February 5, 2017 *Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee*

The Epistle Reading is: II Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:10-14. These Readings may be found on pages 1355 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 128-129 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: Post-Presentation: Triodhion begins, The Publican (Tax Collector) and the Pharisee; Martyr Agathe of Sicily; Polyeuktos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Neomartyr Anthony of Athens; Righteous Theodosios; The Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmeleia (Basil), Nona (Gregory), and Anthousa (Chrysostom).

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & family ***in loving memory of*** mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Elpida "Hope" Harris. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Margaret Kontoyianis & family ***for the health & welfare of*** her son & their brother, John.
- Regis & Jennie Kegel ***in loving honor of*** their new grandson, Aiden Scott Clancy (Kegel), on the occasion of his birth. May God Bless him, his parents, Michelle & Jeremy, and his big sister, Addison.
- George, Marcie Lambros ***in honor of*** their grandson, George, on the occasion, of his 8th birthday. May God grant him many more happy years.
- Mr. & Mrs. Gus Xintas ***in honor of*** their 60th Wedding Anniversary & the 80th Birthday of Gus.
- Stephanie Xintas ***in honor of*** her parents, Gus & Helen Xintas, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary and ***in honor of*** her father, Gus, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.
- The Karayinopuos Family ***in honor of*** Gus & Helen Xintas' 60th Wedding Anniversary and ***in honor of*** Gus, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.
- The Triandafilou Family ***in loving memory of*** their father, grandfather & great grandfather, Louis Triandafilou, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Daughters, Joanne, Stefany & Paula ***with love & in memory of*** the birthday of their beloved father, John Skleres, Jr.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Athina Kakava.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee hour is sponsored and served by the LIBRARY and WAY Committees this morning. Everyone is invited to attend the coffee hour held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following Divine Liturgy and have an opportunity to register for the upcoming Orthodox Christian WAY Program.

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 10th** 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.

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

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

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

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 (four left), 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 Christian Way Registration begins **Sunday, February 5th** for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, March 7th, 2017,** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please join us for the presentation, "Seven Steps to Improving Your Prayer Life," presented by Fr. Jerome Sanderson. Fr. Jerome is a noted speaker, priest, author, iconographer, woodcarver, and senior pastor of Christ the Savior Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in Nashville, Indiana. His talk is sponsored by the Craig Jon Arambiges Memorial Lecture Fund. There will be three additional evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, **March 14th, 21st, and 28th**. Presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:15 p.m. light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30 p.m., but the **March 7th** program will extend until 9:00 p.m. Cost for the 4 sessions is $35, or $10 each session. Call the church office at 410 661-1090 for more information.

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: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

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 turned 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 12:30pm 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

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 410.256.4487.

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	$214,570	$48,416	250
2017	$378,600	$657,842	$223,840	$43,182	237

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 6th
Pre-School, 8:45am (C)
Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C)
Greek School, 4:30pm (C)
Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm (P)
B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)

Tuesday, February 7th
Pre-School, 8:45am (C)
Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 7:00pm (B)

Wednesday, February 8th
Pre-School, 8:45am (C)
Greek School, 4:30pm (C)
B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)

Thursday, February 9th
Pre-School, 8:45am (C)
B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)

Friday, February 10th
Pre-School, 8:45am (C)
Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)

Saturday, February 11th
B&TB Rehearsal, 1:00pm (H/G)

Sunday, February 12th
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Orthros, 9:00am
Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
NO Church School
Godparents Day at St. Demetrios
Godparents Sunday Luncheon
B&TB Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G/M)

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

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

An evening with

St Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

at Boordy Vineyards

WINE EVENT & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, April 28, 2017
6:00pm - 9:30pm

Boordy Vineyards
12820 Long Green Pike
Hydes, MD 21082

$20 per ticket ($25 at door)
Includes soft drinks + light appetizers
Cash bar with Boordy wines
(no outside alcohol allowed)

Tickets will be available for sale
Sundays after church services in
the Hermes Rafailides Center

For more information, contact:
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