

**December 18, 2016**

**Sunday before Nativity**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Hebrew 11:9-10.5, 32-40. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 1:1-25. These Readings may be found on pages 1367 & 1147 in the Holy Bible or on pages 118 & 119 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember:** Pre-Nativity: The Genealogy; Martyrs Sevastianos of Milan, Zoe and their Companions; Modestos, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Righteous Floros, Bishop of Amea.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Argie Christ, Panagioti & Ereni *in loving memory of* husband & father, Peter H. Christ, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Gus, Patricia & James Galanakis *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, James A. Galanakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Georgia Kerasiotes & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Nicholas, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Antonia Courtalis *in loving memory of* husband Gus, & daughter, Gina. May their memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Pantelides *in loving memory of* his late wife, Elaine, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- George & Marcella Lambros and their families *in loving memory of* their parents & grandparents, Gus & Katie Harris, Gus & Anastasia Lambros and Spiros & Lemonia Papandreas. May their memory be eternal.
- Bill & Nikki Papageorgopoulos, *in loving memory of* George & Dimitra Papageorgopoulos, Nicolaos & Eugenia Courtalis, Emanuel, Konstantinos, Peter, James, George & Gina. May their memory be eternal.
- The Karayinopoulos Family *in loving memory of* father, grandfather & great grandfather, James Karayinopoulos, Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Chris Spanos *in loving memory of* brother, Konstantine Markakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Kiki, Chuck & John Alexander *for the health & welfare of and for the successful treatment of* daughter & sister, Maggie Alexander.
- Anthoula Chakales *for the health & welfare of and for the successful treatment of* granddaughter, Maggie Alexander. May God continue to watch over her.
- Peter, Christina, Raquel & Eleni *for the health & welfare of and for the successful treatment of* niece & cousin, Maggie Alexander.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis & Diamondo Sarigianis.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the Ladies of Philoptochos and will be served by: Vangie Demetrakis, Georgia Kerasiotis, and Diane Stavros.

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

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**On behalf of Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of our Saint Demetrios Family a very Merry Christmas!**

**Orthodox Studies:** Please be advised that we **will not** be meeting on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410-692-7590.

**Parish Assembly:** Our final Parish Assembly for 2016 will be held today, **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**2017 Calendars:** Will be distributed today, **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**Christmas Service:** The Liturgy for Christmas Day will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Demetrakia 35<sup>th</sup> 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](http://dgreeks.com). All tickets include party favors and Vasilopita! Cash bar & mezedakia platters for purchase. For more information contact Emily at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com), 443.838.1248 or any Demetrakia instructor.

**A Big GOYA Thank You:** THANK YOU FATHER LOU AND PRESVYTERA!!! Our GOYA would like to thank Father Lou and Presvytera for opening up their home again this year and hosting our annual GOYA Christmas party. We appreciate everything you do for our GOYA!!!!

**GOYAns News:** Maybe you've seen some of our GOYAns serving sodas at our Greek festival over the years. Maybe you've seen them serving at our Church play. Or perhaps you've seen them working hard collecting hundreds of toys for our church Toys for Tots Drive, or maybe it was last week at the Kennedy Krieger children's Christmas party where our GOYAns purchased and gave gifts to every child...gifts that the children asked for specifically on their Christmas wish list. Whatever the case, we are sure that you have seen the hard work they do for the community. We are having a bull and oyster roast fundraiser on **Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>** at Columbus Gardens in Perry Hall. All the money raised will benefit our GOYA. The goal is to raise enough money to pay for a bus so the kids can afford to go on a trip at the end of the year. Please contact Paul Rizas at 410-365-1703 or at [paulrizas@gmail.com](mailto:paulrizas@gmail.com) for advanced discounted tickets.

**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: 410.5.661.10.590 x204 or email: [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

*Board Meeting: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*  
*General Meeting: Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*

**Christmas Breads:** Many many thanks to Georgia Kerasiotes and the team of ladies that helped bake the delicious bread. Also, thank you Georgia for making lunch each year for us!

**Philoptochos Christmas Dinner:** Thank you to Angela Koutsoutis for chairing this event. A wonderful time was had by all!

**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:** Pick up date is December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com).

**Save the date** and wrap it up just in time for Christmas! Great gift idea for your Godparents & Godchildren ~ buy your tickets for a delicious luncheon and fun afternoon after church services on Godparent Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Hermes Rafailides Center. \$15 for adults and \$10 for 12 years old and younger in advance. (Tickets \$20 and \$15 at door). Reserve your table today and make plans to spend a memorable afternoon with your Godfamily! See Simone Volikas in the Hermes Rafailides Center after church today to buy your tickets!



Merry  
Christmas



## **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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2015</b>	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$318,485	\$290,096	425
<b>2016</b>	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$335,509	\$305,753	426

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30-7:30pm (C)                      B&amp;TB Rehearsal,                      7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Pre-School Christmas Program,                      11:30am (C)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>                      Office Closing at 11:30am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Christmas Eve</i>  <b>Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy,</b>  <b>10:00am</b>  <i>Saint Basil the Great</i>  <b>Orthros, 7:00pm</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 8:00pm</b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Christmas Day!</i>  <b>No Services</b></p>
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## UPCOMING NEWS

*Pre-School Christmas Program ~ December 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Christmas Office Hours ~ Closing at 11:30am ~ December 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Closed ~ December 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*Closing at 12:00pm ~ December 30<sup>th</sup>*  
*New Year's Eve Divine Liturgy ~ St. Basil ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>*  
*New Year's Eve Dance ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>*  
*Office Closed ~ January 2<sup>nd</sup>*



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

**Ticket Sales**

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

Door Open ~ 10:5:15 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 10.5 ~ \$45.00  
 each)

Children under 12 ~ \$25.00

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact

Kelly MacDonnell at 410.5.256.4487 or  
[Kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com](mailto: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!!!**

# NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION!

*Hosted by The Demetrakia  
 Celebrating 35 Years!*

**LIVE music from Greece by MORTES!**

Featuring Lyra, Violi, Laouto, & MORE!

Doors open at 9pm

Adults 21 & over - \$35

Under 21 - \$20

Kids 5 & under - free



Ticket price includes champagne toast, vasilopita  
 & party favors

Cash bar & Mezzedakia platters available for purchase



For tickets or more information please contact: Emily Liadakis  
 at: [eliadakis@aol.com](mailto:eliadakis@aol.com)