

January 27, 2019

15th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: Hebrews 7:26-8:2. The Gospel Reading is Luke 19:1-10. These Readings may be found on pages 1363 & 1227 in the Holy Bible or on page 116 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Relocation of the Sacred Relics of St. John Chrysostom; Empress Markiane; Neomartyr Demetrios of Constantinople; Righteous Klemes of Athens.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Georgia Kerasiotes and family, *in loving memory of* her husband, their father and grandfather, Nicholas, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Mary & Esther *in loving memory of* their brother, Sam Bates, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be etenal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: Coffee will be served in our Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy by GOYA and Parish Council.

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

Welcome: If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us. We pray that your visit here is uplifting. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the pangari and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

Orthodox Studies: A brand new year is upon us, start your year off right by learning more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, February 2nd**, at 9:30am in the board room. Please be advised that if Baltimore County Public schools are closed or delayed due to weather we will not meet. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410-692-7590.

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

February 3rd ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

February 10th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

February 17th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 25th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **March 15th**, 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.

Lent begins on Monday, March 11th. Please mark your calendars!

50th Anniversary: Our next meeting is planned for **Monday, January 28th, 2019** at 7:00pm in the boardroom. Please join us and be a part of all the exciting plans in the making!

New Spring Dates Released for Family Photo Sessions: Lifetouch Photography will be back at Saint Demetrios on **Friday, April 12th** and **Saturday, April 13th** for the final two opportunities to get your family photos for our upcoming 50th Anniversary Commemorative Album. More details to come.

Share your Photos and Memories of Saint Demetrios Church! As we get closer to our 50th Anniversary, we are looking to highlight our history. You, our parishioners, are a very special part of the decades that have unfolded here at 2504 Cub Hill Road since 1969. So, tell us what Saint Demetrios means to you. What is your favorite memory? Did you get married here? Were you children baptized here? What ministries do you enjoy the most? Please email us your short responses and/or photos to our dedicated anniversary email address at: stdemetrios50@gmail.com Responses may be shared on our Facebook page and in our 50th marketing and promotion material.

2019 Calendars: If you were unable to pick-up the 2019 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.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Colorful, traditional costumes and ethnic pride of both young and old will fill the streets of Baltimore on **Sunday, March 31, 2019, at 2:00 PM**, as the Greek-American Community commemorates Greek Independence Day with a festive parade in Baltimore's historic Greektown. The parade features dance groups in ethnic costumes, children groups, and Orthodox Clergy from the Baltimore-Washington area. These groups come from as far away as Ocean City, Hagerstown, and Frederick, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Falls Church and Fredericksburg, Virginia, as well as Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania. Delicious ethnic food will also be available. The parade route proceeds from Haven Street, up Eastern Avenue, turns right onto Ponca Street and ends two blocks past the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Fait Avenue. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to [register on-line](#). For more information call the Parade Hotline at **443-267-4735**, email us at info@greekparade.com.

Demetrakia 2019 Season: Registration for the 2019 Demetrakia Dance Troupe session begins today during coffee hour. Dance is free for all parishioners and open to anyone interested, ages 4 and up. The first practice will be on **Sunday, March 3rd**. Contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com or 443.838.1248 with any questions.

Dance Costumes of the Past: If you or any of your family or friends have Demetrakia Dance costumes at home, please turn them into a dance teacher or contact Emily to coordinate a pick-up time, 443.838.1248 or ELiadakis@aol.com. Any and all pieces, in any condition, from any time period will be happily accepted, no questions asked. Thank You!

Handicap Parking Spaces: We are taking a poll to see how many handicap spaces are used on a regular basis. Please contact the church office at 410-661-1090 or drop us an email at: saintdemetrios@comcast.net and let us know if you feel that there is a need for more spaces.

Help Needed: Many hands are needed! We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, February 2nd, 2019** at **8:00am**. If you would like to participate please contact Cathy Xanthakos 410.952.3576.

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending **February 1st**. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use kindly remove them before this date.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: No meeting this month
General Meeting: No meeting this month

Rescheduled Fundraiser: Come out and enjoy an evening out for dinner and at the same time you will be helping those less fortunate. It's the Philoptochos fundraiser at the **Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh on March 4th** from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Pick-up a flyer (must show the flyer at the restaurant) after church service and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please Contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291 with any questions or see her at coffee hour.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP: Now accepting 2019 Stewardship Commitments to our local Philoptochos Chapter. Join the team of friendly, hardworking members spreading joy to those in need of a helping hand, kind words of encouragement and smiles. Membership is open to all stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. When considering your stewardship, please be aware that \$23 of your donations will be applied to your National and your Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects. Pick-up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to the church office Attention: Philoptochos Membership. Payments accepted: Check, Cash, Credit Card (see Treasurer, Presvytera Alice) or by paypal at Philoptochos2504@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Elaine 410.472.3458.

Philoptochos is: ~PHILANTHROPY~FELLOWSHIP~FAITH IN ACTION!

KORITSIA NEWS

Godparents Sunday: This year, Saint Demetrios will be celebrating Godparents Sunday on **February 10th** and The Koritsia Group will be hosting the Godparents 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, Christina Tsakiris at cmt7226@gmail.com or Natalie Alatzas nalatzas@slateenclave.com to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for children if purchased prior to the event. If purchased at the door, tickets will be \$22 for adults and \$17 for children. We look forward to seeing you there and we thank you for your support!"

SAVE THE DATE: An evening at Boordy Vineyards ~ **Friday, May 17, 2019**. Please mark your calendars.

The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc., is offering a special program, which will include a documentary film and lecture on **Sunday, March 3rd** at the Fr. Constantine M. Monios Hall at the Annunciation Cathedral in Baltimore. The topic will be the famous Greek heroine, Laskarina Bouboulina, whose flagship "Agamemnon" raised the first revolutionary flag in the Greek War of Independence, in 1821. The presenter will be April Kalogeropoulos Householder, Ph.D. award winning documentary filmmaker. A light lunch will be served at 12:15pm and the lecture begins approximately 1:00pm. For more information please contact Anna Pappas at 410.296.2522.



The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players
presents
Mamma Mia!

Ticket Sales

Show A: Friday, February 15, 2019
Doors Open ~ 6:00pm
Show ~ 8:00pm

Show B: Saturday, February 16, 2019
(Matinee)

Doors Open ~ 12:00 noon
Show ~ 12:30pm
(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show C: Saturday, February 16, 2019
Doors Open ~ 5:30pm
Show ~ 7:30pm

Show D: Sunday, February 17, 2019
Doors Open ~ 4:00pm
Show ~ 6:00pm

Show E: Friday, February 22, 2019
Doors Open ~ 6:00pm
Show ~ 8:00pm

Show F: Saturday, February 23, 2019
Doors Open ~ 5:30pm
Show ~ 7:30pm

Show G: Sunday, February 24, 2019
Doors Open ~ 4:00pm
Show ~ 6:00pm

Ticket Prices

Matinee ~ \$20.00

Dinner Theater:

Adults ~ \$46.00 (Table of 10 ~ \$45.00 each)

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact
Eleni Libertini at 410.679.5622 or
elibertini@comcast.net

Ad Book

Purchase your ad space now in our Program Book! The Suburban Players Program book is now accepting ads for Mamma Mia.

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Purchase your ad space now to advertise your business or organization. Program books are passed out each night of the show.

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To purchase a space in our Program book, Please contact:
Tom Cook at 410.790.9370
or
cook@bpointwellness.com

Thank you for your support!!!

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 |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2018 | \$380,000 | \$727,395 | \$209,428 | \$36,187 | 193 |
| 2019 | \$382,000 | \$791,705 | \$216,402 | \$39,638 | 219 |

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| <u>Monday, January 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) 50 th Anniversary Mtg., 7:00pm (B) Mama Mia Rehearsal, 7:00pm | <u>Thursday, January 31st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Daddy Donut Day (C) GOYA Basketball (H/G) <u>Friday, February 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Read Aloud Day Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) | <u>Sunday, February 3rd</u> <i>16th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> <i>Recognition Sunday ~</i> <i>Parish Council</i> Church School, 9:55am Godparents Sunday at Annunciation Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 2:00pm |
| <u>Tuesday, January 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) | <u>Saturday, February 2nd</u> <i>Presentation of Our Lord ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> | |
| <u>Wednesday, January 30th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <i>Three Hierarchs ~ Divine</i> <i>Liturgy, 9:00am</i> Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Mamma Mia Rehearsal, 7:00pm | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 10th ~ Godparent Sunday and Luncheon

Sunday, February 10th ~ Recognition Sunday • Koritsia

Monday, February 18th ~ President's Day, Office, Pre-School and Greek School closed