

January 31, 2016

15th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8. The Gospel Reading is Luke 19:1-10. These Readings may be found on pages 1350 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on page 114-115 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Kyros & John, the “Anargyroi”, Martyred together in Corinth with Athanasia and her daughters: Theodote, Theoktiste and Eudoxia; Papias of Corinth; Neomartyr Elias of Kalamata; Righteous Arsenios of Paros.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Lambros & Lisa Jones Venetos *in loving memory of* their parents and grandparents: Effie (6 yrs) & John Venetos (40 yrs), Marie (6 yrs) & Robert Jones (35 yrs), Anna Betty (5 yrs) & Sherman Dahlgreen (18 yrs). May their 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.
- James, Audra & Alicia Messick *in loving memory of* their grandmother, Theresa Messick (12 yrs), cousin, David Cain (13 yrs) and great grandmother, Marie (Jones) Wheeler (6 yrs). May their memory be eternal.
- Daughters, Joanne, Stefany & Paula *in loving memory of* their father, John Skleres, Jr. with love and remembrance of his birthday.
- George & Chrisanthe Makres *in loving memory of* her parents, Peter & Maria Samaras, and his parents, James & Sevasti Makres and their brother, William Makres and Steve Makres and his wife, Edith. May their memory be eternal.
- Flora Christ *in loving memory of* her husband, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Argie, Panagiotis & Erene Christ *in loving memory of* father-in-law & grandfather, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Paul, Maria, Paulina & Peter Christ *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Faye Christ *in loving memory of* her uncle, Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Nick Foudos & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Helen G. Foudos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- John, Harriet, Marisa, Nicolette, & Johnny *in loving memory of* our mother & grandmother, Mary Hatzidimitriou (10 years) and father & grandfather John Hatzidimitriou (15 years). May their memory be eternal.
- Maritsa Kosmas & family *in loving memory of* her dear brother and their devoted uncle and great-uncle, Pete H. Christ, Sr. on his 40-day memorial. May his "keep smiling" memory be eternal!

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Pete H. Christ, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and *in loving memory of* Helen G. Foudos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Mary Karavedas.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Philoptochos Room directly following the Divine Liturgy. The coffee hour is being co-sponsored by the Christ & Foudos Families. The coffee hour will be served by Penny Makris, Jean Roussos & Eva Samaras.

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

2016 Parish Council: We would like to congratulate the new members and the continuing members of our Parish Council and wish them a very fruitful 2016. The 2016 Parish Council Executive Board consists of Demetrios Makres, President, Kirk Rogers, Vice-President, Jimmy Kastanaras, Treasurer, Rob Brown, Financial Secretary and Mark Alberding, Recording Secretary. Please take time to thank them for serving our community.

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on Friday, February 5th at 9:30am 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 7th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation
- Sunday, February 14th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm., more information coming soon.

Blizzard Clean-Up: With all the warm days to start the season, who would have thought that the first snow fall would turn out to be a blizzard! The Saint Demetrios Community is very appreciative of the hard work and stewardship displayed over the days leading up to and the three days of this storm. Thank you to Father Lou Noplos, Stephen Christ, Daniel Christ, Peter Georgelakos, George Thomakos, John Thomakos, Manuel Vendelis, Taso Bournousouzis, Greg Noplos and Andy Alexion for their tireless efforts keeping our parking lots and pathways clean.

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!

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 **Jan. 24th, Jan. 31st, and Feb. 7th**. Registration is FREE! Dancers must be at least 4 years old and in pre-school at the time of registration. New this year: a recreational, adult group! All ages welcome, no experience necessary. The first day of practice for all groups will be **Sunday, February 7th**. Please register by **Jan. 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 ever 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 have gone missing. This 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: Our library has much to offer. We have new books, CDs, a lot of children books for all ages. Have a project for school and need some information we can help you. If you need a recipe we have lots of cook books, need books on Greece we have those too. Our library has something for everyone. We are also in need for volunteers. If you have a few hours a month we would love to meet you.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on February 9th, 2016 at 9am-12pm. If you are a knitter, or you like to sew or crochet, or just like some conversation we would love for you to join us. The book of choice is *From Greece to America* by *Gabriel Pantelides*. This is an exceptional book of a young boy who had a dream and he had the perseverance to accomplish his dream.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held, **Monday, June 20th - Friday June 24th 9am-12pm**. Ages 4-11 yrs. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin February 2016. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer. Join the Saint Demetrios Joy/Hope Program Facebook page for updates.

Orthodox Observer: If you are **NOT** receiving the Orthodox Observer, and would like to, 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

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.

Archimedes Scholarship: Applications are now being accepted for the Next Generation Initiative's Archimedes Award Scholarship, offered to outstanding high school seniors of Hellenic heritage intending to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related fields at a university in the United States. To be considered for a 2016-17 scholarship, please apply by **March 25th, 2016**. For more information, and to apply online, please go to www.hellenext.org.

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	\$191,779	\$36,301	198
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$205,054	\$35,635	225

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Pre-School Board Mtg., 6:00pm (B) Sweet Adelines</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 2nd</u> <i>Presentation of our Lord ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Exc. Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B) Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, February 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Men's Basketball, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 6th</u> Play Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 7th</u> <i>16th Sunday of Luke Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am D-4, 12:15pm (C) Play Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G) Godparents Sunday at The Annunciation</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Boscov's ~ Greek Cooking ~ Classic Greek Salad and More! We're taking our cookbook, Kali Oresi IV, on the road! Join us on February 11th, 6:30 p.m. at Boscov's in White Marsh. Stephanie Apostolou, Chef and Owner of Tastefully Gourmet Catering, LTD, will cover the basics of Greek cooking plus show variations on the classic recipes we love. You don't want to miss her tips and tricks for preparing the perfect meal. It's an evening of education and entertainment for only \$5.00! Plus that fee can be used towards the purchase of the cookbook. Register at the White Marsh Boscov's Courtesy Desk or call the [410-931-2005](tel:410-931-2005). Or just show up! You will have fun!

BUNDLE UP FOR WARMTH: We are currently collecting New and Gently used children's and adult scarves, hats, mittens and gloves to be picked up by our school liaison. With the cold of February and March ahead of us please consider those less fortunate. Items can be placed in the blue bin before the bridge or brought to coffee hour.

Winter Charity Initiative: The second semester has begun and our adopted schools are in need of replenishing supplies again. Philoptochos is collecting baggies - sandwich, quart and gallon sizes; Kleenex tissues and hand sanitizers (it's cold and flu season) and snacks. Snack items should **NUT FREE** be non-perishable, individually wrapped (if possible) and available to be eaten without being warmed. Suggested items are: small bottled waters or 100% juice boxes; individual cereal/granola bars; or individual bags of goldfish, pretzels; tuna fish ready-to-eat pouches; beef jerky sticks. 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 Thorina or the Philoptochos mailbox in the church office. Attention: Philoptochos Membership on the envelope. Please specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. For more information, contact, Thorina Trintis 410.866.2127.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-School Brunch ~ Rescheduled for today, Sunday, January 31st, at 12:00pm

Divine Liturgy ~ Presentation of Our Lord ~ February 2nd at 10:00am

New Jersey Clergy Retreat ~ February 2nd to February 4th

Saint Demetrios Godparents Sunday ~ February 14th

Memorial Sunday ~ February 14th

President's Day ~ February 16th ~ Pre-School, Office & Greek School Closed

Save the Date ~ "The Way" series will be returning on Tuesday, March 15th!