

January 24, 2016

14th Sunday of Luke

The Epistle Reading is: I Timothy 1:15-17. The Gospel Reading is Luke 18:35-43. These Readings may be found on pages 1350 & 1226 in the Holy Bible or on page 114-115 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Holymartyr Babylas of Sicily; Righteous Xenia of Kos; Philon, Bishop of Karpasa, Cyprus; Neophytos the recluse; Paphserios, Theodotion, and Paul, Brothers.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Roula Passon-Paterakis *in loving memory of* her son, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Don Brooks *in loving memory of* Michael Pulianas, in remembrance of his birthday. May his memory be eternal.
- Katina Yianakis *in loving memory of* her son-in-law, Michael Pulianas. May his memory be eternal.
- Kostas & Romina Astifidis & Family *in loving memory of* brother-in-law, Michael Pulianas. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Tula Stamas

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 will be served by Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros & Tula Stamas

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

2016 Parish Council: We would like to congratulate the new members and the continuing members of our Parish Council and wish them a very fruitful 2016. The 2016 Parish Council Executive Board consists of Demetrios Makres, President, Kirk Rogers, Vice-President, Jimmy Kastanaras, Treasurer, Rob Brown, Financial Secretary and Mark Alberding, Recording Secretary. Please take time to thank them for serving our community.

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on Friday, January 29th at 9:30am in the board room. Please remember 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.

- Sunday, February 7th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation
- Sunday, February 14th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm., more information coming soon.

Tickets are available for the Suburban Players 41st 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 20th 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**.

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.

Demetrakia Dance Troupe: Registration for the 2016 Demetrakia Dance Troupe season will be held during coffee hour on **Jan. 24th, Jan. 31st, and Feb. 7th**. Registration is FREE! Dancers must be at least 4 years old and in pre-school at the time of registration. New this year: a recreational, adult group! All ages welcome, no experience necessary. The first day of practice for all groups will be **Sunday, February 7th**. Please register by **Jan. 31st** to be sure to be included in email distribution lists from teachers prior to the first practice. Please contact any dance instructor or Emily Liadakis at ELiadakis@aol.com for more information.

Demetrakia Costumes: If you, your child or anyone you know has ever been part of the Demetrakia, please help us by looking through your closets for any costumes and/or pieces of costumes you may still have. Over the years a few pieces have gone missing. This has added up to enough missing costumes that it would cost hundreds or thousands of dollars to replace them all. Anything returned will be collected with no questions asked and will be greatly appreciated. Please contact any dance instructor or Emily Liadakis at ELiadakis@aol.com with any questions and/or to coordinate pick up if necessary.

The Book and Knitting club will meet on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at 9:00am - 12:00pm. The book of choice is Orphan #8 by Kim van Alkemade. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet or want some conversation.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School will be held, **Monday, June 20th - Friday June 24th 9am-12pm**. Ages 4-11 yrs. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin February 2016. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer. Join the Saint Demetrios Joy/Hope Program Facebook page for updates.

Orthodox Observer: If you are **NOT** receiving the Orthodox Observer, and would like to, please send an email to the church office containing your name and address and we will have you added to the mailing list. Our email address is: saintdemetrios@comcast.net

The Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade: The Annual Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2016. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

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.

You will never overcome God's generosity, even if you give away all that you have. Nor will you give anything that is your own, for all things flow from God.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$188,399	\$24,801	190
2016	\$375,000	\$579,300	\$202,004	\$34,070	220

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, January 25th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Sweet Adelines</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 26th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 27th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Goya Basketball (H/G)</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 28th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Play Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G)</p> <p><u>Friday, January 29th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Men's Basketball, (H/G)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 30th</u> Dance Troupe Workshop, (H/G)</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 31st</u> <i>15th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Pre-School Breakfast, (H/G/K) Play Rehearsal, 2:00pm (H/G)</p>
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Boscov's ~ Greek Cooking ~ Classic Greek Salad and More! We're taking our cookbook, Kali Orexi IV, on the road! Join us on February 11th, 6:30pm at Boscov's in White Marsh. Stephanie Apostolou, Chef and Owner of Tastefully Gourmet Catering, LTD, will cover the basics of Greek cooking plus show variations on the classic recipes we love. You don't want to miss her tips and tricks for preparing the perfect meal. It's an evening of education and entertainment for only \$5.00! Plus that fee can be used towards the purchase of the cookbook. Register at the White Marsh Boscov's Courtesy Desk or call the [410-931-2005](tel:410-931-2005). Or just show up! You will have fun!

BUNDLE UP FOR WARMTH: We are currently collecting new and gently used children's and adult scarves, hats, mittens and gloves to be picked up by our school liaison. With the cold of February and March ahead of us please consider those less fortunate. Items can be placed in the blue bin before the bridge or brought to coffee hour.

****Winter Charity Initiative:** The second semester has begun and our adopted schools are in need of replenishing supplies again. Philoptochos is collecting baggies, sandwich, quart and gallon sizes; Kleenex tissues and hand sanitizers (it's cold and flu season) and snacks. Snack items should **NUT FREE** be non-perishable, individually wrapped (if possible) and available to be eaten without being warmed. Suggested items are: small bottled waters or 100% juice boxes, individual cereal boxes; boxes of individual fruit snacks; individual apple sauces, peaches, pears, etc.; individual cereal/granola bars; or individual bags of goldfish, pretzels; tuna fish ready-to-eat pouches; beef jerky sticks. Please drop off the items into the Philoptochos Blue Bin in the church building.

****January is the time to remember to make your stewardship commitment to Philoptochos.** Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table and return it to Thorina or the Philoptochos mailbox in the church office. Attention: Philoptochos Membership on the envelope. Please specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. For more information, please contact Thorina Trintis 410.866.2127.

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.php>. The application deadline is **Monday, February 1st, 2016**. Please be sure to read the instructions and requirements very carefully.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-School Brunch ~ Rescheduled to Sunday, January 31st, at 12:00pm
Divine Liturgy ~ Presentation of Our Lord ~ February 2nd at 10:00am
 New Jersey Clergy Retreat ~ February 2nd to February 4th
Saint Demetrios Godparents Sunday ~ February 14th
President's Day ~ February 16th ~ Pre-School, Office & Greek School Closed
Save the Date ~ "The Way" series will be returning on Tuesday, March 15th!