

February 11, 2018

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)

The Epistle Reading is: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 25:31-46. These Readings may be found on pages 1313 & 1174 in the Holy Bible or on pages 132-134 in the Divine Liturgy Book. The Apolitikion for today can be found on page 83 in the green Hymnal Book. The responses to the Liturgy are sung in Greek except for the following pages where English is sung: pages 38-53 and pages 62-27.

Today we remember: Meatfare Sunday, Recognition of the Lord's Second Coming; Holymartyr Vlasios; The Empress Theodora; George the Serb, Neomartyr; Finding of the relics of Zacharias the Prophet.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:

- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* George Kleon. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:

- Antonia Courtalis & Family *in loving memory of* Peter Courtalis. May his memory be eternal.
- The Scaljon Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Angela Scaljon, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Pappas Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Dimitrios Pappas, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria Bois *in loving memory of* her father, George Kolombos, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* their aunt, Sevasti Eliadis, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Popey Kleon, Detria, Nick, Callie & Alexa Courtalis *in loving memory of* George Kleon, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The families of John & Helen Pentikis and Dino & Pam Stamidis *in loving memory of* their mother & grandmother, Cleopatra Stamidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- The Xecominos & Panageotou Families *in loving memory of* their parents & grandparents, Pete & Penelope Xecominos and George & Stella Panageotou and brother, Vasilis Panageotou, who fell asleep in the Lord. May their memories be eternal.
- Despina & Gus Panageotou, Antonia Monokrousos and John Xecominos *for the health & welfare of* their sister, Lola Murray as she faces several health challenges. May God keep Lola in the palm on His hand.
- The Saint Demetrios Palikaria *in loving memory of* their dear friend, Diomidis "Gino" Pirovolidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Peter Courtalis, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis *in loving memory of* her parent-in-laws, Nicholas & Eugenia Courtalis. May their memories be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis *in loving memory of* her beloved family members, Gus, Gina, George, Manuel & Jimmy Courtalis. May their memories be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis *in loving memory of* her beloved family members: Therfifio, Antonia, Despina, Panagiotis & Yanni. May their memories be eternal.
- Despina Courtalis for our Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for all your Blessings.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Angela Scaljon, Dimitrios Pappas, George Kolombos, Sevasti Eliadis, George Kleon, Cleopatra Stamidis, Pete Xecominos, Penelope Xecominos, George Panageotou, Stella Panageotou, Vasilis Panageotou, Mark Pappas and George Pappas. May their memories be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Diamando Sarigianis.

Coffee Hour: There will not be a coffee hour this week due to The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players production of "Guys and Dolls" in our Hermes Rafailides Center.

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

Congregational Singing: Today, we will sing the Divine Liturgy from the Congregational Singing Green Hymnal. Please pick up your green Hymnals from the Pangari.

Orthodox Studies: Do you feel the need to learn more about your Orthodox Faith! Join us on **Friday, February 16th** 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 19^h** and Holy Unction will be offered at 7:00pm.

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

February 18th ~ 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, **(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.

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. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table or contact 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.

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 Sundays, **February 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 them in. Thank you!

Tickets are available for the Suburban Players 43rd Production ~ "Guys and Dolls." Dates are: **February 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018**. Ticket prices for Dinner Theatre are \$46 (Adults); \$45/pp for 10 or more tickets; \$25 (Children under 12). 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.

KORITSIA NEWS

Koritsia Gift Card Fundraiser: The Koritsia are kicking off a Gift Card Fundraiser. Order sheets can be found on the Narthex table.. 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.

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!!

A MONTH OF THE GREEKS AT UNCLE'S: Please join us every Monday in April from 4-9pm at Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz, located at 2315 Belair Road, Suite 2B, Fallston, Maryland, 10% of All Sales will be given back to Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. All proceeds will go toward paying down our Mortgage. Thank you for your support.

St. Demetrios Family Night with the Baltimore Blast: Join us for an evening with the Baltimore Blast, Saturday, February 24th at 6:05pm at SECU Arena at Towson University. Tickets are \$28.00 per person (child & adult same price), free parking on adjacent lots at Towson University. Enjoy their last home game and fan appreciation night! For tickets or more information please contact Natalie Alatzas at 410.698.2582 or nalatzas@slateenclave.com. All proceeds will go toward paying down our Mortgage. Come out and have fun while supporting our church

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

General Meeting:

We are cancelling our General Meeting which was scheduled for **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: **February is the month of love. We share love and fellowship year 'round in Philoptochos and 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 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. Philoptochos is ~ PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH-IN-ACTION! For more information about joining the team of fun loving, hardworking members spreading the joy to those in need of a kind word, smile and encouragement, please contact Elaine 410.472.3458 or complete and return a Membership Form from the Narthex table.

Save the Dates! Coming in March ~ Easter Bread Baking Crews ~ Thursday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 31st. Calling all bakers...no experience necessary! This time we are offering two baking dates! Join the baking crew and learn the tradition of baking the Easter bread. Look for more details as we get closer. To help with the baking, contact: Georgia 410.821.9545 or Elaine 410.472.3458. To place your order for breads, call Dottie 410.870.3372. (All orders must be paid in full when ordering) Final order day is **Sunday, March 18th**.

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:

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Lent Begins / Holy Unction Service ~ February 19th at 7:00pm

Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy ~ February 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	\$236,052	\$56,466	237
2018	\$380,000	\$727,395	\$226,245	\$54,427	239

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, February 12th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Greek School, 4:30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 13th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Pre-School Picture Day Book / Knitter's Club, 9:00am (L) <i>Guys and Dolls Cast Dinner, 7:00pm (H/G)</i> Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm (B)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 14th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Pre-School Grandparent Day Greek School, 4:30pm NO GOYA Basketball</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 15th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Adult Choir, 7:00pm NO MEN'S BASKETBALL</p> <p><u>Friday, February 16th</u> Pre-School, 8:45am Orthodox Studies, 9:30am (B) <i>Guys and Dolls Dinner @ 6:30pm Show @ 8:00pm</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 17th</u> <i>Saturday of Souls ~ Divine Liturgy, 9:00am Guys and Dolls Dinner Theatre Dinner @ 6:30pm Show @ 8:00pm</i></p> <p><u>Sunday, February 18th</u> <i>Forgiveness Sunday Cheesefare) Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am Church School, 9:55am No Coffee Hour Godparents Sunday at Annunciation Guys and Dolls Dinner Theatre Dinner @ 3:30pm Show @ 5:00pm</i></p>
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The Saint Demetrios Suburban Players Presents

“Guys and Dolls”

Tickets on Sale NOW!

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

*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.

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!!!