

November 27th, 2016

13th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 2:4-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:18-27. These Readings may be found on pages 1334 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 101& 114 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Greatmarytr Jacob of Persia; Righteous Nathaniel.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, would like to take this opportunity to pray that the members of our Saint Demetrios Family had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Gus, Patricia & James Galanakis *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, James A. Galanakis. May his memory be eternal.
- Diamondo Sarigianis & Panos *in loving memory of* James A. Galanakis. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicolaides, Kitsa Padousis, Thorina Trintis & Toula Woods.

The Altar Bread on Thanksgiving Day was prepared by: Flora Christ, Gloria Koukoulas, Barbara Nicolaides, Kitsa Padousis, Thorina Trintis & Toula Woods.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is sponsored by the Philoptochos Ladies Society and will be served by Antonia Courtalis, Despina Panagiotou 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.

Orthodox Studies: Join us as we learn more about our Orthodox Faith on **Friday, December 2nd at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card/Flower Donation forms can be found on the Narthex table. The cost of sharing your good wishes in the Christmas card is \$20.00 per family. Donations for the flowers and decorations necessary to dress our Church for the season are needed as well. ***The deadline has been extended! Please return the form to the church office by December 2nd.*** All checks should be made payable to: Saint Demetrios. ***No orders for the card will be accepted by phone. No exceptions!***

Parish Assembly: Our final Parish Assembly for 2016 will be held on **Sunday, December 18th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. A quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2016 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meetings is essential to the future growth & direction of our Parish.

Church Christmas Decorating: We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Holiday on **Thursday, December 8th**. Our tree needs to be decorated, our wreaths hung and poinsettias placed. We are also in need of White Pine branches and Holly branches with or without berries. Your help is needed. Please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to volunteer.

Adult Choir: The Choir is always looking for additional members. Our rehearsals are held on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information, call Jennie at 410.256.2143.

Nativity Pageant Choir and Bell Choir: Again this year, we are seeking singers to perform at our Nativity Pageant Chorus/Bell Choir during the Church School Nativity Play which will be presented on **Sunday, December 18th, 2016**. All are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room directly after the Divine Liturgy and will only take about 30 minutes (if everyone gets there on time). Rehearsals will be held on the following **Sundays: December 4th & 11th**. We ask that each child attend as many of these rehearsals as possible. There are many **solo and duet opportunities** throughout the Pageant. All youth between the ages of 5-18 are strongly encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Miss Jennie at 410-256-2143 for more information. We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and continue to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Advent & Christmas Program: We will continue our yearly tradition of the Youth Advent Program. Each Sunday, we will feature a different combination of Youth to read, sing and play bells for these programs. We are very excited to once again have the opportunity for our Youth Music Ministry and our Church School to work together on this most worthy program. All Church School students are to wear their "most Sunday best" on the week that their class is performing. We will rehearse for the **December 4th & the December 11th** Programs during Church School time. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

Sunday, November 27th ~ Reader and Choir

Sunday, December 4th ~ Church School Ages 3, 4 & Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Sunday, December 11th ~ Church School Grades 3 through 12

Sunday, December 18th ~ Church School Nativity Play / Nativity Pageant Choir & Bells

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Visiting our Parish Today? We pray that your visit here will be uplifting. Welcome cards can be found at the Pangari (candle stand). Please fill the cards out and return them to one of our Parish Council members after today's Divine Liturgy.

Unable to come to Church: If you or someone you know is unable to come to Church, but would like to receive a weekly bulletin via mail. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 or drop an email to saintdemetrios@comcast.net and we will gladly send you a bulletin.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 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 us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

GOYA ~ Toys for Tots: Please help fill our Toys for Tots boxes for our Saint Demetrios annual toy drive for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program. Please drop off new unopened and unwrapped toy(s) in our Toys for Tots boxes, which are located throughout the church. Last year, with your help, we collected and donated over 300 toys. Monetary contributions can be made to Saint Demetrios GOYA memo Toys for Tots. A representative from the U.S. Marines will be at our church on **Sunday, December 18th** to pick up all the toys.

Demetrakia 35th Anniversary New Year's Eve Celebration - Live music by Greek musicians Morte, playing lyra, laouto, bouzouki, violi & more. Adults 21 & over - \$35. Under 21 - \$20. Kids 5 & under free. Tickets available at coffee hour and online at dgreeks.com. All tickets include party favors and Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com, 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Cancelled for Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm

General Meeting: No meeting in December due to our Christmas Dinner

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive: Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a success, especially our Chair Lisa Venetos and Co-chair Joy Becker. 15 bags were delivered to Pleasant Plains, and 7 families at Martin Elementary received full Thanksgiving dinners.

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner: Join us on **Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm** at the Peppermill Restaurant for our Christmas Dinner. Seats are limited and can be purchased at coffee hour or by calling Angela Koutsoutis at 410-825-2765. Please bring one unwrapped toy or an item for the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

Baltimore Rescue Mission / Karis Home **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST 2016 (do not gift wrap)**

NEW MEN'S, WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S GIFT BAG ITEMS. TOYS: only for boys and girls ages infant through age 10. No crayons, no stuffed animals, no monsters, no Star Wars.

Men (New)

Casual or flannel long
Sleeve shirts: M-4X
T-shirts: M-4S
Sweatshirts: 2X-4X
Socks: All Types 2T-8
Boxer Shorts: M-4X

Women (New)

Sweats: L-4X
Nightgowns & PJ's: L-4X
Slippers & Socks
Underwear: Sizes 5-13
Toiletries Items

Children (New)

Pull-Ups: Sizes 3,4,5,6
Disposable Diapers: 1-5
Baby Wipes
New boys' clothes: 2T-8
New girls' clothes, 2T-8
Children's book bags

GIFT CARDS FOR: WAL-MART OR TARGET (\$10, \$5) / TOILETRIES: Deodorant, Hand Sanitizers, Air Freshener, Chapstick, Foot Powder, cough drops, gum.

Christmas Bazaar: Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar held in The Hermes Rafalides Center is right around the corner! **December 3rd from 9am until 3pm and December 4th from Noon to 4pm.** Vendor space is available! To help:

Pastries see Ritsa Economakis ♦ Yia Yia's Treasures see Lisa Jones Venetos
Kitchen see Lambros Venetos ♦ Greens see Irene Peltsems
Vendors see Lisa Jones Venetos

Please take some time to go through your Christmas items at home and see if there is something you would like to donate to *Yia Yia's Treasures*! Gently used **Christmas items only** will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your items in to the Philoptochos room at church.

Stockings of JOY: Help support our local Veterans who are spending the Christmas season in a Veterans Hospital. Donations of new socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, hats, gloves, word search books, hand held games, snacks, candy, items to have a party at the hospital are needed. Donations to purchase these items will be greatly appreciated. PS. If you sew, we need you! We are making the stockings as we did several years ago please call Lisa Jones Venetos 410-529-9428

Christmas Breads: Bread Baking Crew/Bread pre-orders ~ *Baking of Christmas breads will be done on Thursday, December 8th beginning at 8:30am until we finish.* Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Christmas holiday bread. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia Kerasiotes 410.821.9545. To place your order for breads: see Dottie Ganer at Sunday Coffee Hour or call 410.870.3372. Final day to order is Sunday, December 4th. Pick up for ordered breads will be **Sunday, Dec. 11th.**

Bridging the Digital Divide: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum & Archives of Maryland, Inc. presents its "3rd Speaker Series" celebrity, Michael Emanuel. **Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 beginning at 12:30pm** at the AOC, following Liturgy. Mike serves as senior political and congressional correspondent for FOX NEWS. He will share the experience of his Greek & Orthodox heritage. The \$45 per person cost includes lunch. For reservations, contact Stacy Kosmides ~ 410.560.1095; skosmides@msn.com or Anna Z. Pappas ~ 410.296.2522; azplato@verizon.net.

UPCOMING NEWS

St. Andrew the Apostle Divine Liturgy ~ November 30th

Christmas Card / Flowers Deadline ~ December 2nd

Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 3rd & 4th

Parish Council Board Meeting ~ December 6th

Beauty & the Beast Dinner Team Meeting ~ December 7th

Christmas Bread Baking ~ December 8th & 9th

Hope/Joy Christmas Event ~ December 9th

Memorial Sunday ~ December 11th

Ronald McDonald House ~ December 12th

Book / Knitting Club ~ December 13th

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner @ The Peppermill Restaurant ~ December 13th

Parish Council Meeting ~ December 13th

Hall Rental ~ December 17th

GOYA Toys-for-Tots ~ December 18th

Parish Assembly ~ December 18th

Pre-School Christmas Program ~ December 22nd

Christmas Office Hour ~ Closing at 11:30am ~ December 23rd

Closed ~ December 26th

Closing at 12:00pm ~ December 30th

New Year's Eve Divine Liturgy ~ St. Basil ~ December 31st

New Year's Eve Dance ~ December 31st

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

In every Liturgy God brings words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion, He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$316,196	\$272,317	425
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$332,449	\$296,854	424

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, November 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, November 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>St. Andrew the Apostle</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Greek School, 4:30pm Philoptochos Bazaar Food Prep. (K)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) <i>No Men's Basketball</i></p> <p><u>Friday, December 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar Set-up, 9:00am (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 3rd</u> <i>Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, 9:00 am (H/G)</i> Beauty & The Beast Rehearsal, 1:30pm (M)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 4th</u> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar, 12:00pm (H/G)</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Advent Program (Pre-K – 2nd grade) Nativity Choir after Divine Liturgy Dance Practice, 12:15pm (C)</p>
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Beauty and The Beast

“Another opening to another show . . .” and we need you!!! The Production Team and the Dinner Team are working very hard to ensure that we have a wonderful & successful performance of the Saint Demetrios Suburban Player’s production of *Beauty and The Beast*.

But, we need your help! In your November Stewardship mailing, you will find a sheet where areas of need for the production will be listed and you can let us know how you would like help! There will be categories from both the Production and the Dining side such as Set Painters, Costume Coordinator, Stage Manager, Stage Hands, Servers, Bar Servers, Dish Washers, Publicity-Ads-and Ticket Committee members, and many more. Come and be part of the Fellowship as we work together as a Community!!



Also we are in need of the following: Dancers, Children between the ages of 5-7 for a “cameo” appearance at the Saturday Matinee & Sunday performances, Youth ages 8-12 for specific scenes, and former Suburban Players members who would like to appear in a single scene (no dancing necessary) with little rehearsal necessary. For more information, please contact Jennie Kegel at 410.256.2143 or jcocosk@aol.com



Hope/Joy Christmas Party

Friday, December 9th, 2016 ♦ 6pm – 8pm

Please bring a new, unwrapped present for “TOYS for TOTS”

SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS!

Enjoy a visit from Saint Nicholas, Christmas Tree Decorating, Caroling, Crafts, Fellowship and MORE!

For more information pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.