

February 24, 2019

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Epistle Reading is: II Corinthians 4:6-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 15:11-32. These Readings may be found on pages 1323 & 1223 in the Holy Bible or on pages 88 and 130 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: The Prodigal Son; First & Second finding of the Venerable Head of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Alice West *in loving memory of* her husband, Robert West who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Wise & Likely Families *in loving memory of* Robert West, their father & grandfather who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Xander & Beau Likely *in loving memory of* their great-grandfather, Robert West who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Regis & Jennie Kegel *in loving memory of* their dear brother-in-law, Robert West who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Michelle Kegel Clancy *in loving memory of* her Godfather, Robert West who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Pappas who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Peter Passon. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Foudos & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Adrienne Houzouris. May her memory be eternal.
- Helen Foudos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Louis J. Foudos. May his memory be eternal.
- Sophia Andreadakis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, John Andreadakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sophia Andreadakis *in honor of* her grandson, Maxwell Rei Pandullo, on the occasion of his 1st birthday and her granddaughter, Penelope Joy Pandullo, on the occasion of her 3rd birthday and *for the health & welfare of* her family.

40-Day Blessing: Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mitchell will present their 2nd child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Robert West, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago & George Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Ritsa Economakis.

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour is sponsored *in loving memory* by the family of George Pappas and served by the Philoptochos Ladies Sisterhood. It will take place in the Parish Council Board room following Divine Liturgy.

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

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

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: Beginning on **Friday, March 15th** we will be singing praises to the Virgin Mary at the *Salutations to the Virgin Mary Service* beginning at 7:00pm in the church. Salutations to the Virgin Mary will continue each Friday until **April 12th**. It is a beautiful service, and all are invited to attend.

St. John Chrysostom Parish Level Oratorical Festival: Due to a calendar conflict the St. John Chrysostom Parish Level Oratorical Festival has been changed to **Sunday, March 3rd**, following the Divine Liturgy, at approximately 12:30pm. There will be **NO** dance practice that day.

Parish Assembly: The Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, March 24th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2019 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish.

Orthodox Studies: A wonderful opportunity to learn more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, March 1st** 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 info. contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

50th Anniversary: Our next meeting is planned for **Monday, February 25th** 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.

30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Manuel J. Burdusi: You are cordially invited to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Manuel J. Burdusi on **Sunday, March 10th, 2019 at 3:00pm** at Ikaros Restaurant, 4901 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD. Tickets are \$50 per person (includes dinner, music and a gift for Father Manuel). Seats are limited and the deadline to reserve them is **March 1st, 2019**. Please reserve yours today by sending your check made payable to: Burdusi 30th Anniversary, c/o Presvytera Alice Noplos ~ Saint Demetrios Church, 2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, MD. 21234. For more information, please contact Presvytera Alice at 443.417.0975 or anoplos@comcast.net.

Demetrakia 2019 Season: Registration for the 2019 Demetrakia Dance Troupe session continues today during coffee hour, *outside boardroom*. Dance is free for all parishioners and open to anyone interested, ages 4 and up. The first practice will be next **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!

Suburban Players: The cast & crew would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended Mamma Mia. It was our honor and privilege to entertain you. Hope to see your next year.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Board Meeting: March 4, 2019
General Meeting: March 11, 2019

Go Red Sunday March 3rd: As the 50th Anniversary Recognition Sundays continue in February, the local Saint Demetrios Philoptochos has chosen to celebrate "GO RED SUNDAY" next month on **Sunday, March 3rd**. **SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL -- WEAR RED-- GROUP PHOTO!**

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 noon 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: ~ February is the month of eternal LOVE~ Join the team of friendly, hardworking members spreading joy to those in need of a helping hand, kind words of encouragement and smiles. Consider your 2019 stewardship commitment to our local Philoptochos chapter.

- ~ 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 ~Need additional information? Contact Elaine 410.472.3458.

Philoptochos is: PHILANTHROPY~FELLOWSHIP~FAITH IN ACTION!

Save the Date: Bingo: May 10th: A Big Fat Greek Bingo Night. Join us on **Friday, May 10th** (doors open at 6pm) for a fun evening and win great prizes. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Proceeds benefit the many charities of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. If you are holding a table, tickets must be paid for in advance. Last day to by discounted ticket is **May 5th**. See Mary Tsakiris during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. You may also call her at 410-245-1291.

KORITSIA NEWS

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

THE WAY

The Orthodox Christian Way: Coming in March!! The Way series will be held on the following Tuesday evenings, **March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th**. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Child care will be provided as needed. Registration will be held today, during Coffee Hour, outside the boardroom. Call the church office at 410.661.109 for more information.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 13th** at 9:00am. 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.

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.

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE: Axion Charity Events Presents Private Pre-Screening of **FAITH, HOPE & LOVE, A film by Robert Krantz** on **Thursday, March 14th, 2019**. Landmark Theaters ~ Harbor East, 645 S. President Street, Baltimore, MD. 21202, doors open at 6:15pm, showing begins at 7:00pm, ticket price is \$26.00. For information & tickets: axioncharityevents@gmail.com or Eleni Roros 443.621.0587 or Olga Paterakis 410.491.4066. Flyers are on the Narthex Table. ***All proceeds to benefit the Greek Orthodox Churches of Baltimore.***

REGISTER TODAY for the 25th Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Growing in Faith Retreat which will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd, 2019**. The Retreat Masters are Father Nicholas and Presvytera Roxanne Louh of Saint John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in Jacksonville, Florida. The topic for the retreat is "***Daily principles you can apply to make 2019 the best year of your life, spiritually.***" For information, contact Jeanne Tsakalos, 410-252-6021 or Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com. The early registrations cost for the retreat is \$30.00, until March 11. Our youth are invited to an evening with Father Nicholas and Presvytera Roxanne on **Friday, March 22nd, 2019**, following the Salutations to the Virgin Mary, beginning at 6:30 PM. Dinner and discussion to follow. There is no charge for this, but registration is required by contacting Trevor, bullock@goannun.org or 410-727-1831.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 31st, 2019, at 2:00 PM**, in Baltimore's historic Greektown. The parade features dance groups in ethnic costumes, children groups, and Orthodox Clergy from the Baltimore-Washington area. The parade route proceeds from Haven Street, up Eastern Avenue, turns right onto Ponca Street and ends two blocks past 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 24th ~ Mamma Mia ~ Doors Open: 4:00pm / Show Time: 6:00pm
 - Monday, February 25th ~ 50th Anniversary meeting ~ 7:00pm
 - February 26th ~ Pre-School Paint Night ~ 6:30pm ****CANCELLED****
 - February 28th ~ Adult Choir ~ 7:00pm
 - March 3rd ~ Dance Practice & Philoptochos **GO RED** Sunday
 - March 4th ~ Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser
 - March 5th ~ The Way ~ 6:15pm light fare / 7:00pm presentation
 - March 10th ~ 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Manuel J. Burdusi
 - March 11th ~ Lent Begins
 - March 14th ~ FAITH, LOVE & HOPE ~ 6:15pm doors open / 7:00pm show time
 - March 31st ~ Greek Independence Day Parade / 2:00 pm
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STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

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.

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	\$237,365	\$66,879	259
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$251,350	69,946	278

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) 50th Anniversary Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Pre-School Paint Night ~ <i>Cancelled</i></p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) GOYA basketball</p>	<p><u>Thursday, February 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M) Men’s Basketball</p> <p><u>Friday, March 1st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 2nd</u> <i>Divine Liturgy ~ Saturday Of Souls, 9:00am</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 3rd</u> <i>Judgement Sunday Meatfare Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am Parish Oratorical Festival Philoptochos GO RED Sunday No Dance Practice</i></p>
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