

February 12, 2017

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 & 1223 in the Holy Bible or on pages 130-132 in the Divine Liturgy book.

Today we remember: The Prodigal Son; Meletios, Archbishop of Antioch; Neomartyr Chrestos, the Gardener; Anthony II, Patriarch of Constantinople; Meletios of Lardos.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Peter, Joanna, Anthony, Maria & Deanie *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* husband, father, brother & grandfather, Demetrios Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas & Alex Levas *in loving memory of* her son & his brother, John Levas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Eftychia Levas & Alex Levas *in loving memory of* cousin, Fotis Zografos, who fell asleep in the Lord. May his be memory be eternal.
- Mrs. Mersina Belios *in loving memory of* her husband, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago and her brother-in-law, Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Belios *in loving memory of* their father, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago and their uncle, Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Mr. & Mrs. George Makres, Christina & Cina *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, George Belios, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago and their uncle, Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May their memory be eternal.
- Bessie Makris *in loving memory of* Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis & family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Peter Courtalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 8 years ago and *in loving memory of* parents & grandparents, Theofilios & Antonia Karabatos. May their memory be eternal.
- Gianna Libertini *in loving memory of* her Godmother, Kelly Kornias. May her memory be eternal.
- Val & Sandy Dzwonczyk *in loving memory of* sister, Maria Toth (1 year); aunt, Sophia Petro (29); parents, Nicholas (9) & Anne (3). May their memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* their aunt, Sevasti Eliadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Basil & Margo Lambros *in honor of* their grandson, Michael, on the occasion of his 8th birthday. May God bless him with many more years.
- Diamando Sarigianis *in loving memory of* her parents, Panagiotte & Kalliope Stamatopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord. May their memory be eternal.
- John & Sophia Andreadakis *in loving memory of* her father, Michael Sophocles, who fell asleep in the Lord 45 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Gus Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago; Maria Toth, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Dimitrios Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago; Anne Ruczhak, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Nicholas Ruczhak, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago; Sevasti Eliadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 11 years ago and Sophia Petro, who fell asleep in the Lord 29 years ago.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamando Sarigianis

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour this week; instead there will be a Church sponsored Godparents Luncheon. If you purchased a ticket in advance or would like to purchase a ticket at the door, please join us as we honor all the Godparents of Saint Demetrios.

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

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, February 17th** 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 443.564.6618.

Holy Unction: Lent begins on **Monday, February 27th** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

The Orthodox Christian Way returns Tuesday, March 7th in the Hermes Rafailides Center at 6:15 pm., more information coming soon

Godparent/Godchildren Sunday: Godparent's Sunday will be observed on the following dates in the following churches. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 12th ~ Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church ~ **No Church School**

February 26th ~ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 26th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

March 5th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **March 3rd**, 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 (***two left***), please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st** at 9am. If you are a knitter, or you like to sew or crochet, or just like some conversation we would love for you to join us.

Orthodox Christian Way Registration is underway for the next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, which returns **Tuesday, March 7th, 2017**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please join us for the presentation, "Seven Steps to Improving Your Prayer Life," presented by Fr. Jerome Sanderson. Fr. Jerome is a noted speaker, priest, author, iconographer, woodcarver, and senior pastor of Christ the Savior Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in Nashville, Indiana. His talk is sponsored by the Craig Jon Arambiges Memorial Lecture Fund. There will be three additional evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, **March 14th, 21st, and 28th**. Presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:15 p.m. light supper. The evening usually concludes at 8:30 p.m., but the **March 7th** program will extend until 9:00 p.m. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Call the church office at 410 661-1090 for more information.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: Please join us on **Monday, February 13, 2017** from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Chick-fil-A located at 2008 E. Joppa Road. Please inform the cashier that you are here for the St. Demetrios Pre-School Spirit Night and our school will earn 20% of the ticketed sales. Please support our school and enjoy a delicious Chick-fil-A meal.

Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration: We are accepting Registration Forms for the 2016-2017 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (ages 2 & 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 us via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: sdpreschool@comcast.net.

Spring Clean-Up Day: An effort is underway to hold a Spring clean-up at the Church. The date is **Saturday, March 11th, at 9:00am**. We will be purging items throughout the building. For more information, please contact Pete Georgelakos at 410.583.1963 or via email: peter.georgelakos@ms.com

Greek Independence Day Parade: Colorful, traditional costumes and ethnic pride of both young and old will fill the streets of Baltimore on **Sunday, April 2, 2017, at 2:00pm**, as the Greek-American Community commemorates Greek Independence Day with a festive parade in Baltimore's historic Greektown. We encourage all groups who would like to participate in our parade to [register online](#). For more information call the Parade Hotline at **443-267-4735**, email us at info@greekparade.com.

REGISTRATION OPEN: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 19th – Friday, June 23rd** 9am - 12pm. Ages 4-11 yrs. \$20 per child. Volunteers Needed. Register is now open! For more information / to register / or to volunteer please go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/197f7a>

Camp Good Shepherd: Save the date: **July 17th – 21st**. Stay tuned for more details, for more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

2017 Aris Anagnos Scholarship: The American Hellenic Council is happy to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2017 Aris Anagnos Scholarship! One deserving student will be rewarded \$5,000 at our Annual Awards Gala on April 1st and that student could be you (or a loved one). This year's deadline is **February 28th**. For more information and for an application, visit our website.: www.americanhellenic.org/aris-anagnos-scholarship.

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Services: Orthodox faithful are warmly encouraged to attend special Pan-Orthodox services throughout Great Lent. Great Vespers will be served at the Annunciation Cathedral on **Saturday, March 4th at 5:00pm** for Orthodoxy Sunday. Also, Lenten Sunday Vespers services will be conducted **5:00pm** at Holy Trinity on **March 12th** at Holy Cross on **March 19th** and at Saint Andrew's on **April 2nd**. For more information please pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table.

UPCOMING NEWS

Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy ~ February 18th & 25th

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

February, 18th @ 11:00am & 6:30pm

February 19th @ 3:30pm

February 24th @ 6:30pm

February 25th @ 6:30pm

February 26th @ 3:30pm

Presidents Day ~ February 20th Office, Pre-School, Home School Co-Op & Greek School will be closed

Lent Begins ~ Holy Unction ~ February 27th

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

February 13th Monday – General Meeting 6:30pm

My Ladies Luncheon: Our 2017 My Ladies Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, March 26th at 12:30pm** at Pappas Restaurant on 1725 Taylor Avenue. Our speaker will be Corina Mararu from the IOCC. Tickets will be available each Sunday during Coffee Hour, or you can email Cathy Xanthakos at cathy.xanthakos@yahoo.com or call her at 410.952.3576. Ticket price is \$38.00 per person. We hope to see you there! Tickets must be purchased by **Sunday, March 19th**.

****January is the time to remember your stewardship commitment to Philoptochos! We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community)**** Pick up a Membership Form at the Narthex Table or watch for one in the upcoming church mailings. Please return it to the church office and on the envelope please specify, Attention: 'Philoptochos Membership'. Membership questions may be answered by: Elaine 410.472.3458 or Mary 410.528.1589. Remember to specify "Philoptochos Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. When considering your stewardship donation, please be aware that \$23 of your donation will be applied to your National and Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects, such as Beans & Bread, Ronald McDonald House, School children's needs and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

Bridging the Digital Divide: If you have a business or work for a business that may be doing a computer upgrade, please ask if the retired equipment could be donated to our cause. We take laptops, CPU's, flat screen monitors, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, and power cords. All of these donations will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us help others! Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, or mtrianda28@gmail.com.



The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

Disney's

Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and The Beast: Tickets: There are still tickets available for all shows. Tickets are on sale each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy during Coffee Hour or by contacting Kelly MacDonnell at 410.256.4487.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEEK

“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.

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 comes through prayer, through the many ministries of His church. It is by offering our blessing **back** to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, transfiguring ministry through the Church.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$219,320	\$59,931	263
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$236,052	\$56,466	227

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) Ronald McDonald House Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30pm (P) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Greek School, 4:30pm (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) B&TB Rehearsal, 7:00pm (H/G/M)</p> <p><u>Friday, February 17th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am (C) Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B)</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 18th</u> <i>Saturday of Souls, 10:00am</i> Beauty & The Beast: Matinee: 11:00am Dinner: 6:30pm Show, 8:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 19th</u> <i>Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> Church School, 9:55am Beauty & The Beast: Dinner: 3:30pm Show: 5:00pm</p>
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