

December 31, 2017

Sunday before Theophany

The Epistle Reading is: II Timothy 4:5-8. The Gospel Reading is Mark 1:1-8. These Readings may be found on pages 1355 & 1180 in the Holy Bible or on pages 125-126 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember: Apodosis of the Nativity; Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the prophet, and Iakovos the Brother of our Lord; Righteous Melania of Rome; Zoticos, the Orphan-keeper.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

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

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Diane Stavros & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam & Betsie Boutselis *in loving memory of* their brother-in-law, George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Tricia & Chuck & family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Tina & Jerry & family *in loving memory of* their father & grandfather, George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The family of Prodromos Prodromou, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Kaputsos & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Marshall P. Kaputsos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Irene Kaputsos & Family *in loving memory of* Mosko, Emmanuel, Anna, Vasilis, Savvas, Katerina, Stefano, Irini, Sevasti & Panagiotis. May their memory be eternal.
- Bill Papageorgopoulos & Family *in loving memory of* parents, George & Dimitra Papageorgopoulos, Nicholas & Eugina Courtalis; brothers & brother-in-laws, Gus, Pete, James, Emanuel, George and niece, Gina Courtalis. May their memories be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* George Stavros, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago and Prodromos Prodromou, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May their memories be forever eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Maria Antonakas

Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is sponsored by the family, *in loving memory of* George Stavros. The Ladies of Philoptochos will be serving.

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 Happy & Healthy New Year.

New Years Eve Service: The Liturgy for New Year will be celebrated on *New Year's Eve ~ Sunday, December 31st at 5:00pm.*

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem: On **January 14th, 2018** we will conduct a special blessing and prayer on those members of our Congregation who will depart on **Monday, January 15th, 2018** on a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Lands. We pray for their safety and that they may experience a very enlightening pilgrimage and arrive home safely to share with all of us their wonderful experience.

Orthodox Studies: Please be advised that we **will not** be meeting on Friday, December 29th. We will resume on **Friday, January 5th, 2018,** but instead of meeting in the board room, we are planning on attending the ***Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany Divine Liturgy at 9:00am.*** For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

2018 Calendars: Will be distributed on **Sunday, January 7th, 2018** to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios. The calendars will be available after the Divine Liturgy in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please look for Aris Daniels & Stephanie Christ and pick-up your Calendar, Daily Bible Reading Guide & 2018 pocket calendar. Because we have a limited number of calendars, only **one** calendar will be given per family.

2017 Stewardship Pledge Reminder: The Stewardship Committee extends our appreciation to our Stewards who have met their 2017 pledge commitment. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Community and we thank you! If you are not current in your 2017 commitment, we ask that you fulfill your pledge in December. The final Stewardship statement for the year has been mailed and we ask you to help us finish strong for the year.

For Your Awareness: In January 2018, we will start a monthly passing of a collection tray for the purpose of funding much-needed building maintenance items. The tray will be passed the second Sunday of each month, and proceeds will be dedicated to building maintenance items, including the heating and cooling system for the Sanctuary, and a security system for the Church building and grounds. Trays are not for the purpose of Stewardship pledge collection; we ask that you thoughtfully consider what you can do above your Stewardship pledge this one Sunday per month to address the increasing needs of our buildings and grounds. Every dollar matters, and is responsibly managed by your Parish Council. We thank you in advance for your contributions!

Godparents Sunday: Saint Demetrios will be celebrating Godparent Sunday on **February 4th, 2018,** and The Koritsia will be hosting the Godparent Sunday Luncheon that afternoon in the Hermes Rafailides Center immediately following church. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour. You can also contact Stephanie Gavrilis at spadousis@hotmail.com or Christina Tsakiris at cmt7226@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children if purchased prior to the event. If purchased at the door, tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. We look forward to seeing you there and we thank you for your support!"

50 YEARS OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ~ November 29th, 2019 will commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Please join our journey to embrace and celebrate this hallmark milestone for our community. We need you . . . Hearts and Hands Together . . . to honor 50 Years of Saint Demetrios. For more information, please contact Stephanie & Stephen Christ at 410-529-5927 or email: stephanie2twins@yahoo.com.

70's, 80's & 90's Night Bull & Oyster Roast: Join us for a night of dancing to the oldies with the Koko Brothers, great food, great friends, great times, games & prizes! **Saturday, January 20th from 6-10pm.** Money raised will help send our GOYA to visit the St. Nicholas Shrine in New York and the Holy Cross Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts!! For early bird discounted tickets contact Paul Rizas at 410.365.1703 or email paulrizas@gmail.com.

Cemetery Cleaning: Please be advised that the cemetery will be cleared of all Christmas decorations the week ending February 3rd. If you have any artificial decorations that you would like to save for future use, kindly remove them before this date.

Tickets are available for the Suburban Players 43rd Production ~ “Guys and Dolls.” Dates are: February 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018. Ticket prices for Dinner Theatre are \$46 (Adults); \$45/pp for 10 or more tickets; \$25 (Children under 12); Saturday matinee on February 10th for \$20/pp at 11:00am with light fare for purchase. Contact: Eleni Libertini via email at: elibertini@comcast.net or phone at 410.679.5622. A delicious meal and wonderful show awaits you! Ad spaces in all sizes are 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. Contact kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or phone at 410.256.4487 to purchase your ad. Deadline for all ads is **January 22, 2018.**

Adult Basketball Tournament: Calling all retired GOYAns, Friends of GOYAns and GOYA Parents! Do you miss being in GOYA? Do you miss the tournaments? Do you miss the dances? Do you miss the friends? Perhaps you weren't in GOYA, but wish you were!!! Well here's your chance!! We are bringing it all back with the Saint Demetrios 1st Annual **THROW BACK TOURNAMENT** on **Saturday, January 20th!!** Start off your day playing basketball with your old friends and representing your decade! Finish your day with a GOYA Dinner/Dance at our Bull & Oyster Roast at Jimmy's Seafood featuring The Koko Brothers playing your favorite old-school dance hits!! To register email Manuel Diacogiannis at Diacol@hotmail.com! See you there!! Money raised will benefit our current GOYA so that they can visit The Shrine at Saint Nicholas in New York and The Holy Cross Monastery in Boston.

Koritsia: We all have to eat, so why not eat out at one of the following restaurants and raise funds to help pay the mortgage of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church.

January 30th, 2018 ~ Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh. 10% is donated back to church. **February 20th, 2018 ~ Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz in Fallston.**

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items can begin to come into church **January 2nd, 2018.** The donated items can be placed into the Grade 4 Church School classroom which is located across from the library. Please label the items with SAVERS. The end date for this is May 18th. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 19th** at 9:00am, when Savers does the pick-up. So clean out those closets!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Year's Eve ~ Feast of Saint Basil Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm
New Year's Holiday ~ Office closed ~ January 1st
Friday, January 5th ~ Eve of the Feast of Epiphany & Blessings of the Waters
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil, 9:00am
Saturday, January 6th ~ Feast of Epiphany ~ Blessings of the Waters
Divine Liturgy, 9:00am
Sunday, January 30th ~ Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy ~ 9:00am

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room
General Meeting: Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos room

Vasilopita Sunday: On January 7th a collection will be taken by Philoptochos with proceeds going to Saint Basil's Academy.

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
2016	\$395,000	\$681,485	\$336,599	\$317,333	426
2017	\$378,600	\$657,842	\$329,595	\$312,195	404

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>New Years Eve ~ December 31st</u> <i>Feast of Saint Basil ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 5:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Monday, January 1st</u> <i>Happy New Year</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pre-School Closed</i> <i>Greek School Closed</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 2nd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 3rd</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm GOYA Basketball</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 4th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Dance Practice, 6:00pm <i>Guys and Dolls Rehearsal,</i> <i>(Leads A,B), 7:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Friday, January 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am <i>Eve of the Feast of Epiphany ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 6th</u> <i>Feast of Epiphany ~</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 9:00am</i> <i>Guys & Dolls Rehearsal,</i> <i>Cameo Kids, 1:00-2:00pm</i> <i>Full Cast, 1:30-3:30pm</i> <i>Dancers, 2:30-4:30pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, January 7th</u> <i>Synaxis of John the Baptist</i> <i>Orthros, 9:00am</i> <i>Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i> <i>Vasilopita Sunday</i> Church School, 9:55am Dance Practice, 12:15pm</p>
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The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

“Guys and Dolls”

Tickets on Sale NOW!

Show A: Saturday, February 10, 2018

(Matinee)

Doors Open ~ 10:15am

Show ~ 11:00am

(Refreshments will be sold during intermission)

Show B: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show C: Sunday, February 11, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

Show D: Friday, February 16, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show E: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Dinner ~ 6:30pm

Show ~ 8:00pm

Show F: Sunday, February 18, 2018

Dinner ~ 3:30pm

Show ~ 5:00pm

Ticket Prices

Matinee ~ \$20.00

Dinner Theatre:

Adults ~ \$46.00 (Table of 10 ~ \$45.00 each)

Children under 12 ~ \$25.00

To purchase, or reserve tickets, please contact
Eleni Libertini at 410.679.5622 or
elibertini@comcast.net or during coffee hour in
the Hermes Rafailides Center

Checks, cash and credit cards accepted.

Return check fee: \$35.00

Tickets are sold by assigned tables.

All sales are final.

No Refunds.

For Dinner Shows ~ Doors open

30 minutes before

Dinner is served!

Thank you for your support!!!