

January 8, 2017

Sunday after Theophany

The Epistle Reading is: Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 4:12-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 & 1149 in the Holy Bible or on pages 127-128 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Post-Theophany; Martyr George the Chozevite; Righteous Kyros and Attikos, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Kyranna, Neomartye; Neomartyr Parthena of Edessa; Righteous Karterios, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Angie & Mac Joiner & Family and Mary & George Gevas & Family *in loving memory of* mother, aunt & grandmother, Despina Panteloukas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Apostolo Family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, William Apostolo, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dean Pappas, Vanessa Petrini and Tina Everard and their mother, Helen Pappas, *in loving memory of* their father, husband & Papou, Plato “Tom” Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* their grandchildren, Demetrios & Isabella Karavedas, on the occasion of their 7th birthday.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* William Apostolo, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Despina Panteloukas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and Plato “Tom” Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May their memory be eternal.

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

The Vasilopita Breads cut in church today were generously donated by: Gus, Ritsa & Georgia Economakis, *in loving memory of* their son & her brother, Chris Economakis.

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored, *in loving memory* by the families of William Apostolo, Despina Panteloukas & Plato “Tom” Pappas and served by the Philoptochos Ladies.

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

Oath of Office: We will be administering the Oath of Office to our 2017 Parish Council today, **Sunday, January 8th**. Please join us as we welcome the newest Parish Council members.

Orthodox Studies: Make a New Year’s resolution to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, January 13th** at 9:30 am in the board room. Please remember that if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, we will not meet. For more information contact 443-564-6618.

2017 Calendars: Will be distributed today, **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.

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

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.

Fundraiser donations needed: Our GOYA would like your help in securing some fundraising items for their upcoming bull roast on January 20th. If anyone has gift certificates, sports memorabilia, Spa certificates, artwork, accessories, vacation packages or properties to offer as a donation for their silent auction please contact Debbie Rizas at 410-598-4019. Tax-deductible letters will be given for your donations. Let's support our youth who have done so much for our community!!

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.

UPCOMING NEWS

Martin Luther King Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 16th
Home School resumes ~ January 23rd
Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm
General Meeting: Monday, January 16th at 6:30pm

The ladies of Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and the entire Saint Demetrios community extend a Special THANK YOU to Gus, Ritsa and Georgia Economakis for providing the Vasilopita breads for our service today in loving memory of their son and brother, Chris Economakis.

Each January the Philoptochos Society has a long-standing tradition of supporting the needs of Saint Basil Academy. Again this year in lieu of a Vasilopita luncheon, the members of Philoptochos ask for our community's support, by giving a donation during a special tray collection being done today. All of the proceeds from trays will be sent to assist the needs of the children at Saint Basil Academy.

Christmas Food Drive and Stockings of Joy: Thank you to Lisa Venetos and all that helped to purchase and deliver to five families the food baskets for an entire dinner, snacks and Christmas presents for everyone in the family. Also, 94 Stockings of Joy were delivered to the Perry Point Veterans Hospital.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK: **“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”**

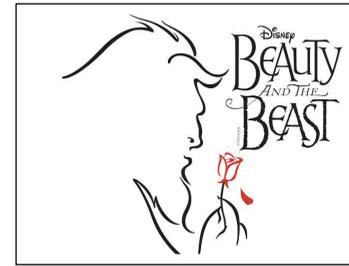
In every Liturgy God brings words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion, He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **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	\$181,874	\$18,265	190
2016	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$201,246	\$16,246	191

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) D4 Practice, 6:00pm (C) Parish Council Exec. Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 14th</u> Zumba, 9:00am (H/G) B&TB Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G) Folk Dance Festival</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 15th</u> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G/M) Folk Dance Festival</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: Sunday, 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 410.5.256.4487 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!!!

Beauty and The Beast Volunteers Needed: If you have not had a chance to return your Volunteer Form for the Saint Demetrios Suburban Player's production of Beauty & The Beast, please either return the form or call Jennie (410-256-2143) by **January 27, 2017**. Still needed are people to be on the serving line at each performance, run a follow-spot, paint the set, assist with costumes, help with publicity, and much more. If you do not have your form from the November Stewardship Mailing, please get one from the Narthex Table, download one from our Website (stdemetriosmd.org), or call the Church Office. We are also accepting Business and Personal Ads for our Program Booklet. Please help us by buying an ad, or getting someone you know who has a business to purchase one. The advantages are that the ads will be seen not only by those who attend the show, but also each ad will be mentioned in the Church Newsletter (The Spirit) which will be seen by over 450 households. We really appreciate any help that you can give us!