

April 26, 2020

Sunday of Thomas

The Epistle Reading is Acts 5:12-20. The Gospel Reading is John 20:19-31. These Readings may be found on pages 1266 and 1259 in the Holy Bible or on pages 46-48 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember *Second Sunday of the Paschal Season, New or Thomas Sunday*; Holymartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia; Righteous Glaphyra and Justas; George.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Christopher & Helen Makres *in honor of* their grandsons, Christopher and Peter Makres, on the occasion of their birthday. May God grant them many blessings.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- Father Lou, Parish Council and all Church Ministries are praying that the pandemic passes quickly and that everyone remains healthy & safe.

The Altar Bread was prepared by: Katholiki Trintis & Simone Volikas

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

Welcome: If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today, we welcome you and 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 (candle stand) and to either return it to a Parish Council member or slip it under the Church Office door.

Stewardship News: We thank you for your continued support of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church during these trying times! To date, we have received about 70% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **April 30th**. Please fill out the time and talent sections of the pledge card. We are reviewing the time and talent sections of the pledge cards and providing the information to the various church ministries and committees. Please mail your pledge card to the church office. We appreciate your continued support!

Community Coffee Hour: The fourth Sunday of every month will be designated as Community Coffee Hour. Please consider bringing baked good or healthy snacks for the community to share with their coffee. Thank you in advance for your donations.

JOY Lock-In (children 3rd-6th grade) changed to **May 29th, 6-11 pm**. Please RSVP to kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or srintis@hotmail.com. Please include your child's name, address, age and emergency contact information & shirt size.

Vacation Bible School: Register today for the Rainforest Explorers Vacation Bible School! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/saintdemetrios20>. **June 22nd-26th ~ 9am to 12pm** Children 4 years to 5th grade. Volunteers must be a 6th grader or older. \$20 per child before **June 1st** \$25 after **June 1st**. Nut free snacks will be provided each day along with crafts, bible messages and tee-shirt per child. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for questions or help registering to participate/volunteer.

Summer Internships available: Have an intern to refer? Please direct them to apply at www.boozallen.com/careers using keyword "internship." We have an ongoing hiring process starting now and lasting through the spring. Our internships last from May/June - August and are generally 8-10 weeks in length. If they wish to find out more, please direct them to attend one of our upcoming webinars <http://www.boozallen.com/careers/recruiting-events> and of course socialize them within your network for maximum visibility!

Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, Inc. ~ Preserving Greek Culture to Inspire Future Generations: HHMM initiated a book club in 2019 encouraging both men and women to join as discussion was opened on a variety of Greek and Greek American topics in English related to History, Travel, Fiction and Non-Fiction, Poetry and Culture. Sessions were hosted on the second Sunday of the month at the home of Helen Sarafidis beginning at 3:00pm. The readings and session for 2020 will be held on **May 10th** ~ "The Greek Drama" by Diana Agelopoulos.

Caregiver Wellness Series: Cognitive Support. Broadmead Center of Excellence Dementia Care invites you to join us for a Caregiver Wellness Series: Cognitive Support. This series will provide valuable information and support for those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or recently diagnosed cognitive impairment. Mark your calendar for **June 11th (Managing Caregiver Stress) & September 29th (Nutritional Strategies for Boosting Brain Health) from 3:30-5:00pm** to be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table or contact Stacey Young at syoung@broadmead.org. RSVP online at <https://caregiverseries.eventbrite.com>

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Scholarships: Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or ltrianda28@gmail.com or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2020 scholarship, application packets are now available on the table in the Church Narthex. A high school/college transcript, letter of acceptance, letter of good standing, and recommendations for the Parish Priest and two faculty members under whom you have studied must be included. **NO OTHER** letters of recommendation will be accepted. All applications must be post-marked, or hand delivered to the Church office by **Monday, May 25th, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1st, 2020** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 12th, 2020**. *If you would like to receive a scholarship packet emailed to you please leave the church office an email at: saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com and we will gladly mail you an application.* If any applicants are having issues with completing the application please feel free to contact Lou Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or Ltrianda28@gmail.com and he will gladly assist you.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American: Applications for scholarships administered by the Office of the Chancellor of the Greek Archdiocese of America are available for awards to be made for the 2020-2021 academic year. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is **May 1st**. Applications can be accessed by visiting <https://www.goarch.org/-/scholarships>. For more information, please email scholarships@goarch.org or call 212-774-0283.

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GOT SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER: Saint Demetrios has partnered with Got Sneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate us \$1.00 for every wearable sneaker and 10¢ for every other type of shoe. Please drop off your "**SHOE DONATION**" under the Portico. Contact Simone Volikas at srintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos 2020 Membership: Philoptochos 2020 Membership ~ As we renew our commitment to the Orthodox faith during this Lenten season, this is the perfect time to consider a stewardship commitment to Philoptochos philanthropy. Please join us! Philoptochos is a group of friendly, hardworking ladies spreading love and joy to those in need of a helping hand, kind words of encouragement and smiles. Membership is open to all stewards of Saint Demetrios, 18 yrs. of age and older. Membership is per calendar year and based on Stewardship donations. When considering your stewardship, please note Philoptochos is a National organization with over 26,000 members in 400 chapters. We are also members of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos with over 3,600 members and 43 chapters. \$23 of your donations will be applied to your National and your Metropolis membership, while the remainder will be used to support the various local charity projects such as feeding the homeless through Beans & Bread, serving the community at the Ronald McDonald House, and providing student assistance at local schools. Membership accepted January to April: check, cash, PayPal Philoptochos2504@gmail.com, or to pay by credit card, contact Philoptochos Treasurer, Lisa Jones-Venetos, 443.621.6805. Membership Forms available at the Narthex Table. Return to Philoptochos Membership, Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3458 or Mary Triandafilou 410.528.1589.



*If we could use only one word to describe **PASCHA**, it would be the word **JOY**.
Christians rejoice in their Risen Lord.*

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
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$299,282	\$145,407	372
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$270,815	\$143,127	318

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

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)