

January 26, 2020

15<sup>th</sup> 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 and 1227 in the Holy Bible or on pages 116-117 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Righteous Xenophone and his Companions and Righteous Xenophon of Athos.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- The Daniels, Christ and Latgis Families *in loving memory of* brother-in-law and uncle, Ernest Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; sister-in-law and aunt, Victoria Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago and nephew and cousin, William Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 28 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit by:**

- Steve, Stephanie, Daniel and Stephen Christ *in honor of* our Koumbara and Nouna, Kallie Hagepanos, on the special occasion of her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. May she have many years of good health and happiness.
- Helen Conits & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father and grandfather, George Conits, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Ernest Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago.; Victoria Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago and William Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 28 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Ritsa Economakis

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is sponsored *in loving memory of* Ernest Memphis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; his wife Victoria who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago and their son, William who fell asleep in the Lord 28 years ago. It will be served in the Hermes Rafailides Center following Divine Liturgy.

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

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**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 please contact the church office at 410.661.1090 and we will gladly mail you your calendar.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

**Lent begins on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please mark your calendars!

**Salutations to the Virgin Mary:** For five consecutive Friday's beginning **March 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Xenophon was a wealthy nobleman in Constantinople, and he was filled with piety toward God. He sent his two sons to Beirut to study law and during their voyage they were shipwrecked. Saint Xenophone and his wife went in search of their sons. They were found in Jerusalem dressed in the habit on monks. They also took up the monastic life, completing their life in holiness. They died in the beginning of the sixth century. Saint Xenophon and his sons reposed at Saint Sabbas Monastery, and Mary at the Monastery of Saint Theodosius. You can read about out different saints by visiting our Library. Don't have time to visit our Library, no problem, we now 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 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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. For more information, please contact Mary Tsakiris at 410.592.7319.

**The Book and Knitting Club** will meet on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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 9<sup>th</sup> ~ "The Gold of Troy" by Robert Payne, March 8<sup>th</sup> ~ "The Hour of the Bell" by Harry Mark Petrakis, April 12<sup>th</sup> ~ "Christ Is Restored" by Nikos Kazantzakis and May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ "The Greek Drama" by Diana Agelopoulos.

**Axion Charity Events** presents a **BINGO FUNDRAISER** . . . Tickets are on Sale now. **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Contact Effie Karabelas at Going Places Travel Agency at 410.284.9200 or [effie@goingplacesinc.com](mailto:effie@goingplacesinc.com)

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## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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](mailto:ogarrish@gmail.com); 410.446.1059.

## SUBURBAN PLAYERS

*The Suburban Players proudly announces that this year's 45<sup>th</sup> production will be*  
***"Footloose"***

*Show Dates: February 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$216,402	\$39,638	219
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$183,982	\$47,078	179

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)	<b><u>Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Footloose Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)	<b><u>Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b> <b><i>Presentation of our Lord Orthros, 9:00 am</i></b> <b><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b> Church School, 9:55am (C) Godparents Sunday at the Cathedral of the Annunciation Footloose Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)
<b><u>Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Library Cooking Class, 6:30pm (L)	<b><u>Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) <b><i>Three Hierarchs ~</i></b> <b><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></b> GOYA Basketball (H/G)	
	<b><u>Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Library Cooking Class ~ January 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*  
*President's Day ~ Office, Pre-School & Greek School Closed ~ February 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*Saturday of Souls ~ February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am*  
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