

February 7, 2016

16th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 6:1-10. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 25:14-30. These Readings may be found on pages 1324 & 1174 in the Holy Bible or on page 89-91 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Post-Presentation; Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos; The Righteous Loukas of Greece; Neomartyr George Divoles; The Mothers of the Three Heirarchs: Emmeleia, Nona and Anthousa.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Elpida “Hope” Harris, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Saint Demetrios Community *in loving memory of* Presvytera Alice Noplos’ mother, Mary Volin. May her memory be eternal.
- George Chrisovergis *in loving memory of* Presvytera Alice Noplos’ mother, Mary Volin. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- The Triandafilou family *in loving memory of* father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Louis Triandafilou, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Tina & Stephen Pedrick *in honor of* their Godson, Joseph David Alberding, on the occasion of his 20th birthday. May God grant him many more happy years.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Goddard will present their 2nd child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-Day Blessing today.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Georgia Kerasiotes & Dimitra Psihopedas..

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 will be served by Flo Chakales, Dottie Ganer & Kitsa Padousis.

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: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on Friday, February 12th 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 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.

Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: On Sunday, March 6th at 1:00pm, the annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held in the Church Nave. As this is a Greek Orthodox Archdiocese sponsored Religious Education Program, we ask that parents support Fr. Lou and our Church School Staff by enthusiastically encouraging their children who attend **Grades 4 - 12** to prepare for, and participate in this most rewarding Orthodox Faith based event. For further information, please see our Church School Director, Mr. George or your children's teacher(s).

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 today. 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 welcomed, no experience necessary. The first day of practice for all groups will be today. 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 and if you need books on Greece we have those too. Our library has something for everyone. We are also in need of 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 Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2016 on Eastern Avenue in Baltimore's Greektown. For more information, please go to www.greekparade.com or call the Parade Hotline at 443.267.4735. Please show your Hellenic spirit by attending the Parade.

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.

Pan-Orthodox Church School (Ages 6-12) Camping Trip: Friday May 13th – Sunday, May 15th, 2016 at Camp Running Bear in Monkton, Maryland. All Students, Teachers & Parents of Orthodox Church School Schools in the Greater Baltimore region are invited to attend. We'll be learning all about Church History from the time of the Apostles to the evangelization of North America. For more information, please pick up a packet from the Narthex table or contact Pat at 410.233.5337 or PDisharoon@aol.com.

Orthodox Christian Mission Center: OCMC is in urgent need of a physician and/or a physician's assistant to join Medical Mission Trips to Uganda (May 9-21) and Guatemala (April 8-17 and August 26-September 4). Medical personnel are needed to conduct medical clinics and offer health instruction. OCMC invites you to join these opportunities to offer physical and spiritual care to people for whom medical care is virtually unattainable. For more information, please visit www.ocmc.org, email teams@ocmc.org or call 1.877.GO.FORTH (ext. 141).

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.

We possess nothing from ourselves, not even our own life and being. All belongs to God and is given to us by the Father through His Son because of the richness of His love and mercy. ~ Fr. Paul Wesche

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$202,584	\$46,396	220
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$214,570	\$48,416	250

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Monday, February 8th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines Parish Council Executive Mtg. 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 10th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Play Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p>Thursday, February 11th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) BOSCOV's Cooking Demo, 5:00pm Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p>Saturday, February 13th Play Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G)</p> <p>Sunday, February 14th <i>Sunday of the Canaanite</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Godparents Sunday</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>NO Church School</i> D-4, 12:15pm (C)</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 9th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book / Knitters Club, 9:00am (L) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p>Friday, February 12th Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Pre-School Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social & Grandparents Day, 11:00am Demetrakia Dance Party</p>	

***In order to provide meeting space for all ministries, please take notice as to where your ministry is scheduled to meet within the facility.**

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos
presents

A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night

To Benefit the many charities of the Philoptochos
including Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald
House, local school children & families in need

Friday, May 6th, 2016
St. Demetrios Hermes Rafailides Center
2504 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Tickets: \$15 in advance
\$20 at the door
Doors 6pm; First game at 7pm

Refreshments will be available
Extra cards and special games will be available

FOR TICKETS:
Please call Mary 410.245.1291
or the church office 410.661.1090

Join us for a fun evening and win great prizes for all
(Vera Bradley, Longaberger and more!!)



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th ~ 6:30pm

Philoptochos General Meeting: Monday February 15th ~ 6:30pm-8:00pm

Boscov's - Greek Cooking - Classic Greek Salad and More! We're taking our cookbook, Kali Orexi IV, on the road! Join us on February 11th, 6:30pm 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 boxes; boxes of individual fruit snacks; individual apple sauces, peaches, pears, etc.; 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.

Now 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

Saint Demetrios Godparents Sunday ~ February 14th

No Church School ~ February 14th

Memorial Sunday ~ February 14th

President's Day ~ February 15th ~ Pre-School, Office & Greek School Closed

Philoptochos General Meeting ~ February 15th


Parish Council Meeting ~ February 23rd

SUBURBAN PLAYERS: THE WIZARD OF OZ ~ February 19th, 20th & 21st

Flag Day ~ February 24th

SUBURBAN PLAYERS: THE WIZARD OF OZ ~ February 26th, 27th & 28th

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



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Directed by Mark Briner

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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
Children 12 & under \$25*