

February 28, 2016

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 6:12-20. The Gospel Reading is Luke 15:11-32. These Readings may be found on pages 1311 & 1223 in the Holy Bible or on page 130-132 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: The Prodigal Son; Righteous Basil the Confessor; Holymartyr Proterios, Archbishop of Alexandria; Nymphas and Euboulos, of the 70 Apostles; Neomartyr Kyranna; Righteous Cassian of Rome, Confessor.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Pappas, Petrini, and Everard families *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Plato "Tom" Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days 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.
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Katina Yianakis *in loving memory of* their son-in-law, Michael Pulianas, on his 6 month memorial.

Memorial Service: The memorial service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Plato "Tom" Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis.

Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the family of Plato "Tom" Pappas. It will be served by Kate Cocoros, Stephanie Christ, Aristeia Daniels, and Irene Peltsemes of the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

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? People sometimes wonder if the Virgin Mary had other children besides Jesus. Join us this Friday morning, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, as we explore the reasons our Orthodox Church steadfastly proclaims Mary as Ever Virgin. 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).

Calendar Correction: Please note the following corrections to the March calendar that was sent home with the Stewardship Mailing. A corrected copy of the calendar can be found in this weeks bulletin and on the narthex Table. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

- Sunday, March 6th – Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)
- Sunday, March 13th – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-fare)
- Sunday, March 20th – Sunday of Orthodoxy
- Sunday, March 27th – Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

The Orthodox Christian Way returns **Tuesday, March 15th, 2016** in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm. Register today at Coffee Hour. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Bell Choir: All children ages 5-15 are invited to join the Bell Choir to perform on Palm Sunday. Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy beginning Sunday, March 27th. More information will be coming.

CYC Camp 2016: Campers and Volunteers wanted!! Save the date: July 18-22, 2016, at scenic Camp Wo.Me.To in Jarresttsville, Md. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2016 for children ages 5-7. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618/ painterkate@zoominternet.net.

The Book and Knitting club will meet on **Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 9:00am** in the Craig Arambiges Library. 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.

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 Magdelene 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**.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Pre-School Mtg., 7:00pm (B) Sweet Adelines</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, March 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men's Basketball, 6:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, March 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Pre-School Bull Roast Set-Up (H/G/K)</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 5th</u> <i>1st Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Pre-School Bull Roast, 4:00pm (H/G/K)</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, March 6th</u> <i>Sunday of St. Gregory Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am <i>Church Oratorical Festival, 1:00pm</i> No Dance Practice</p>
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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	\$243,089	\$77,953	293
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$224,085	\$64,923	270

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

***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

- **Philoptochos Board Meeting Tuesday, March 15th 6:30-8 PM**
- **Philoptochos General Meeting, Monday, March 21st 6:30-8 PM**

We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our Community)

- ~Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to the Church Office. Attention "Philoptochos Membership" on the envelope.
- ~Please specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check.
- ~Remember that \$22 of your donation will be sent to National and Metropolis, the rest will be used to support the various local charity projects.
- ~For more information, contact the Membership Committee, Elaine Sackleh 410-472-3458.

My Ladies Luncheon: Sunday, April 10th

Want to enrich your Lenten season? Come to My Ladies Luncheon on April 10th at Towson Golf and Country Club. Our speaker this year will be our beloved Tina Pedrick. The topic is, "From the Raising of Lazarus to the Resurrection of Christ." Tina has spent many years studying and loves sharing her knowledge in an informative and engaging manner. Have you ever taken a Church tour during the festival or sat in on her Church School class? You don't want to miss this opportunity. Tickets are \$35 and include your choice of crab cake or sautéed vegetables with linguine. See Denise Poletis during Coffee Hour, call her at 443-841-2833, or email dpoletis@gmail.com. Tickets must be purchased by March 28th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ March 5th @ 10:00am

Pre-School Annual Bull Roast ~ March 5th

Church Oratorical Festival ~ March 6th

Lent Begins ~ March, 14th

GOYA Basketball Tournament ~ March 11th – 13th

2nd Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ March 12th @ 10:00am

Holy Unction ~ March 14th @ 7:00pm

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

1st Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, ~ March 16th @ 6:00pm

1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 18th at 7:00pm

2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 23rd @ 6:00pm

2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ March 25th @ 7:00pm

3rd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ March 30th @ 6:00pm

Pre-School Greek Independence Celebration ~ March 31st @ 6:00pm