

**February 16, 2020**

## **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**The Epistle Reading** is I Corinthians 6:12-20. The Gospel Reading is Luke 15:11-32. These Readings may be found on pages 1311 and 1223 in the Holy Bible or on pages 130-132 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** The Prodigal Son; Pamphilos the Martyr; Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Righteous Romanos, Martyr.

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

- Elaine, Jerry, Sophia, Athena & Nicholas Sackleh *in loving memory of* father and grandfather, Constantine Stefanu *who fell asleep in the Lord* 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.

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

- Father Lou, the Parish Council and the entire Saint Demetrios Community *beseeching good wishes* for a successful production of "Footloose".

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

**Coffee Hour:** There will be **NO** coffee hour here today, due to our Suburban Players production of "Footloose."

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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 21<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.

**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 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 8<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:** The Library is a very busy ministry and we are always looking for volunteers to help whether you just want to put books away or help with Church School, Pre-School. Do you have a couple of hours to spare you will get on the job training? Planning your Summer Vacation stop by and see our books and CD's on Greece. Our Library has a lot to offer. 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, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00am in the Library. The book of choice is "*The Nest*" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. 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:** Let's get serious: air pollution from gasoline burning engines is hurting everyone. Don't idle your car while waiting for someone. If you are too cold, go inside! Especially if you are in the church parking lot, because there's bound to be someone inside who wants to enjoy your company! For information, please contact Mary Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or [Mtrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:Mtrianda28@gmail.com)

**St. John Chrysostom Parish Level Oratorical Festival:** Saint John Chrysostom Parish Level Oratorical Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, following the Divine Liturgy, at approximately 12:30pm. There will be **NO** dance practice that day.

**Summer internships available:** Have an intern to refer? Please direct them to apply at [www.boozallen.com/careers](http://www.boozallen.com/careers) using keyword "internship." We have an ongoing hiring process starting now and lasting through the spring. Our internships last from May/June - August and are generally 8-10 weeks in length. If they wish to find out more, please direct them to attend one of our upcoming webinars <http://www.boozallen.com/careers/recruiting-events> and of course socialize them within your network for maximum visibility!

**Greek Independence Day Parade:** Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 2:00pm** in Baltimore's Historic Greektown. The parade features dance groups in ethnic costumes, children groups, and Orthodox Clergy from the Baltimore-Washington area. The parade route proceeds from Haven Street, up Eastern Avenue, turns right onto Ponca Street and ends two blocks past Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Fait Avenue. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to register on-line at [www.greekparade.com](http://www.greekparade.com). For more information, call the Parade Hotline at 443-267-4735, email us at [info@greekparade.com](mailto:info@greekparade.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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**Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy:** Please join us in prayer on **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. Registration packets can be found on the Narthex table.

**The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland:** Presents **"The Flying Greek"**. Learn the fascinating story of Col. Steve Pisanos who went from immigrant to patriot to WWII Hero. See the film and attend the lecture **"Mettle Behind the Medal"** on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:30pm** in the Annunciation Orthodox Center. There is a \$20 donation for the lunch and film. For reservations, contact: Maria Letras 410-916-3764 or [marigold1@me.com](mailto:marigold1@me.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. **Stop by the ticket sale table today, outside the Chapel.**

**"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.

**Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series:** Shirley Yoo, Piano and Qing Li, Violin will perform **February 23, 2020** at Preston Hall on 25 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 for adults, student and children admission is free. For more information and tickets, contact: [annunciationccs@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationccs@gmail.com), Maria Letras: [marigold1@me.com](mailto:marigold1@me.com) 410-916-3764 and Gus Letras: [gletras@hotmail.com](mailto:gletras@hotmail.com) 410-303-2653.

## 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 [srintis@hotmail.com](mailto:srintis@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).

**Scout Bag Fundraiser:** Parishioners will receive a parish wide email in May that will give them a special code to get 10% off any Scout Bag from their website from **May 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Our church will receive a percentage of the profit. Orders must be placed using the special code and during the specified time frame.

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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 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, February 21<sup>st</sup>** after Orthodox Studies (around 11:00am); **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:30pm and **Sunday February 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 Theater so successful ~ We couldn't do it without you.

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## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

**Wine & Paint Night:** Join us on **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Saint Demetrios Hermes Rafailides Center. **\$40 per person** ~ includes canvas, snacks & wine glass with *unlimited* taskings. The amazing Antonio Valdez will guide you in creating a work of art. Reserve your spot today through PayPal ([sdpaypal2504@yahoo.com](mailto:sdpaypal2504@yahoo.com)). Contact Betty at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 with any questions.

**Joe Corbi's Fundraiser:** Saint Demetrios Pre-School is taking orders for Joe Corbi's Pizza's, etc. Order forms can be found outside the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Church School room. Order deadline is **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Betty at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 with any questions.

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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:** 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:** Thank You to everyone who donated food and their time for this very worthy cause.

**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 will follow the 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.

**Save the Date: March 8<sup>th</sup> ~ GO Red Sunday**

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or [triana28@gmail.com](mailto:triana28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2020 scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance, letter of good standing, and recommendations for the Parish Priest and two faculty members under whom you have studied must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted.

All applications must be post-marked, or hand delivered to the Church office by **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. If you have any questions, please call the Church office, or contact Lou Triandafilou.

## 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	\$248,712	\$66,570	272
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$235,420	\$75,901	241

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>President's Day ~ Office and Greek School Closed</i></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Parish Council Mtg, 7:00pm (B)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) No GOYA Basketball</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, February 20<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 21<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p> <p><i>Footloose</i> Doors open ~ 6:00pm Show Time ~ 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> <i>Saturday of Souls,</i> Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p> <p><i>Footloose ~ Matinee</i> Doors open ~ 11:00am Show Time ~ 12:00pm</p> <p><i>Footloose</i> Doors open ~ 6:00pm Show Time ~ 8:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> <i>Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)</i> <b>Orthros, 9:00 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</b> Church School, 9:55am Godparents Sunday at the Annunciation Cathedral</p> <p><i>Footloose</i> Doors open ~ 4:00pm Show Time ~ 6:00pm</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*President's Day ~ Office & 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*