at Pontus Polemoniacus in the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> century. He was born to wealthy landowners and was given the name Nikitas in baptism. He had no desire in the family wealth and estates so he entered the monastery. He was given the name Nikon that symbolizes a new life in Roman. Saint Nikon converted many to Christianity, he healed the sick and performed many miracles. Eventually Saint Nikon settled in a cave outside Sparta. Then Saint Nikon moved into the center of the city of Sparta where he built a church that he dedicated to Christ. In time a monastery grew around the church. Saint Nikon died in the year 998. You can read about many saints by visiting our library.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is *The Kitchen House* by *Kathleen Grissom*. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider or just want to join in on some pleasant conversation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*  
*Parish Council Meeting / Christmas Party ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*Church Christmas Decorating ~ December 10<sup>th</sup>*  
*Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Spyridon, Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>*  
*Parish Assembly ~ Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*Book / Knitting Club ~ December 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*Stewardship Committee Meeting ~ December 16<sup>th</sup>*

**Pan-Orthodox Saint Nicholas Festival ~ December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church will host a Pan-Orthodox Saint Nicholas Festival for Sunday School students. All parents and children are cordially invited to attend. The games, cooking making and other fun activities **begin at 3:00pm**. Afterwards, Great Vespers **start at 5:00pm**. The activities are appropriate for young children up to middle school. Teens are needed to run the activities at the various stations. RSVP by December 4<sup>th</sup> to Roxann Ashworth 410.733.9994 or [roxann@cablespeed.com](mailto:roxann@cablespeed.com).

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: “TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today thank you for worshipping with us. We pray that your visit here is uplifting. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the pangari and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Bags of old, tattered bills were being returned to the United States Treasure. A ONE DOLLAR BILL and a FIFTY DOLLAR BILL struck up a conversation. \$50 dollar bill: “I went to many places ~ nice stores, good restaurants, clubs, exotic places. How about you? Where have you been?” The \$1 bill replied: “All I ever did was go to church.” And the \$50 dollar bill asked: “What is a church?”

### STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
<b>2014</b>	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$339,104	\$299,583	484
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$316,196	\$272,317	425

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)            Sweet Adelines, (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            GOYA Soccer, 6:30pm (H/G)            Parish Council Exec. Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)            Suburban Players Rehearsal, 7:00pm (A)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Greek School, 4:30pm (C)            Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>            Christmas Bread Baking (K)            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:45am (C)            Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)            Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar Set-Up, 9:00am (H/G)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, 10:00am-3:00pm H/G)</i></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am</i>  <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i>            Church School, 9:55am (C)            Advent Program (Pre-K ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)            Nativity Choir after Divine Liturgy            D4 Practice, 12:15pm (C)  <i>Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, 12:00pm-3:00pm (H/G)</i></p>
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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero:** Our October 15<sup>th</sup> report was sent to National Philoptochos in the amount of \$800 which brings our total to \$8,825. Since that report, we have received \$200 in donations. Remember that our goal is \$11,700 (\$100 for each of our 117 members of 2015). We are currently \$2,675 away from that goal. Let's try to reach our goal in the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 report!!

**Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar** is right around the corner! **December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10am until 3pm and **December 6<sup>th</sup>** from Noon to 3pm. Vendor space is available! To help with:

Pastries see Ritsa Economakis,  
Yia Yia's Treasures see Thorina Trintis  
Kitchen see Lambros Venetos  
Greens see Angie McQueeney  
Vendors see Mary Antonas or Lisa Jones-Venetos

**Stockings of JOY!!!!** Help support our local Veterans who are spending the Christmas season in a Veterans Hospital. Donations of new socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, hats, gloves, Christmas decorations, word search books, hand held games, snacks, candy, items to have a party at the hospital are needed. Donations to purchase these items will be greatly appreciated. PS. If you sew, we need you! We are making the stockings as we did several years ago please call Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428

**Christmas Gift Giving.** A local school that we support has reached out for assistance during the Christmas holiday season. Their social service committee has requested gift cards to Target and Wal-Mart in the amounts of \$5.00 or \$10.00 increments. The gift cards will be given to the children who are the most in need. If you are able to support this project, you can purchase and donate gift cards or write a check to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and in the memo line write School Christmas Gift Card. Stop by the Philoptochos Table during coffee hour for more information regarding this worthwhile endeavor.

**Christmas Breads:** Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders ~ Baking of Christmas breads will be done on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 8:30a until we finish. Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545. To place your order for breads: see Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour or call 410.866.7336. Final day to order is **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up for ordered breads will be during the Christmas Bazaar, **Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**.



*The Suburban Players  
41st Production*

**Produced by Demetrios and Rena Makres**

**Directed by Mark Briner**

**February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016**

The Hermes Rafailides Center      Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church  
2504 Cub Hill Road      Baltimore, MD 21234

**TICKETS AND INFO: HARRIET @ 410-248-0582**

**Fridays: Dinner 6:30 PM & Show 8:00 PM**  
**Saturdays: Dinner 5:30 PM & Show 7:00 PM**  
**Sundays: Dinner 4:30 PM & Show 6:00 PM**  
**Saturday 2/20/16 - Matinee @ 11:00 AM**  
**Tickets \$20 with light fare for purchase**

**VISA & MASTERCARD ACCEPTED (4% surcharge per transaction)**  
**ALL SALES FINAL. NO REFUNDS.**

*Tickets \$48  
Group Rate of \$45  
available Fridays 2/19 & 2/26 only  
Minimum 3 tables required*

**12 Children  
& under \$25**