

February 21, 2016

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

The Epistle Reading is: II Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:10-14. These Readings may be found on pages 1351 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on page 128-129 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Triodhion begins, The Publican and the Pharisee; Righteous Timotny of Symbolis; Eustathios, Patriarch of Antioch; Zacharias, Patriarch of Jerusalem; John III, "the Scholar", Patriarch of Constantinople; George, Bishop of Amastris.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their granddaughter, Eleni Polites, on the occasion of her birthday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Stephen & Stephanie Christ *in honor of* their sons, Daniel & Stephen Christ, on the occasion of their 13th birthday. May God bless you always as you begin your new journey as teenagers.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen H. Foudos & Family *in loving memory of* loving husband, father & grandfather, Louis John "Jack" Foudos on the occasion of his birthday.
- Irene Kaikis-Lericos & Family *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & great grandfather, Andrew Kaikis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Hariklia Sigambris.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Center directly following the Divine Liturgy and served by Antonia Courtalis, Despina Panageotou, and Chris Spanos.

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

Holy Unction: Lent begins on Monday, March 14th and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning March 18th, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary. It has been a tradition here at Saint Demetrios to adorn the Icon of the Panaghia with a flower arrangement each Friday. If you are interested in donating one of these arrangements, please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on Friday, February 26th 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.

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).

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

Tickets are available for the Suburban Players 41st Production - "*Wizard of Oz*" Dates are **February 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016**. Tickets are \$48/pp. 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.

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.

The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd, 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.

Join us for the Exclusive Pre-Screening of My Big Fat Greek Wedding II, Wednesday March 23rd at 7pm at the Landmark Theater Harbor East. Tickets are \$25 each and include the movie and parking. Proceeds will benefit the Philoptochos of our sister churches: Annunciation, Saint Demetrios, St. Nicholas and Sts. Mary Magdeline and Markella. To purchase tickets call Eleni Roros 443-621-0587, Olga Paterakis at 410-491-4066 or email: greekconcertbaltimore@verizon.net for more info. No tickets will be sold at the door. Limited seating available. Brought to you by the Axion Concerts Baltimore Committee.

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.

The Christos & Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship Fund was established in 2011 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and his brother, Prof. Antonios Trakatellis, in memory of their parents, Christos & Georgia. The fund offers fellowships to **graduates of Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology** to study Greek language, Hellenic culture and liturgical practice. These studies can take place in the United States or, preferably, in Greece or at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The study could be part of a free program, which should be well structured and clearly defined in view of the above stated purpose of the fund. Candidates shall be chosen based on merit and need. The amount of the fellowship is \$3,000 per semester for up to two semesters. One of more full or partial fellowship will be awarded annually. Instructions and applications can be downloaded from the Scholarship Web Page of the Archdiocese. Candidates can request more information via email: scholarships@goarch.or or by calling 1.212.774.0283. The deadline for submitting an application for the fellowship is **May 6th, 2016**.

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	\$232,769	\$74,075	275
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$224,085	\$64,923	270

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am No Home School Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30 (P) No Sweet Adelines</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 24th</u> Flag Day Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 27th</u> <i>Wizard of OZ ~ The Musical</i> Dinner: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, February 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, February 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, February 28th</u> <i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Wizard of OZ ~ The Musical</i> Dinner: 4:30pm Show: 6:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Friday, February 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Wizard of OZ ~ The Musical</i> Dinner: 6:30pm Show: 8:00pm</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.**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Re-Scheduled Philoptochos General Meeting: Monday February 22nd 6:30pm-8:00pm

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 Elaine Sackleh at elaine4ladybugs@comcast.net.

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.

Chapter Challenge: The Chapter Challenge committee has another Project Reboot run scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23. We will leave for the Rockville office from the Cares Career Connection office at 5502 York Rd. at 9:30am. If you would like to go with us, please call Mary Triandafilou at 410 528-1589. This is a great chance to see the operation and to meet some of the recipients of the computers. Their gratitude really makes you see what a big difference we are making in the lives of them and their children!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUBURBAN PLAYERS: THE WIZARD OF OZ ~ February 26th, 27th & 28th
1st Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ March 5th @ 10:00am
Pre-School Annual Bull Roast ~ March 5th
Church Oratorical Festival ~ March 6th
2nd Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ March 12th @ 10:00am
GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ March 12th & 13th
Lent Begins ~ March, 14th
Holy Unction ~ March 14th @ 7:00pm
Save the Date ~ “The Way” series will be returning on Tuesday, March 15th