

January 12, 2020

Sunday after Theophany

The Epistle Reading is Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 4:12-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1336 and 1149 in the Holy Bible or on pages 127-128 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Sunday after Theophany; Martyrs Tatiane, and Euthasia; Martyr Mertios.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Irene Kaputsos & Family *in loving memory of* Marshall, Emmanuel, Anna, Vasili, Stefanos, Irene, Sevasti, Panagiotis, Savvas, Ekaterini, Tony & Annoula.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:

- Mike Vatakis & Family *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Angela Rounis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Peter Sotirakos & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & yiayia, Ekaterini Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Clio Cocoros & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father, brother and grandfather, Achilles "Archie" Cocoros, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus & Peter Karas *in loving memory of* their mother, Chryssi Karas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, George Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria Rallis & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father and grandfather, Elias Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago and *in loving memory of* son, brother and uncle, Anastasios "Andy" Rallis who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May their memories be eternal.
- Harry & Violet Cocoros *in loving memory of* brother Achilles "Archie" Cocoros. May his memory be eternal.
- The Stefandi & Frangos Families *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Ioanna Stefandi, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Demetrios & Rena Makres & Family *in loving memory of* their father and grandfather, Peter Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Argis *in loving memory of* husband Jack Argis, father Taso Kokkinakou, mother Antigone Kokkinakou, and brother George Kokkinakou. May their memories be eternal.
- Stella, Eleni & Luke Sabracos, Nicholas Vavas and Christine Vavas *in loving memory of* father and grandfather, Spencer Vavas, who fell asleep in the Lord 16 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Violet & Harry Cocoros and Anna Leventis *on the occasion of* son and brother, Nico Leventis' birthday. May God grant him many long years of good health and happiness.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Angela Rounis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Ekaterini Sotirakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Achilles "Archie" Cocoros, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Chryssi Karas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; George Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Elias Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Ioanna Stefanadi, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Jack Argis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago and Anastasios "Andy" Rallis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

Artoclasia: The Artoclasia is being offered by Irene Vavas *for the health & welfare of* her family.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour is sponsored today *in loving memory* by the families of Achilles "Archie" Cocoros, George Pappas and Ekaterini Sotirakos. It will be set-up and served by The Philoptochos Ladies Society in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Liturgy.

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 2020 Parish Council today, **Sunday, January 12th**. Please join us as we welcome the newest Parish Council members.

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 (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

2020 Calendars: We have been distributing the 2020 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides the past few Sunday's during Coffee Hour. If you were unable to pick-up your calendar and would like to receive one via U.S. Mail, please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 and we will gladly mail you your calendar. Thank You to those who were able to pick-up their calendars and save on postage.

2019 Stewardship: The Stewardship Committee extends our appreciation to our Stewards who have met their 2019 pledge commitment. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Community and we thank you! If you are not current in your 2019 commitment, we ask that you fulfill your pledge by **Tuesday, January 14th, 2020**. Any payments received after that date, will be applied to 2020. End of Year 2019 Statements will be mailed mid to end of January.

Orthodox Studies: A brand new year is upon us, start yours off right by learning more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, January 17th** 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.

January 25th ~ Our 4th Annual Adult Basketball Tournament & Throwback Bull Roast/Dance Featuring the KOKO Brothers playing your favorite music from the 50's through the 90's (proceeds to go towards a Mortgage payment for Church and securing a Bus for our GOYA Trip to Boston during Lent to visit The Holy Cross Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology)

Godparent Sunday: Godparent Sunday will be held at Saint Demetrios on **March 1st**. More details to follow.

Lent begins on Monday, March 2nd. Please mark your calendars!

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **March 6th**, 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.

Library News: St. Tatiana was beheaded during the reign of Alexander Severus because of Faith in Christ. You can read about her and many other women of God by visiting the Library. Do you have a few hours a month and would like to help? We are always looking for volunteers. Just stop by, we will love to meet you. We have a lot to offer. Don't have time to visit the Library? We have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You take a book and replace it with one of yours. Can't depart with your book, no problem we have plenty to spare.

Greek Cooking Class: The Library will be hosting a Greek cooking class in the Library on **Tuesday, January 28th, 2020** at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed to attend for free.

The Book and Knitting Club is a very thriving ministry. Our ladies knitted and crocheted many beautiful things, baby blankets, scarves, hats, blankets, etc. We sold a lot of our items at the Christmas Bazaar and we were able to give our church \$411 towards the Mortgage paydown. We also gave a local school hats, scarves and gloves that did not sell and 5 beautiful blankets to the Karas house. We have fun while helping others. If you would like to join this group all are welcome. We will meet in the Library on **Tuesday, January 14th, 2020** from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The book of choice is *Educated* by Tara Westover. Everyone is welcome whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some good conversation.

Coffee Hours: Please consider bringing baked goods or healthy snacks to our Community Coffee Hour, held on the fourth Sunday of every month!

Coffee Hour Update: As you are aware, our Ladies of Philoptochos have been making and serving coffee after Liturgies for quite some time. We would like to give these ladies a break and involve the entire community in the making and serving of coffee. In 2020, we would like to start a new schedule:

- ❖ 1st Sunday of every month ~ coffee hour will be hosted/sponsored by a different ministry of the church. Each ministry will be approached to get on the calendar. Please help your ministry on that Sunday.
- ❖ 2nd Sunday of every month remains Memorial Sunday at our church, so Philoptochos will continue to serve coffee hours who wish to sponsor coffee hour in memory of their dearly departed. Please contact Maria Antonakas at 410.995.0353 or mariaa6@verizon.net to sponsor this coffee hour.
- ❖ 3rd Sunday of every month will be served as usual by our Ladies of Philoptochos. We urge all members to sign up for a Sunday by contacting Presvytera Alice at 410.817.9651 or anoplos@comcast.net.
- ❖ 4th Sunday of every month will now be “community coffee hour”. Coffee will be provided, but we urge our parishioners to help by bringing baked goods or healthy snacks. If no snacks are provided, only coffee will be served..

We thank each and every one of you for helping to make this project successful!!

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending **February 8th**. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use kindly remove them before this date.

Axion Charity Events presents a **BINGO FUNDRAISER** . . . Tickets are on Sale now. **Saturday, February 29th** at Saint Demetrios Hermes Rafailides Center (2504 Cub Hill Road, Parkville, MD. 21234). Doors open at 5:00pm; Games begin at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance / \$30 at the door. Includes 20 Bingo Games. Generous Game Prizes and Tons of Door Prizes. Extra Cards, Early Bird Games, Special Games & Raffles available for purchase. Food, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine will be sold. To purchase tickets and more information contact Eleni Roros ~ 443.621.0587, Olga Paterakis ~ 410.491.4066 or axioncharityevents@gmail.com. Proceeds to benefit the Baltimore Greek Orthodox Churches.

“Cruizin with the Greeks” . . . Have you made your summer vacation plans? Join us for a fun filled 7-day cruise ~ Axion’s **“Cruizin with the Greeks” on the Carnival Pride** to the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands. Sailing from Baltimore, Maryland on **Sunday, June 21st – Sunday, June 28th, 2020**. Contact Effie Karabelas at Going Places Travel Agency at 410.284.9200 or effie@goingplacesinc.com

PHILOPTOCHOS

January 13, 2020 ~ General Meeting ~ 6:30pm

A special Thank You to Gus, Ritsa and Georgia Economakes for providing the Vasilopita Breads last Sunday *in loving memory* of their son and her brother, Chris Economakis.

January 2020 is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. There is a local active (Safe Shelter) located in Baltimore. Many of their residence are amazingly moving towards independence. They are in College, working part-time and learning how to hold down a household. We want to make you aware of this crisis. Our Chapter will be participating in collecting items to support the support the independence of these women. We will need ~ granola bars, printer paper, gift cards for gas, groceries, Staples & Walmart. If you would like to help, please drop off your donation in the Philoptochos room or in the Church Office. If you would like more information, please contact Maria Antonakas at 410.978.9244 or Joanna Beleos at 410.458.1547.

Philoptochos 2020 Membership: Membership payments will be accepted January to April. We accept all forms of payment. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Sackleh at 410.472.3458.

Save the Date: My Ladies Luncheon will be held on **March 22nd, 2020**. Details to follow.

SUBURBAN PLAYERS

The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year’s 45th production will be
“Footloose”

Show Dates: February 14th thru 16th and 21st thru 23rd.

TICKET SALES ARE OPEN!

Dinner Theatre: \$50 (Friday Shows: \$45) / Matinee: \$25 / Cash Bar
All Shows. For tickets contact Eleni Libertini at 443.390.2981
(text/voicemail) or Suburbanplayers2504@gmail.com

Scan code with your smart-phone camera to access event details;
click “going” to stay up to date on all our production details.



Help Needed: Many hands are needed! We will be rolling Dolmades for the Suburban Players Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, January 18th, 2020** at **8:00am**. If you would like to participate please contact Cathy Xanthakos 410.952.3576.

KORITSIA

GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: Back by popular demand . . . Saint Demetrios has partnered with Got Sneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate us \$1.00 for every wearable sneaker and 10¢ for every other type of shoe. This includes adult and children’s shoes and any gender. Please drop off your shoes in the bin marked **“SHOE DONATION”** in the hall by the ladies’ room. Contact Simone Volikas at strintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

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
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$201,076	\$30,018	189
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$158,007	\$26,020	142

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, January 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30 (C) Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30pm (P) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)	<u>Wednesday, January 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)	<u>Saturday, January 18th</u> Dolmades, 8:00am (K)
<u>Tuesday, January 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)	<u>Thursday, January 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, (H/G)	<u>Sunday, January 19th</u> <i>12th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)
	<u>Friday, January 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Dance Practice, 6:00pm	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Birthday ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 20th

GOYA Throwback Tournament Set-Up ~ January 24th

GOYA Throwback Tournament ~ January 25th

GOYA Bull & Oyster Roast ~ January 25th

Library Cooking Class ~ January 28th

Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th at 10:00am