

**February 2, 2020**

## **Presentation of our Lord**

**The Epistle Reading** is Hebrews 7:7-17. The Gospel Reading is Luke 2:22-40. These Readings may be found on pages 1362 and 1203 in the Holy Bible.

**Today we remember** Hypapante ~ The Presentation of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ; Martyr Agathodoros; Righteous Neomartyrs Iordanes.

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

- Joanne Sitaras-Pantelides *for the health and welfare of* husband Gabriel, on the occasion of his 94th birthday.

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

- Georgia Kerasiotes *for the health and welfare of* her children & grandchildren.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* her sister, Maria on her birthday.
- The Triandafilou family for their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Louis Triandafilou, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. *May his memory be eternal.*
- The Papavasiliou family *in loving memory of* their husband, father & grandfather, Tharrenos "Hank" Papavasiliou, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. *May his memory be eternal.*

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is sponsored today by our Library Ministry. It will be served in the Heremes Rafailides Center following 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.

**Orthodox Studies:** A brand new year is upon us, start yours off right by learning more about your Orthodox Faith!! Join us this **Friday, February 7<sup>th</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. The Koritsia will be hosting an elaborate coffee hour free of charge.

**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

**The Orthodox Christian Way:** Returns Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and continues on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.

**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, there are only three weeks available. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

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

**Church School will not be in session on March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ this is Godparents' Sunday at Saint Demetrios.** Classes will resume on **March 9<sup>th</sup>** at regular time.

**Library News:** Ever wonder what the significance of the 40-day tradition? We have 40-day baby blessings, 40-day memorials, we fast 40-days for Lent and Christmas. The answers to the questions may be found in the Sacred Scriptures. The meaning is a "period of 40-days that signifies the completion in realization of an event." Today the Virgin Mary's 40-days of purification had been fulfilled. She took baby Jesus to Jerusalem on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after his birth and she presented him to the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that every first born male child be dedicated to God and that she offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. You can learn about our many traditions by visiting our Library. The Library will be hosting coffee hour and we will have some of our books on display. Not a member? We will also have membership cards you can fill out. Get your coffee and cookies and stop by our table and greet us. 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.

**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.

**Protecting Our Earth:** Dear Saint Demetrios Family, thank you for electing me to the Parish Council. I am excited to serve you! An issue close to my heart is caring for our environment. Each week, please find in the bulletin easy ways to protect our Earth from harm. To set the tone, I begin with a quote from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: "As Orthodox Christians, we use the Greek word *kairos* to describe a moment in time . . . which has eternal significance. For the human race as a whole, there is now a *kairos*, a decisive time in our relationship with God's creation. We will either act in time to protect life on earth from the worst consequences of human folly, or we will fail to act. May God grant us the wisdom to act in time. Amen." For information, please contact Mary Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or [Mtrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:Mtrianda28@gmail.com)

**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

Our next Board Meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the General Meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Philoptochos 2020 Membership:** Philoptochos is a group of friendly, hardworking ladies 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. Membership payments will be accepted January – April. We accept all forms of payment. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458.

**Ronald McDonald House:** We will be attending the Ronald McDonald house on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to come out and help or donate any food or drink items, please contact Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Mary Tsakiris, 410.245.1291.

**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 preventions, 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 Center. More information will follow in the next few weeks. To reserve your space or for questions please 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.



We are in need of volunteers, if you would like to volunteer for a shift at one of our eight shows please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F48A9AF23A1F85-footloose>

## 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 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 Jan 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	\$191,007	\$49,848	189

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Parish Council Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm (B) No GOYA Basketball</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) No Men’s Basketball (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup></u></b> GOYA General Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Sunday of the Publican &amp; Pharisee</i> <i>Triodion Begins</i> <b>Orthros, 9:00 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> Church School, 9:55am (C) Godparents Sunday at the Saint Nicholas</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*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*

*Saturday of Souls ~ February 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*

**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.

**Ladies Panchian Annual Τρικνοπέμπτη Dance ~ Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8pm to 2am** at Saint Nicholas Church Social Hall. \$45 adult, \$20 child (6-12), under 5 are free. For more information or tickets please contact Kiki Stroumbis 410.952.3679 or Sofia Xouri 240.375.5464.