

**January 15, 2017**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**The Epistle Reading is:** Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel Reading is Luke 17:12-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1343 & 1225 in the Holy Bible or on pages 112-113 in the Divine Liturgy book.

**Today we remember:** Righteous Paul the Hermit of Thebes in Egypt, Righteous John Kalyvites; Pansophios, Martyr.

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

- Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Peter Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Vangie Demetrakis & Family *in loving memory of* her brother, Ted Theodosios, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Greg Kosmas *in loving memory of* his father, Steve Michael, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Steve Michael, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

**Coffee Hour:** The coffee hour is sponsored, *in loving memory* by the family of Steve Michael and served by the Philoptochos Ladies.

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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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**2017 Parish Council:** We would like to congratulate the new members and the continuing members of our Parish Council and wish them a very fruitful 2017. The 2017 Parish Council Executive Board consists of: Kirk Rogers, *President*, Peter Georgelakos, *Vice-President*, Cathy Xanthakos, *Treasurer*, Mark Alberding, *Financial Secretary* and Irene Lericos, *Recording Secretary*. Please take time to thank them for serving our community.

**Orthodox Studies:** Make a New Year's resolution to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** 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:** If you were unable to pick up the 2017 Ecclesiastical Calendar and would like to have one, the calendars can be picked up from the Church office during regular business hours. (Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm), or you can call the Church office at 410.661.109 ext. 202 and request that the calendar be mailed to you. Only calendars that are requested will be mailed. Because we have a limited number of calendars, to ensure that everyone receives their calendar, only **one** calendar will be given per family.

**Godparent/Godchildren Sunday:** Godparent's Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church  
February 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **January 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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 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. Tickets are available for purchase during coffee hour. Please contact Paul Rizas at 410-365-1703 or at [paulrizas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> & January 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use, kindly remove them before this date.

**Help Needed:** Many hands are needed! We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. If you would like to participate please contact Katherine Strakes at 410.828.4125.

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## **UPCOMING NEWS**

**Saint Demetrios Bull & Oyster Roast ~ January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Home School resumes ~ January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30<sup>th</sup>**

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

All ladies of St. Demetrios are invited to our next general Philoptochos meeting tomorrow evening. We will be voting on some important issues, so please come and be a voice of Philoptochos. Our chapter is vibrant and giving. If you're not a member, you are still welcome to come and see what we're all about. With our membership kick-off starting, we look forward to welcoming women of ALL ages!! Refreshments will be served so come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship!

**\*\*January is the time to remember your stewardship commitment to Philoptochos! We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community)\*\*** Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table or watch for one in the upcoming church mailings. Please return it to the church office and on the envelope please specify, Attention: 'Philoptochos Membership'. Membership questions may be answered by: Elaine 410.472.3458 or Mary 410.528.1589. Remember to specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. When considering your stewardship donation, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects, such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, School children's needs and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

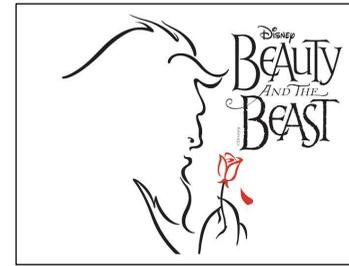
**Bridging the Digital Divide:** If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations 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).

### 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>2016</b>	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$200,454	\$30,500	216
<b>2017</b>	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$213,232	\$21,755	206

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Office, Pre-School &amp; Greek School Closed</i>                      Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)                      B&amp;TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      GOYA Basketball (H/G)                      B&amp;TB Production/Dinner Team Mtg., 7:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      B&amp;TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)                      Men's Basketball, 6:30pm (H/G)  <b><i>St Demetrios Bull &amp; Oyster Roast</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>                      Zumba, 9:00am (H/G)                      B&amp;TB Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>  <b><i>Orthros, 9:00am</i></b>  <b><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b>                      Church School, 9:55am (C)                      B&amp;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 ~ 10:15 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](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!!!***

**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<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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!