

February 4, 2018

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: Post-Presentation; The Prodigal Son; Righteous Isidore of Pelusium; Righteous Nicholas, Confessor; Neomartyr Joseph; Righteous Abramios, Bishop of Arbela, Persia; The Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmeleia, Nona, and Anthousa.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Gus Lambros and Despina Garcia *in loving memory of* their Godparents: George & Evangeline Frangos and Godbrother: Emmanuel Frangos. May their memories be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Regis & Jennie Kegel *in loving honor of* their grandson, Aiden Scott Clancy, *on the occasion of* his First Birthday. May God continue to bless him, and his big sister Addison, with happiness and good health.
- Barbara Argyros *in loving memory of* her husband & parents. May their memories be eternal.
- George & Marcella Lambros *in celebration of the birthday of* John Andreadakis and *for the health & welfare of* his family.
- Gianna Libertini *in loving memory of* her Godmother, Kelly Kornias, on this Godparent Sunday. May her memory be eternal.
- The family of Konstantine Agapaloglou, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Georgia Kerasiotes & Dimitra Psihopedas.

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: We will resume our regular schedule next **Friday, February 9th** at 9:30am in the Board Room. For more information contact Kate Cocoros at 443.564.6618.

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

February 19th ~ Cathedral of the Annunciation

February 25th ~ Saints Mary Magdalene & Markella

Salutations to the Virgin Mary: For five consecutive Friday's beginning **February 23rd**, 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, **(three left)**, please call the church office at 410.661.1090 x202 to reserve a Friday. Your tribute will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Lent begins on **Monday, February 19th**.

Save the Date: Saint Demetrios Vacation Bible School (Babylon) will be held, **Monday, June 18th - Friday June 22nd 9am-12pm**. Ages 4 to 5 grade. Volunteers Needed. Registration will begin shortly. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for more information/to register/or to volunteer.

The Orthodox Christian Way: The next session of the Orthodox Christian Way, returns **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please join us for the presentation, ***“Explore the Orthodox Christian Faith in a new way!”*** There will be three additional evenings of presentations on the Orthodox faith, **March 6th, 13th & 20th**. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm following the 6:15pm light supper. Cost for the 4 sessions is \$35, or \$10 each session. Call the church office at 410.661.109 for more information.

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.

Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser: The Koritsia are kicking off a Gift Card Fundraiser. The order sheet is included in today's bulletin. Extra order sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Completed forms and checks can be dropped off in the Gift Card box in the Narthex or to the church office. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the church mortgage paydown. Any questions, please contact Maria Angelos at 443.280.2690 or mvailas@aol.com.

Greek Independence Day Parade: Join us for the Maryland Greek Independence Day Parade on **Sunday, March 25th** at 2 pm, in Baltimore's historic Greek Town! The parade will showcase ethnic, cultural, religious and musical groups from Maryland and surrounding states, with continuous music by the Hellenic Philharmonic Society of New York. Visit www.greekparade.com to register to participate as a marching group, to donate to the parade or for more information. Youth and young adults interested in representing regions of Greece in this year's parade or participating on parade floats, please email info@greekparade.com by March 1st. Young men interested in becoming an Evzone, please contact Stavros Katsas at 443.835.5276 or skatsas@yahoo.com.

Demetrakia Registration & Costumes: Registration for the new dance season will take place during coffee hour on Sundays, **February 4th, 11th & 18th**. Practices will begin on **Sunday, February 25th**. Registration is **FREE** for all Saint Demetrios Stewards. Dancers must be at least 4 years old. Please contact Emily at ELiadakis@aol.com with any questions. Dancers, who have costumes at home, please bring these in on **Sunday, February 4th**. Thank you!

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!

Camp Good Shepherd Chesapeake Bay: Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Camp will be held on July 16th – 20th, 2018 at Camp Wo Me To, in scenic Rocks State Park. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, July 19th, 2018. To register for Camp, Day Camp, Staff, or volunteer, please visit: www.goannun.org Hurry, space is limited and Camp fills up quickly!! For more information please contact Kate Cocoros at 443-564-6618.

Technology Team: Please stop by the Hermes Rafailides Center today to update your contact information, as we begin the migration process to email-based communications. For more information, contact members of the Technology Team: Irene Kaikis Lericos, Catherine Xanthakos, Maria Stamas, Stephen Kucharski or Stephen Christ.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, February 5th.

General Meeting: TUESDAY, February 13th.

Go Red Sunday: February 25th, 2018 ~ The National Philoptochos Society promotes the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. In support of this program, Saint Demetrios is designating Sunday, February 25th as Go Red Sunday and are asking our Philoptochos sisters to join the movement and wear red, when attending Church service. *Please stay after service so that we may take a picture with Father Lou.*

MEMBERSHIP: Philoptochos is ~ PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION! JOIN THE TEAM OF FUN LOVING, HARD WORKING MEMBERS SPREADING JOY TO THOSE WHO NEED A KIND WORD, SMILE AND ENCOURAGEMENT! We invite you to become a Philoptochos Member or Associate Member (for the men in our community). Membership is open to all Stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 years of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and is based on Philoptochos Stewardship donations. 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 in need and the Baltimore Rescue Mission. For more information: Please contact Elaine 410.472.3458, stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

Guys And Dolls: To all Philoptochos Members. The Guys and Dolls committee needs our help once again this year with set up. The dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, February 10th ~ 8:00am and then again after the matinee

Sunday, February 11th ~ after church service

Friday, February 16th ~ 3:30pm

Saturday, February 17th ~ 3:30pm

Sunday, February 18th ~ after church service

Please contact Smaro Cook at smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com or call her at 410-340-4990.

SAVERS: Parish Council approved a spring Savers fundraiser event. Items are now being accepted, 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!!

Welcome OCMC/OCF Spring Break Albania: the best alternative to everything else out there. Sign up for a week in which you will see a nation that has risen from the ashes of atheism. A week where you will see what it means to desire Christ, first through your interactions with the youth, the youth leaders, the faithful and the church leadership. Apply for the 2018 OCMC/OCF Spring Break trip to Albania at www.ocmc.org or by calling 1-877-643-6784 and open your heart to participate in the Best Spring Break Destination EVER.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presidents Day ~ February 19th Office, Pre-School & Greek School will be closed

Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ February 10th, 17th & 24th at 9:00am

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies ~ February 21st & 28th @ 6:00pm

Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ February 23rd @ 7:00pm

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
2017	\$378,600	\$659,042	\$223,840	\$43,182	237
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$214,813	\$48,559	221

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 5th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Tech Run/No Cast), 6:00pm (H/G)</i> Philoptochos Board Mtg., 6:30pm (P)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 6th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Run Act 1, Pit & Tech, Full Cast & Cameo Kids), 6:30pm (H/G)</i> Parish Council Executive Board Mtg., 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 7th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm NO GOYA Basketball Guys & Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Full Cast, No Cameo Kids, RunAct 2, Pit & Tech), 6:30pm (H/G)</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, February 8th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Guys and Dolls Rehearsal, <i>(Full Cast, Cameo Kids, Run Full Show, Pit & Tech), 6:00pm (H/G)</i> NO MEN'S BASKETBALL</p> <p><u>Friday, February 9th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) Guys & Dolls Rest ~ Dark</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 10th</u> Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am Guys & Dolls Matinee @ 11:00am Dinner @ 6:30pm Show @ 8:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 11th</u> Judgment Sunday (Meatfare) Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Memorial Sunday Church School, 9:55am No Coffee Hour Guys & Dolls Dinner @ 3:30pm Show @ 5:00pm</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!!!