

January 1, 2017

Saint Basil the Great

The Epistle Reading is: Colossians 2:8-12. The Gospel Reading is Luke 2:20-21, 40-52. These Readings may be found on pages 1343 & 1203-1204 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: St. Basil Liturgy ~ Circumcision in the Flesh of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ; Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea, Cappadocia; Neomartyr Peter; Basil of Ankyra; Gregory the Elder, Bishop of Nazianzos.

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:

- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* their grandchildren, Demetrios & Isabella Karavedas on the occasion of their 7th birthday.
- Thorina Trintis and family in memory of her husband, their father & grandfather, Basilios (Bill), on the occasion of his nameday. Forever in our hearts

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

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 Happy & Healthy New Year.

Orthodox Studies: 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.

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 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.

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: 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!

Demetrakia Dance Troupe: Registration for the 2017 Demetrakia Dance Troupe season will be held during coffee hour on January 22nd & January 29th. Registration is **FREE!** Dancers must be at least 4 years old and in pre-school at the time of registration. Please contact any dance instructor or Emily Liadakis at ELiadakis@aol.com for more information.

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending January 27th. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use, kindly remove them before this date.

Calendar and Use of the Facility Procedures: This is a reminder that the Church Office must clear all events, meetings, food preparation, rehearsals and hall/kitchen dates on the parish calendar. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 and schedule your building usage.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **January 17th** at 9am-12pm. 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.

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 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.

UPCOMING NEWS

Pre-School resumes January 3rd

Greek School resumes January 4th

Martin Luther King Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 16th

Home School resumes ~ January 23rd

Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

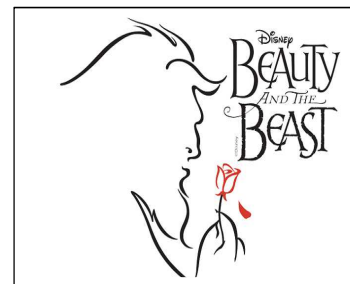
In every Liturgy God brings words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion, He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **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	\$681,485	\$180,385	\$11,330	179
2016	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$201,246	\$15,300	191

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 2nd</u> Office ~ Pre-School & Greek School Closed</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G) D4 Practice, 6:00pm (C)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, January 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Eve of the Feast of Epiphany ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Feast of the Epiphany ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 7th</u> Saint John the Baptist ~ Divine Liturgy, 10:00am B&TB Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 8th</u> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Vasilopita Sunday Memorial Sunday Church School, 9:55am (C) D4 Practice, 12:00pm (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G/M)</p>
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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!!!