

January 21, 2018

15th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: I Timothy 4:9-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 19:1-10. These Readings may be found on pages 1351 & 1227 in the Holy Bible or on pages 115-117 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Righteous Maximos, Confessor; Righteous Neophytos and Zosimos; Martyrs Neophytos and Agne; Maximos the Greek; Martyr Patroclus.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Carolyn Pulianis *in loving memory of* her son, Michael Pulianis, who fell asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Don Brooks *in loving memory of* Michael Pulianis, on the occasion of his birthday. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamando Sarigianis.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour today, instead please join us in the Hermes Rafailides Center for the Pre-School Brunch. Help support our school and enjoy a hearty breakfast

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: Due to the pilgrimage to the Holy Land of many of our members, we will not have any further classes in January, please join us as we resume on **Friday, February 9th**. 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.

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

February 4th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

February 19th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

February 25th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **February 23rd**, 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.

Holy Unction: Lent begins on **Monday, February 19th** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, February 27th, in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm., more information coming soon

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!"

2018 Calendars: If you were unable to pick-up the 2018 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 410.661.1090 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 per family.

Pre-School Brunch / Open House: Please join us today, **Sunday, January 21st** (following Liturgy) for a Gourmet Brunch / Open House. Cost \$5 p/person. We will be serving Bagels, Traditional Greek Omelet, Potatoes, Fruit, Bacon/Sausage, Juice/Coffee. Open House from 11:30am-1:00pm. For more information contact Betty Boteler, 410.661.1090 ext. 204.

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.

Congratulations to our Demetrakia dancers for representing our church and culture last weekend at the Metropolis of NJ Hellenic Folk Dance Festival. All 3 groups placed in their respective categories: Demetrakia I, Adult category, 1st place and Best costume, Demetrakia II/III, Intermediate category, 1st place and Best costume, and Demetrakia IV, Junior category, 2nd place. Thank you to all of our wonderful dancers, instructors, and dance parents for another successful and fun year of dance, bringing together our faith, culture & community. Registration for the new dance season will take place during coffee hour on **Sundays, February 4th, 11th & 18th**. Practices will begin on **Sunday, Feb. 25th**. Registration is FREE for all Saint Demetrios Stewards. Dancers must be at least 4 years old. Please contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com with any questions.

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!**

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 22nd, 2018**.

Help Needed: Many hands are needed! We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, January 27th, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. If you would like to participate please contact Katherine Strakes at 410.828.4125.

Technology Team: Please stop by the Hermes Rafailides Center today to update your contact information, as we begin the migration process to email-based communications. For more information, contact members of the Technology Team: Irene Kaikis Lericos, Catherine Xanthakos, Maria Stamas, Stephen Kucharski or Stephen Christ.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, February 5th

General Meeting: TUESDAY, February 13th

MEMBERSHIP: Philoptochos is ~PHILANTHROPY~FELLOWSHIP~FAITH IN ACTION! JOIN THE TEAM OF FUN LOVING, HARD WORKING MEMBERS SPREADING JOY TO THOSE WHO NEED A KIND WORD, SMILE AND ENCOURAGEMENT! We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community). Membership is open to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and is based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. 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 in need and the Baltimore Rescue Mission. For more information: Please contact Elaine 410.472.3458, stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

Guys and Dolls: To all Philoptochos Members. The Guys and Dolls committee needs our help once again this year with set-up. The dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, February 10th – 8:00am and then again after the matinee

Sunday, February 11th – After church service

Friday, February 16th – 3:30pm

Saturday, February 17th 3:30pm

Sunday, February 18th – After Divine Liturgy

Please contact Smaro Cook at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or call her at 410-340-4990.

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.

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!!

Welcome OCMC/OCF Spring Break Albania: the best alternative to everything else out there. Sign up for a week in which you will see a nation that has risen from the ashes of atheism. A week where you will see what it means to desire Christ first through your interactions with the youth, the youth leaders, the faithful and the church leadership. Apply for the 2018 OCMC/OCF Spring Break trip to Albania at www.ocmc.org or by calling 1-877-643-6784 and open your heart to participate in the Best Spring Break Destination EVER.

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	\$218,788	\$26,280	217
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$194,964	\$31,307	193

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Pre-School Mom's Night Out, 7:00pm (H/G) Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, (Leads A&B), 7:00pm (M)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm 50th Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B) GOYA Basketball</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Guys and Dolls Rehearsal, (Leads A,B,C), 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 27th</u> Dolmades, 9:00am (K) 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 28th</u> Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am Guys & Dolls Rehearsal (M) Act I, Full Cast, Dancers & Cameo Kids, 2:00pm</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th @ 9:00am

Presentation of our Lord ~ Divine Liturgy ~ February 2nd at 9:00am

Lent begins on February 19th

Presidents Day ~ February 19th Office, Pre-School & Greek School will be closed

Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ February 10th, 17th & 24th at 9:00am

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies ~ February 21st & 28th @ 6:00pm

Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ February 23rd @ 7:00pm



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!!!