

December 4, 2016

10th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: 1 Thessalonians 4:18-5:10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 20:9-18. These Readings may be found on pages 1347 & 1228 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: Great Martyr Barbara; Righteous John of Damascus; Holy martyr Seraphim the Younger, Bishop of the Phanarion.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- The Tsamouras Family *in loving memory of* Sophia Tsamouras, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Stergos & Lucy Kosmos *for the health & welfare* and *God's blessings* of her cousin, Anne, in NSW, Australia.
- The family of John Makris; Despina, Makris, Alex & Anna, *in loving memory of* his wife & their mother, Dafni Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Martha Sinis & family and Barbara Miller *in loving memory of* their brother, Aris Kalothis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago in Nafplion, Greece. May his memory be eternal
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Sophia Tsamouras. May her memory be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: *There will not be a coffee hour today, due to the Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar.*

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 9th at 9:30am** in the board room. For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at: 410.692.7590.

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.

Christmas Service: The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th** beginning with **Orthros & Divine Liturgy at 10:00am**; **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil ~ Orthros at 7:00pm** and the **Divine Liturgy at 8:00pm**. The annual Christmas Concert will follow directly after the Divine Liturgy. **Please make note that there will not be any services on Christmas Day.** Also, please plan to join us for a Coffee Hour in honor of the Christmas Holiday Season, sponsored by the Parish Council and their families, directly after the concert.

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. 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.

Nativity Pageant Choir: The Nativity Pageant Choir will continue rehearsals directly after the Divine Liturgy in the Music Room. All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Miss Jennie at 410.246.2143.

Advent & Christmas Program: Today, we 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. The following ensembles will present on the following dates:

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

We look forward to hearing the Youth of Saint Demetrios share their talents and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

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.

HOPE/JOY Christmas Event: Shine the Light of Jesus with Hope and Joy. Come to our annual Family Christmas Event; Friday evening, **December 9th** from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm in the Hermes Rafailides Center. For more information or to volunteer contact Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487. **Pick-up a flyer from the Narthex Table.**

2017 Calendars: On **Sunday, December 18th**, we will be distributing the 2017 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please pick-up your calendar so that we can reduce the cost of mailing them. Because we have a limited number of calendars, to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, only **one** calendar will be given per family.

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 Mortes, 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.

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

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

Breakfast with Santa: Thank you to Lisa Venetos and Presbytera Alice and everyone that helped to make it a wonderful event. The children had such a wonderful time with Santa. Also, a big thanks to Lisa for inviting three families from each of the two local schools (that we send Thanksgiving & Christmas meals) to join in the festivities at no cost to them. The parents were very thankful!

Christmas Bazaar: Our Annual Christmas Wonderland Bazaar is in full swing in the Hermes Rafailides Center today, **December 4th from Noon to 4pm**. Stop by and see all the wonderful gifts that we have to offer.

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 on **Sunday, Dec. 11th**.

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.

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

Vasilopita Bread: Orders are now being taken for Vasilopita Bread, if you wish to enjoy some delicious, homemade "New Year" bread, please contact Ritsa Economakis at 410.256.0953. Pick up date is December 18th.

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

Philoptochos Christmas Bazaar ~ December 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

Parish Council Meeting ~ December 12th

Book / Knitting Club ~ December 13th

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner @ The Peppermill Restaurant ~ 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

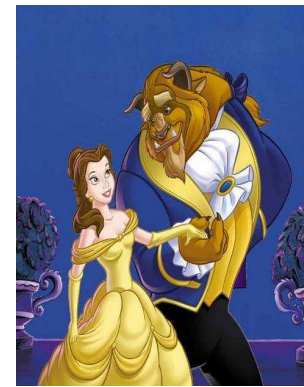
New Year's Eve Divine Liturgy ~ St. Basil ~ December 31st

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.



The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents
Disney's
Beauty and the Beast

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$316,196	\$282,236	425
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$335,189	\$299,964	426

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, December 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Board Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm B&TB Dinner Mtg., 7:00pm (M) GOYA Basketball, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Christmas Bread Baking Christmas Church Decorating Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Christmas Bread Baking Christmas Church Decorating Hope/Joy Christmas Event, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 10th</u> Nativity Pageant Rehearsal B&TB Rehearsal, 1:30pm (M)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 11th</u> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Service</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) Advent Program (Grades 3-12) Nativity Choir after Divine Liturgy Dance Practice, 12:15pm (C)</p>
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Ticket Sales

Show A: Saturday, February 18, 2017
 (Matinee)

Door Open ~ 10:15 am

Show ~ 11:00 am

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show B: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Show ~ 8:00 pm

Show C: Sunday, February 19, 2017

Dinner ~ 3:30 pm

Show ~ 5:00 pm

Show D: Friday, February 24, 2017

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Show ~ 8:00 pm

Show E: Saturday, February 25, 2017

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Show ~ 8:00 pm

Show F: February 26, 2017

Dinner ~ 3:30 pm

Show ~ 5:00 pm

Ticket Prices

Matinee ~ \$20.00

Dinner Theatre:

Adults ~ \$46.00 (Table of 10 ~ \$45.00 each)

Children under 12 ~ \$25.00

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact
 Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487 or
Kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com.
 All reserved tickets must be purchased by
January 22, 2017.

Checks, cash and credit cards accepted.
 Return check fee: \$35.00.
 Tickets are sold by assigned tables.
 All sales are final.
 No Refunds.

For Dinner Shows ~ Doors open
 30 minutes before
 Dinner is served.

Thank you for your support!!!