

**February 9, 2020**

## **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

**The Epistle Reading** is II Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:10-14. These Readings may be found on pages 1355 and 1226 in the Holy Bible or on pages 128-129 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Apodosis of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, Triodhion begins, The Publican and the Pharisee; Nikephoros, Martyr; Holymartyr Markellos, Bishop of Sicily; Pankratios, Bishop of Tauromen; Philagrios, Bishop of Cyprus; The Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmeleia, Nona, and Anthousa.

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

- Eftychia Levas and Alex Levas *in loving memory of* their son and brother, John Levas, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal..

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

- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* mother and grandmother, Mary Pappas who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Sarantinos, Kidd, Lamar and Gonzalez Families *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Leslie Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary and George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* their aunt, Sevasti Eliadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Maria Andreyev and Family *in loving memory of* husband, father, and grandfather, Andrei on the occasion of his birthday.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Mary Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago; Leslie Sarantinos, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago and Sevasti Eliadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 14 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee Hour is sponsored today *in loving memory* by the families of Mary Pappas and Leslie Sarantinos. It will be held in the Hermes 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 14<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.

**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!

**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

**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.

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

**Library News:** St. Valentine was born in 226 AD in Terni Italy and died on February 14, 269. St. Valentine of Rome was associated with "courtly love." Not too much is known about St. Valentine, but one common story is he was under house arrest for discussing religion and faith. Judge Asteririus presented his blind daughter to St. Valentine and told him if he restored her sight the judge would do anything for him. After St. Valentine placed his hands onto the child's eyes her sight was restored. Asterious broke all the idols in his house and fasted for 3 days and became baptized along with his family and 44 members in his household. St. Valentine was later arrested again and imprisoned for marrying Christian couples. St. Valentine was executed outside Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. You can read about St. Valentine and many other saints by visiting our Library. Don't have time to visit our Library, no problem. We have the Little Library located next to the mailbox. You take a book and replace it with one of yours. Don't have a book, no worries take 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.

**Demetrakia Dance Troupe:** Registration for the 2020 Demetrakia Dance Troupe season begins today during coffee hour. Dance is free for all parishioners and open to anyone interested, ages 4 and up. The first practice will be on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Emily at [ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto: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 ([ELiadakis@aol.com](mailto:ELiadakis@aol.com) or 443.838.1248). Any and all pieces, in any condition, from any time period, will be happily accepted, no questions asked. Thank you!

**Protecting Our Earth:** One of the most important ways to help each other help our planet is to talk about it. So, if you take reusable bags to the store for your groceries, tell everyone! It's not bragging. It is encouraging others to take this easy step. Save ocean wildlife from death by plastic bags ~ bring your own bag to the grocery, the pharmacy, everywhere you shop! 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 **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.

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## 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 [Suburbanplayers2504@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 assist with dressing tables for each performance the following times are needed: **Friday's, February 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** after Orthodox Studies (around 11:00am); **Saturday's, February 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:30pm and **Sunday's February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** after Liturgy (no coffee hour on these days). To volunteer in any other area such as: Baklava Assembly, Baklava Cutters, Bar Runners, Food Line Services, Kitchen Help, etc., please sign up at Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F48A9AF23A1F85-footloose>. Our volunteers are what makes our Dinner Theatre so successful ~ We couldn't do it without you.

## 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).

**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)

**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.

## 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: Please join us! February, the month of Agape, is the perfect time to consider a stewardship commitment to Philoptochos.** Philoptochos is a group of friendly, hardworking ladies spreading love and 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 yrs. of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Stewardship donations. When considering your stewardship, please note Philoptochos is a National organization with over 26,000 members in 400 chapters. We are also members of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos with over 3,600 members and 43 chapters. \$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 such as feeding the homeless through Beans & Bread, serving the community at the Ronald McDonald House, and providing student assistance at local schools. Membership accepted January-April: check, cash, PayPal [Philoptochos2504@gmail.com](mailto:Philoptochos2504@gmail.com), or to pay by credit card - see Lisa Jones-Venetos, Treasurer. Membership Forms available at the Narthex Table. Return to Philoptochos Membership ~ Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Mary Triandafilou 410.528.1589

### PHILOPTCHOS IS ~PHILANTHROPY~FELLOWSHIP~FAITH IN ACTION~

**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 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 Hermès Rafailides Center. 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.

**Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy:** Please join us in prayer on **March 8, 2020** at 5pm. Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Annunciation, 24 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD. **Bring your icon for the procession. Reception to follow in the Father Constantine Monios Hall.**

**REGISTER TODAY** for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Nicholas Tsakalos Growing in Faith Retreat which will be held on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. The Retreat Masters are Rev. Andrew Stephen Damick, Pastor of St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Emmaus, Pa. and podcaster on Ancient Faith Radio and Steven Christoforou, co-founder of the Archdiocese's Y2AM ministry and presenter of “**Be the Bee.**” The topic for the retreat is “**Authentic Christianity: Why young people are leaving the church and how we can inspire them to stay.**” For information, contact Jeanne Tsakalos, 410-252-6021 or via email at [Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeannetsakalos@hotmail.com) The registrations cost for the retreat is \$30.00, until March 9<sup>th</sup>. Our youth are invited to an evening with Rev. Andrew Stephen Damick and Steven Christoforou on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, following the Salutations to the Virgin Mary. A light Lenten Meal and special roundtable discussion to follow. Please encourage the youth of your parish to attend. RSVP to Jeanne.

## 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
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$243,262	\$61,540	267
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$210,677	\$65,691	206

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

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      Philoptochos ~                          Ronald McDonald House</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Book-Knitting Club, 9:00am (L)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Greek School, 4:30pm (C)                      No GOYA Basketball</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Adult Choir, 7:00pm (M)                      No Men’s Basketball (H/G)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p><i>Footloose</i>  <i>Doors open ~ 6:00pm</i>  <i>Show Time ~ 8:00pm</i></p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Footloose</i>  <i>Doors open ~ 11:00am</i>  <i>Show Time ~ 12:00pm</i></p> <p><i>Doors open ~ 6:00pm</i>  <i>Show Time ~ 8:00pm</i></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i>  <b>Orthros, 9:00 am</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b>                      Church School, 9:55am                      Godparents Sunday at the                          Saint Nicholas</p> <p><i>Footloose</i>  <i>Doors open ~ 4:00pm</i>  <i>Show Time ~ 6:00pm</i></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*