

January 7, 2018

Synaxis of John the Baptist

The Epistle Reading is: Acts 19:1-8. The Gospel Reading is John 1:29-34. These Readings may be found on pages 1282 & 1236 in the Holy Bible.

Today we remember: Post-Theophany; Synaxis of the Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; Deacon Ioulianos; Holymartyr Romanos; Athanasios, Neomartyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus, Ritsa & Georgia Economakis *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 8th birthday.
- Sam & Mary Karavedas *in honor of* James & Irene Latgis, on the occasion of their 69th Wedding Anniversary.
- *In honor of* James & Irene Latgis, on the occasion of their 69th Wedding Anniversary, from their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.
- Stella, Nick & Christine Vavas and Eleni & Luke Sabracos *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Spencer Vavas who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

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.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Georgia Kerasiotes & Maria Andreyev

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Ladies Society and will be served by Linda Edwards, Cathy Pizanis & Maria Stamas.

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 2018 Parish Council today, **Sunday, January 7th**. 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 12th** 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 443-564-6618.

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem: On **January 14th, 2018** we will conduct a special blessing and prayer on those members of our Congregation who will depart on **Monday, January 15th, 2018** on a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Lands. We pray for their safety and that they may experience a very enlightening pilgrimage and arrive home safely to share with all of us their wonderful experience.

2018 Calendars: Will be distributed today, **Sunday, January 7th, 2018** to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please look for Aris Daniels & Stephanie Christ and pick-up your Calendar, Daily Bible Reading Guide & 2018 pocket calendar. Because we have a limited number of calendars, only **one** calendar will be given per family. If you are unable to pick up your calendar, please contact the church office and we will gladly mail your calendar.

2017 Stewardship Pledge Reminder: The Stewardship Committee extends our appreciation to our Stewards who have met their 2017 pledge commitment. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Community and we thank you! If you are not current in your 2017 commitment, we ask that you fulfill your pledge before **January 15th, 2018**. The final Stewardship statement for the year has been mailed and we ask you to help us finish strong for the year.

For Your Awareness: In January 2018, we will start a monthly passing of a collection tray for the purpose of funding much-needed building maintenance items. The tray will be passed the second Sunday of each month, and proceeds will be dedicated to building maintenance items, including the heating and cooling system for the Sanctuary, and a security system for the Church building and grounds. Trays are not for the purpose of Stewardship pledge collection; we ask that you thoughtfully consider what you can do above your Stewardship pledge this one Sunday per month to address the increasing needs of our buildings and grounds. Every dollar matters, and is responsibly managed by your Parish Council. We thank you in advance for your contributions!

Godparents Sunday: Saint Demetrios will be celebrating Godparent Sunday on **February 4th, 2018**, and The Koritsia will be hosting the Godparent Sunday Luncheon that afternoon in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following church. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour. You can also contact Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.com or Christina Tsakiris at cmt7226@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children if purchased prior to the event. If purchased at the door, tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. We look forward to seeing you there and we thank you for your support!"

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

70's, 80's & 90's Night Bull & Oyster Roast: Join us for a night of dancing to the oldies with the Koko Brothers, great food, great friends, great times, games & prizes! **Saturday, January 20th from 6-10pm**. Money raised will help send our GOYA to visit the St. Nicholas Shrine in New York and the Holy Cross Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts!! For early bird discounted tickets contact Paul Rizas at 410.365.1703 or email paulrizas@gmail.com.

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.

Tickets are available for the Suburban Players 43rd Production ~ "Guys and Dolls." Dates are: February 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018. Ticket prices for Dinner Theatre are \$46 (Adults); \$45/pp for 10 or more tickets; \$25 (Children under 12); Saturday matinee on February 10th for \$20/pp at 11:00am with light fare for purchase. Contact: Eleni Libertini via email at: elibertini@comcast.net or phone at 410.679.5622. A delicious meal and wonderful show awaits you! Ad spaces in all sizes are also available in our program book. This is an inexpensive way to advertise your business, send well wishes to fellow stewards and support your church. Contact kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or phone at 410.256.4487 to purchase your ad. Deadline for all ads is **January 22, 2018**.

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

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

Adult Basketball Tournament: Calling all retired GOYAns, Friends of GOYAns and GOYA Parents! Do you miss being in GOYA? Do you miss the tournaments? Do you miss the dances? Do you miss the friends? Perhaps you weren't in GOYA, but wish you were!!! Well here's your chance!! We are bringing it all back with the Saint Demetrios 1st Annual **THROW BACK TOURNAMENT** on **Saturday, January 20th!!** Start off your day playing basketball with your old friends and representing your decade! Finish your day with a GOYA Dinner/Dance at our Bull & Oyster Roast at Jimmy's Seafood featuring The Koko Brothers playing your favorite old-school dance hits!! To register email Manuel Diacogiannis at Diacol@hotmail.com! See you there!! Money raised will benefit our current GOYA so that they can visit The Shrine at Saint Nicholas in New York and The Holy Cross Monastery in Boston.

Greek Independence Day Parade: The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade fundraiser dance will be held on **January 27th** at 8:00pm, at Greek Town Square, with music by Power Station from New York. General admission seats are \$50. VIP ~ Sponsor tables of 10 available for \$800. Complimentary mezedakia at all tables, cash bar and 50/50 raffle. For tickets and reservations contact: Manoli 410.790.7542 or Emily 443.838.1248. **Save the date:** This year's parade will be **Sunday, March 25th!**

Demetrakia Dance Troupe: Best of Luck to our Demetrakia dancers who will be performing at the 2018 Metropolis of New Jersey Hellenic Folk Dance Festival the weekend of **January 13th-14th, 2018.**

Koritsia: We all have to eat, so why not eat out at one of the following restaurants and raise funds to help pay the mortgage of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church.

January 30th, 2018 ~ Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh. 10% is donated back to church. **February 20th, 2018 ~ Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz in Fallston.**

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, the donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom, which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is **May 18th.** Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room
General Meeting: Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room

Vasilopita Sunday: On January 7th a collection will be taken by Philoptochos with proceeds going to Saint Basil's Academy.

Christmas Food Drive: Thank you to Lisa Venetos and Mary Tsakiris and all that helped to purchase the food for four families for not only an entire dinner, but food for 2 weeks after as well! Christmas presents for everyone in the family were also purchased.

Stockings of Joy: Thank you to Lisa Venetos and everyone who contributed. 50 stockings were delivered to Perry Point Veterans Hospital.

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 is able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life considering these principles. We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully the body of Christ will function to its full potential.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$201,246	\$16,246	191
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$186,647	\$12,015	180

**Our goal as Christian Stewards is to fund 100% of the Church operating budget*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P) Dance Practice, 6:00pm (H/G) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Leads A&B), 7:00pm (M)</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Book/Knitters Club, 9:00am (L) Parish Council Exec. Mtg., 7:00pm (B) Dance Practice, 6:00pm (H/G) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Leads A&B), 7:00pm (M)</i></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 10th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Pre-School Race to Top Event Greek School, 4:30pm GOYA Basketball</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 11th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Guys and Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Leads A,B), 7:00pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Friday, January 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Dance Practice, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 13th</u> Folk Dance Festival <i>(Annapolis)</i> Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, (H/G) Cameo Kids, 1:00-2:00pm Full Cast, 1:30-3:30pm Dancers, 2:30-4:30pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 14th</u> Sunday after Theophany Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday Folk Dance Festival <i>(Annapolis)</i> Church School, 9:55am Guys & Dolls Rehearsal (H/G) Full Cast & Dancers, 2:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 15th
St. Demetrios Bull & Oyster Roast ~ January 20th
Pre-School Brunch ~ January 21st
Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th



The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

“Guys and Dolls”

Tickets on Sale NOW!

Show A: Saturday, February 10, 2018

(Matinee)

Doors Open ~ 10:15am

Show ~ 11:00am

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show B: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show C: Sunday, February 11, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

Show D: Friday, February 16, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show E: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show F: Sunday, February 18, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

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
Eleni Libertini at 410.679.5622 or
elibertini@comcast.net or during coffee hour in
the Hermes Rafailides Center

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!!!