

January 10, 2016

Sunday after Theophany

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 4:12-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 & 1149 in the Holy Bible or on pages 127-128 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Post-Theophany; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; Presbyter Markianos of Constantinople; Dometianos, Bishop of Melitene.

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 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Jane Morsberger, Vangie Demetakis, Maria & Bob, Cathy & Tom, Ana, Scott & Evie, *in loving memory of* Ted Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Ted Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

The Vasilopita Breads cut in church today were generously donated by: Gus, Ritsa & Georgia Economakis, *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by the family of Ted Theodosios, in his memory and served by the Philoptochos Ladies.

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 15th** 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.

Tickets are 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**.

Suburban Players Committee Need Help: We are trimming dolmades leaves on **Wednesday, January 13th at 6pm** in the Church Kitchen. If you can help, please contact Rena Makres at 410.823.4805. Thank you!

Help Needed: Many hands are needed! We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, January 16th, 2016 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. If you would like to participate please contact Katherine Strakes at 410.828.4125.

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.

Demetrakia Dance Troupe: Registration for the 2016 Demetrakia Dance Troupe season will be held during coffee hour on January 24th, January 31st & February 7th. Registration is **FREE!** Dancers must be at least 4 years old and in pre-school at the time of registration. The first day of practice will be **Sunday, February 7th**. Please register by **January 31st** to be sure to be included in email distribution lists from teachers prior to the first practice. Please contact any dance instructor or Emily Liadakis at ELiadakis@aol.com for more information.

Demetrakia Costumes: If you, your child or anyone you know has even been part of the Demetrakia, please help us by looking through your closets for any costumes and/or pieces of costumes you may still have. Over the years a few pieces here and there gone missing has added up to enough missing costumes that it would cost hundreds or thousands of dollars to replace them all. Anything returned will be collected with no questions asked and will be greatly appreciated. Please contact any dance instructor or Emily Liadakis at ELiadakis@aol.com with any questions and/or to coordinate pick up if necessary.

Library News: Saint Gregory was the Bishop of Nyssa and the younger brother of St. Basil. Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy who fought against the Arian heresy with his brother St. Basil. Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of church property and was sent to Ancyra. St. Gregory went from place to place encouraging his flock in Orthodoxy. After the death of the emperor Valens St. Gregory was restored to his cathedral. In the year of 383, St. Gregory participated in a Council of Constantinople, where he preached a sermon of the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. St. Gregory died leaving behind remarkable works of dogmatic character as well as sermons and discourses. You can learn about many remarkable saints by visiting our Library. We have a nice and new selection of books and CD's.

Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, Jan 12th at 9:00am – 12pm at Mary Tsakiris's house**. The book of choice is *Enrique's Journey* by *Sonia Nazario*.

Festival Chairperson: If anyone would like to chair our Annual Grecian Festival. Please send a letter of intent, explaining your qualifications to the Parish Council at saintdemetrios@comcast.net

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending **January 22nd**. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use, kindly remove them before this date.

Orthodox Observer: If you would like to receive the Orthodox Observer, please send an email to the church office containing your name and address and we will have you added to the mailing list. Our email address is: saintdemetrios@comcast.net

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.

You will never overcome God's generosity, even if you give away all that you have. Nor will you give anything that is your own, for all things flow from God.

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
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$181,874	\$18,265	190

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) The Way Committee Mtg., 6:00 pm (B) Sweet Adelines (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Goya Basketball (H/G) Suburban Players Food Prep, 6:00pm (K)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 16th</u> Suburban Players Food Prep, 7:00am (K) Play Rehearsal, 12:00pm (H/G)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, January 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book / Knitter's Club, 9:00am Pre-School Chick-fil-A Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Play Rehearsal, 7:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, January 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Men's Basketball, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 17th</u> <i>12th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Play Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 12th in the Philoptochos room at 6:30pm

General Meeting: Monday, January 18th in the Philoptochos room 6:30 to 8:00pm

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 in loving memory of their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.

*****Each January the Philoptochos Society has a long standing tradition of supporting the needs of Saint Basil Academy. Again 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*****

Saint Nicholas Shrine: Our next report for the Saint Nicholas Shrine will be sent on **January 15th**. If you haven't already supported this worthy cause and celebration of Orthodoxy here's another chance! Become a part of this historical undertaking.

Chapter Challenge: The Next Chapter Challenge meeting will be held in the Philoptochos Room on **Tuesday, January 12th at 5:30 pm sharp**. Everyone is welcome to join us as we discuss the next phase of our computer literacy/recycling project.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation's scholarships and educational programs are available to undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all 50 United States. The Foundation provides recognition and financial assistance while also offering life-changing cultural and leadership programs. The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce that it will again offer \$250,000 in Awards to eligible Greek American undergraduate students, and is currently accepting applications. To download an application, please go to their website at: <http://panhellenicscholarships.org/apply.php>. The application deadline is **Monday, February 1st, 2016**. Please be sure to read the instructions and requirements very carefully.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-School Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser, Joppa Road, Tuesday, January 12th, 5pm

(See insert in today's bulletin)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ January 18th ~ Pre-School, Office & Greek School Closed

Philoptochos General Meeting ~ Monday, January 18th, 6:30pm

Parish Council Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00pm

Pre-School Brunch ~ Sunday, January 24th, 12:00pm

Saint Demetrios Godparents Sunday ~ February 14th