

January 29, 2017

Sunday of the Canaanite

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 6:16-7:1. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 15:21-28. These Readings may be found on pages 1324 & 1163 in the Holy Bible or on pages 92-93 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Relocation of Relics of Holymartyr Ignatius the “God-mantelled” Neomartyr Demetrios of Chois; Philotheos, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Lambro & Lisa Jones Venetos *in loving memory of* their parents & grandparents: Effie Venetos (7 yrs.) & John Venetos (41 yrs.); Marie (7 yrs.) & Robert (36 yrs.) Jones; Anna Betty (6 yrs.) & Sherman (19 yrs.) Dahlgreen. May their memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- James, Audra & Alicia Messick *in loving memory of* their grandmother, Theresa Messick (13 yrs.); cousin, David Cain (14 yrs.) and Great Grandmothers, Marie (Jones) Wheeler (7 yrs.) and Anna Betty Dahlgreen (6 yrs.). May their memory be eternal.
- Lambro & Lisa Venetos *in loving memory of* Sotirios Mitilineos, who passed to eternal rest 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

40-Day Baby Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Toutsis will present their 1st child, a son, for the traditional 40-day Blessing. Let’s pray for Gods’ Blessings for this family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Kriss Cocoros, Katherine Diafokeris & Toula Stamas.

Coffee Hour: Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following Divine Liturgy. The Coffee hour is sponsored and served by the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

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

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, February 3rd** at 9:30am 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 Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

2017 Calendars: If you were unable to pick-up the 2017 Ecclesiastical Calendar and would like to have one, you can call the Church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202 and request that the calendar be mailed to you. Only calendars that are requested will be mailed.

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

- February 12th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church ~ **No Church School**
- February 26th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- February 26th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella
- March 5th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, March 7th in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm., more information coming soon.

Holy Unction: Lent begins on **Monday, February 27th** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday’s beginning **March 3rd**, we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary. It has been a tradition here at Saint Demetrios to adorn the Icon of the Panaghia with a flower arrangement each Friday. If you are interested in donating one of these arrangements, please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st** 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.

Orthodox Observer: If you are **NOT** receiving the Orthodox Observer, and would like to, please send an email to the church office containing your name and address and we will have you added to the mailing list. Our email address is: saintdemetrios@comcast.net

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!

Spring Clean-Up Day: An effort is underway to hold a Spring clean-up at the Church. The date is **March 11th, at 9:00am**. We will be purging items throughout the building. For more information, please contact Pete Georgelakos at 410.583.1963 or via email: peter.georgelakos@ms.com

Greek Independence Day Parade: Colorful, traditional costumes and ethnic pride of both young and old will fill the streets of Baltimore on **Sunday, April 2, 2017, at 2:00pm**, as the Greek-American Community commemorates Greek Independence Day with a festive parade in Baltimore’s historic Greektown. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to [register online](#). For more information call the Parade Hotline at **443-267-4735**, email us at info@greekparade.com or [click here](#).

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held, **Monday, June 19th - Friday June 23rd 9am-12pm**. Ages 4-11 yrs. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin February 2017. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer.

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date ~ **July 17th – 21st**. Stay tuned for more details, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

February 6th Monday – Board Meeting 6:30pm

February 13th Monday – General Meeting 6:30pm

My Ladies Luncheon: Our 2017 My Ladies Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 12:30 at Pappas Restaurant on 1725 Taylor Avenue. Our speaker will be Corina Mararu from the IOCC. Tickets will be available each Sunday during Coffee Hour, or you can email Cathy Xanthakos at cathy.xanthakos@yahoo.com or call her at 410.952.3576. Ticket price is \$38.00 per person. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 19th.

****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.



The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

Disney's

Beauty and the Beast

Ad Book: 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! For more information please contact Dottie Ganer at 410.870.3372.

Beauty and The Beast: Tickets: There are still tickets available for all shows. Tickets are on sale each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy at Coffee Hour or by contacting Kelly MacDonnell at 410-(do you have her home number/) to purchase your tickets.

Help Wanted: Follow Spot: We need someone to operate the second Follow Spot for all the performances. It would involve the last week of rehearsals and all Shows. This is a very important part of our Production Team! **Painters:** We also need people to help with basic painting of the set. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Jennie at 443-610-7898.

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
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$205,054	\$35,635	225
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$223,235	\$39,577	234

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Greek School, 4:30pm (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 31st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Friday, February 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 4th</u> B&TB Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 5th</u> Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G/M)</p>
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2017 Aris Anagnos Scholarship: The American Hellenic Council is happy to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2017 Aris Anagnos Scholarship! One deserving student will be rewarded \$5,000 at our Annual Awards Gala on April 1st and that student could be you (or a loved one). This year's deadline is **February 28th**. For more information and for an application, visit our website: www.americanhellenic.org/aris-anagnos-scholarship.

UPCOMING NEWS

Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th
Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy ~ February 18th & 25th
Presidents Day ~ February 20th Office, Pre-School, Home School Co-Op & Greek School will be closed
Holy Unction ~ February 27th