

January 19, 2020

12th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel Reading is Luke 17:12-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1346 and 1225 in the Holy Bible or on pages 112-113 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Righteous Makarios of Egypt; Arsenios, Bishop of Kerkyra; Mark the Noble, Bishop of Ephesus and Champion of Orthodoxy; Righteous Makarios of Alexandria; Relocation of the Relics of St. Gregory the Theologian.

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:

- Father Lou & the Parish Council *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour today is hosted by Philoptochos ladies: Angie McQueeney, Presvytera Alice and Cathy Xanthakos. Next Sunday is a community coffee hour. Please drop off your donation of snacks and baked goods to the Hermes Rafailides Center before Liturgy.

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 (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.

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 24th** 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 9th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 16th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

February 23rd ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

March 1st ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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.

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)

Library News: St. Mark was a great teacher and a great defender of One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. St. Mark was raised by pious parents and he was reared in secular and spiritual wisdom. He lived as an ascetic on the Prince's Island and later in the monastery of Saint George Magana in Constantinople. St. Mark advanced to the many degrees of priesthood and finally became Archbishop. He was sent to the council of Latins in Florence, to unite the churches that have been divided for so many years. He astounded the papal teachers with his wisdom and he would not sign the blasphemous decree of the false council. He would never be recognized or honored as a benefactor, teacher, sole defender and invincible champion of the Apostolic Confession. He died in 1443. You can read about him and other saints by visiting our Library. Don't have time to visit our Library, no problem we have the Little Library right next to the mailbox. You take a book and replace it with one of yours. Don't want to part with your books, no problem, we have plenty to spare.

Cooking with Fotini: The Library will be hosting a Greek cooking class in the Library on **Tuesday, January 28th**, at 6:30 pm. Winter Menu is: Feta and Olive Dip, Baked Giant Lima Bean Casserole, Halva Dessert. All are welcomed to attend for free.

The Book and Knitting Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 12th**, at 9:00am in the Library. The book of choice is *Amazing Grace* by Danielle Steel. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, sew or just want some good conversation.

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.

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. ~ Preserving Greek Culture to Inspire Future Generations: HHMM initiated a book club in 2019 encouraging both men and women to join as discussion was opened on a variety of Greek and Greek American topics in English related to History, Travel, Fiction and Non-Fiction, Poetry and Culture. Sessions were hosted on the second Sunday of the month at the home of Helen Sarafidis beginning at 3:00pm. The readings and sessions for 2020 are as follows: February 9th ~ "The Gold of Troy" by Robert Payne, March 8th ~ "The Hour of the Bell" by Harry Mark Petrakis, April 12th ~ "Christ Is Restored" by Nikos Kazantzakis and May 10th ~ "The Greek Drama" by Diana Agelopoulos.

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

There will be no Board or General Meetings in February.

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 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 410.978.9244 or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547.

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

My Ladies Luncheon: Functional Nutrition and Lifestyle Coach, Cynthia Damaskos, will be joining us at our annual My Ladies Luncheon on **March 22nd** to show us a better way. She will speak/teach on being good stewards of our bodies and glorifying God with our lifestyles. She will get into the practicalities of nutrition and disease prevention, while spending some time with goal setting and time management skills. All through the lens of Christ! Luncheon following Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Hall. More information will follow in the next few weeks! To reserve your space or for questions email or call Olga Garrish, ogarrish@gmail.com; 410.446.1059.

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 [Suburbanplayers 2504@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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.

What is a Greek Holiday without a Lamb or Goat on a Spit!! Well have no fear the Koritsia have found a local farm that will sell you all sorts of fresh meat. They are located in Sparks, Maryland and they cut it just the way you wish for it to be prepared. Give them a call anytime. Boshoff Farm will donate 10% of all sales back to our Saint Demetrios Church. You do not need to wait for Easter to get your lamb on a spit, you can do it now!! Talk to Jam about customizing your meat order! You can visit his farm and choose your exact meat!! Contact Jan Boshoff at 443.904.7171 or jhboshoff@gmail.com.

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	\$216,072	\$38,728	214
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$181,797	\$43,638	174

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 20th</u> <i>Martin Luther King Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 21st</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 22nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 23rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Men's Basketball, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 24th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) GOYA Throwback Tournament Set-Up</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 25th</u> GOYA Throwback Tournament, 8:00am GOYA Annual Old School Throwback Bull & Oyster Roast, 7:30pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 26th</u> <i>15th Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Birthday ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ January 20th
GOYA Throwback Tournament Set-Up ~ January 24th
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GOYA Bull & Oyster Roast ~ January 25th
Library Cooking Class ~ January 28th
Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30th at 10:00am