

December 25, 2016

Holy Nativity

The Epistle Reading is: Galatians 4:4-7. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 2:1-12. These Readings may be found on pages 1331 & 1147 in the Holy Bible or on pages 121-123 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: St. Basil Liturgy ~ The Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: Please join us for a Coffee Hour in honor of the Christmas Holiday Season, sponsored by the Parish Council and their families.

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

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 30th. We will resume on Friday, January 6th, 2017, but instead of meeting in the board room, we are planning on attending the **Feast of the Epiphany Divine Liturgy at 10:00am**. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

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.

Saint Demetrios Bull & Oyster Roast ~ FRIDAY, January 20th. 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 **Friday, January 20th** 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. Tickets are available for purchase during coffee hour. Please contact Paul Rizas at 410-365-1703 or at paulrizas@gmail.com for advanced discounted tickets.

2017 Calendars: Will be distributed on **Sunday, January 8th**, 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: 410.5.661.10.590 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

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 12th 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 God family! See Simone Volikas in the Hermes Rafailides Center after church today to buy your tickets!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm

General Meeting: Monday, January 16th at 6:30pm

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos are wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you for all your support, love and hard work in helping to make the lives of those less fortunate a little brighter.



*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

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$319,963	\$290,562	425
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$336,599	\$317,333	426

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, December 26th</u> <i>Office Closed</i>	<u>Wednesday, December 28th</u> B&TB Leads Singing Rehearsal, 7:00pm (M) <u>Friday, December 30th</u> Office Closing at 12:00pm New Year's Eve Dance Set-Up. (H/G)	<u>Saturday, December 31st</u> <i>New Year's Eve</i> Orthros, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy, 7:00pm <i>New Year's Eve Dance</i>
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UPCOMING NEWS

Christmas Office Hours

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

Office Closed ~ January 2nd

Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil ~ January 5th

Feast of Epiphany ~ Blessings of the Waters Divine Liturgy ~ January 6th

Feast of Saint John the Baptist ~ January 7th



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.

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!!!