

December 6, 2015

10th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Hebrew 13:17-21. The Gospel Reading is Luke 13:10-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1369 & 1220 in the Holy Bible or on page 109 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra, the Wonderworker; Neomartyr Nicholas of Karamanos.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Helen Coutros McShane & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Michael William McShane, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The families of Vangie Demetrakis and Cass Demetrakis *in loving memory of* Tom Demetrakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- John Makris, Despina Sollon, Maritsa Makris, Anna Colandrea & Alex Makris & their families *in loving memory of* Dafni Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. The families heart & love will always be with her.
- John & Sophia Andreadakis *in honor of* Gregory Bara, on the occasion of his 9th birthday also *for the health & welfare of* their family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Andreyev, Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Toulia Stamas.

Coffee Hour: *There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar.*

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: Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 11th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

Advent & Christmas Program: Today, we 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. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, December 6th ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 13th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 20th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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.

Christmas Service: The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th** 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.

Church Christmas Decorating: We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Holiday on **Thursday, December 10th**. 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 next **Sunday, December 13th**, 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.

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 11th** 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.**

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 13th**.

2016 Calendars: On Sunday, December 20th, we will be distributing the 2016 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy 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. Because we have a limited amount of calendars, in order to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, only **one** calendar will be given per family.

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.

Tickets are now available for the Suburban Players 41st 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 20th 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.

Book / Knitting Club: The Book and Knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 15th, 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting / Christmas Party ~ December 8th
Church Christmas Decorating ~ December 10th
Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Spyridon, Saturday, December 12th
Parish Assembly ~ Sunday, December 13th
Toys for Tots, December 13th
Book / Knitting Club ~ December 15th
Stewardship Committee Meeting ~ December 16th
Christmas Eve ~ Office closing at 11:30 am
Christmas Eve Liturgy ~ Orthros, 6:00 pm / Divine Liturgy, 7:00 pm
Christmas Day ~ Office closed
New Year's Eve ~ Office closing at 12:00 pm
New Year's Eve ~ Saint Basil Divine Liturgy, 5:00 pm
New Year's Day ~ Office closed

Pan-Orthodox Saint Nicholas Festival ~ December 12th, 2015: On Saturday, December 12th, 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 4th to Roxann Ashworth 410.733.9994 or roxann@cablespeed.com.

Join an OCMC Short-Term Teaching Team in 2016: Orthodox Mission Teams empower the Church at home and abroad by working, witnessing, worshipping, and making disciples. Help in the efforts to educate and encourage mission communities around the world in the Orthodox Faith by teaching catechists, youth and young adults, clergy, and other church leaders. In 2016, the opportunities to be “messengers who bring good news” are now available on Orthodox Mission Teams to **Mexico, Albania, Indonesia** and **Kenya**. Team applications and additional opportunities are available online at www.ocmc.org or by calling OCMC at 1.877.463.6787 (ext. 142).

The Hellenic Heritage Museum & Archives of Maryland, Inc., organized a bus tour of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC on Saturday, December 19th, 2015. This blockbuster exhibition of 50 sculptures is the most comprehensive museum survey of Hellenistic bronzes from the 4th to the 1st century B.C. ever. The bus is scheduled to leave from the Annunciation Cathedral's parking lot at 9:00am and return approximately 4:00 pm. The cost for the tour is \$45 per person, lunch is on your own. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, December 15th, 2015. For more information, please contact Anna Pappas at 410.296.2522 or Martha Sinis at 410.356.6724.

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
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$343,308	\$309,931	485
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$316,196	\$282,236	425

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) GOYA Soccer, 6:30pm (H/G) Parish Council Mtg. / Christmas Party, 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, December 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Church Christmas Decorating Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Hope/Joy Christmas Event, 6:00 pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 12th</u> <i>Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Spyridon, 10:00 am</i> Suburban Players Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 13th</u> <i>11th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Advent Program (Grades 3-12) Parish Assembly, (H/G) Suburban Players Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner: Tuesday, December 8th at the Hazelwood Inn at 6:30pm. Please contact Maria Antonakas at mariaa6@verizon.net to secure your reservation.

Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar: December 6th from Noon to 3pm.

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. 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: Pick up for ordered breads will be during the Christmas Bazaar Sunday, Dec. 6th.

Baltimore Rescue Mission: We are now collecting for the Baltimore Rescue Mission Center and Karis Home in Baltimore City located at 4 North Central Avenue. As we have done every year we help the homeless and other disadvantage people celebrate Christmas. We are looking for unwrapped new items. Cash donations are welcomed. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target are also accepted. Philoptochos will buy gift cards with your cash. If it easier for you to write a check to St. Demetrios Philoptochos, we can do the shopping for you. Make sure you put Rescue Mission in the memo section. "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise." Luke 6:31. We thank you for your donations.

Vasilopita Bread: Orders are now being taken for Vasilopita Bread, if you wish to enjoy some delicious, home made "New Year" bread, please contact Ritsa Economakis at 410.256.0953



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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

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

Children 12 & under \$25

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