

**December 27, 2015**

**Sunday after Nativity**

**The Epistle Reading** is Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 2:13-23. These Readings may be found on pages 1366 & 1147 in the Holy Bible or on pages 118-121 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember:** Post-Nativity: Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the prophet, and Iakovos the Brother of our Lord; First Martyr and Deacon Stephen; Righteous Theodore the Composer.

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

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Nick Senanes & Family *in loving memory of* their mother, Anne Senanes, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.
- The Sorvalis Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Mary Sorvalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Martha Sinis & Family *in loving memory of* mother grandmother & great grandmother, Aikaterini Kalothi, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago; father, grandfather & great grandfather, Marinos Kalothis, who fell asleep in the Lord 37 year ago; grandmother, great grandmother & great, great grandmother, Aikaterini Kaolthi, who fell asleep in the Lord 88 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Anne Senanes, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread for today & for New Year's Eve was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis.

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to the Coffee Hour that will be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center directly following the Divine Liturgy. The coffee hour is sponsored by the family of Anne Senanes and served by Sandy Dzwonczyk, Lucy Kosmas & Vula Stamatopoulos.

---

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

---

**On behalf of Fr. Lou, the Parish Council and the Church Office, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of our Saint Demetrios Family a safe and healthy New Year.**

**New Year's Eve Service:** The Divine Liturgy for New Year's Eve will be held on **Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

**Orthodox Studies:** Please be advised that we **will not** be meeting on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will resume on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:30am in the board room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 410-692-7590.

---

**2016 Calendars:** Today, Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be distributing the 2016 Ecclesiastical Calendar & Daily Bible Reading Guides to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars are available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please look for Aris Daniels or Stephanie Christ and pick-up your calendar.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2015-2016 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (age 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Tickets are available** for the Suburban Players 41<sup>st</sup> Production - "**Wizard of Oz**" Dates are February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016. Tickets are \$48/pp and we are excited to announce that we have added a Saturday matinee on February 20<sup>th</sup> for \$20/pp at 11:00am with light fare for purchase. See Harriet Hatzidimitriou in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call her at 410-248-0582 to purchase your tickets. A delicious meal and wonderful show await you! **Ad space in all sizes is also available** in our program book. This is an inexpensive way to advertise your business, send well wishes to fellow stewards and support your church. See Demetri or Rena in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Divine Liturgy or call 410-823-4805 to purchase your ad. Deadline for all ads is **January 22, 2016.**

**Suburban Players Committee Need Help:** We are trimming dolmades leaves on **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Church Kitchen. If you can help, please contact Rena Makres at 410.823.4805. Thank you!

**Festival Chairperson:** If anyone would like to chair our Annual Grecian Festival. Please send a letter of intent, explaining your qualifications to the Parish Council at [saintdemetrios@comcast.net](mailto:saintdemetrios@comcast.net).

**Library:** Happy New Year from the Library Staff. May God bless everyone with good health & happiness!

---

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*New Year's Eve ~ Office closing at 12:00pm*

*New Year's Eve ~ Saint Basil Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm*

*New Year's Day ~ Office closed*

Pre-School Resumes ~ Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:45am

Greek School Resumes ~ Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm

Pre-School Board Meeting ~ Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Sweet Adelines Resume ~ January 4<sup>th</sup>

*Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters ~ Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am*

Parish Council Executive Board Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

*Feast of the Epiphany ~ Blessing of the Waters Divine Liturgy, Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am*

GOYA Basketball Resumes ~ Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

*Feast of Saint John the Baptist Divine Liturgy, Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am*

Orthodox Studies Resumes ~ Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:  
“TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”**

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today 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 and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Are you actively serving God, sharing Him with others? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of 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>2014</b> | \$392,000                | \$693,000                              | \$346,446                        | \$321,069                  | 486                  |
| <b>2015</b> | \$395,000                | \$612,300                              | \$319,963                        | \$290,562                  | 425                  |

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b><u>Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup></u></b><br><i>No Activities Scheduled</i>    | <b><u>Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup></u></b><br><i>New Year's Eve</i><br><i>Office Closing at 12:00pm</i><br><i>Divine Liturgy ~ Saint Basil,</i><br><i>5 :00pm</i> | <b><u>Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b><br><i>Play Rehearsal, 12:00pm (H/G)</i>  |
| <b><u>Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup></u></b><br><i>No Activities Scheduled</i>   |   | <b><u>Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b><br><i>Sunday before Theophany</i><br><i>Orthros, 9:00am</i><br><i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i><br><i>Church School, 9:55am</i><br><i>Play Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</i> |
| <b><u>Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup></u></b><br><i>No Activities Scheduled</i> | <b><u>Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup></u></b><br><i>New Year's Day!</i>  |   |

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

***Board Meeting: January 12<sup>th</sup> in the Philoptochos room at 6:30pm***

***General Meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup> in the Philoptochos room 6:30 to 8:00pm***

A special thank you from the members of our beloved Philoptochos to all who made donations to the many Christmas drives we sponsored this holiday season. There are several appreciative families, children, adults and organizations that extend their sincerest THANK YOU and wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The charity work Philoptochos members strive to complete, could not be accomplished without your continued love and support .

From the entire Philoptochos Board to all of our Saint Demetrios Family, "We Wish You a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!"

**The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation's** scholarships and educational programs are available to undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all 50 United States. The Foundation provides recognition and financial assistance while also offering life-changing cultural and leadership programs. The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce that it will again offer \$250,000 in Awards to eligible Greek American undergraduate students, and is currently accepting applications. To download an application, please go to their website at: <http://panhellenicscholarships.org/apply.pho>. The application deadline is **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. Please be sure to read the instructions and requirements very carefully.

