

May 17, 2020

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Epistle Reading is Acts 11:19-30. The Gospel Reading is John 4:5-42. These Readings may be found on pages 1273 and 1239 in the Holy Bible or on pages 52-56 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember *Fifth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Samaritan Woman*; Sunday after Mid-Pentecost; Commemoration of the Patriarchs of Constantinople; Andronikos and Iounia, of the 70 Apostles; Athanasios, Bishop of Christianoupolis, Trifylla; Righteous Nektarios and Theophanes.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Thorina Trintis and family *in loving memory of* her husband, their father & grandfather, Basilios (Bill) Trintis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. Always in our hearts.

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: Gloria Koukoulas & Toula Woods

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 pray that you are well and safe! Thank you for your continued support of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church during these trying times! We pray that our church doors can be opened, and we can all pray together in our church! To date, we have received 75% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We are making progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by May 31. 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) **cancelled** **May 29th, 6-11 pm.** Please RSVP to kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com or stintis@stdemetriosmd.org 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.

Caregiver Wellness Series: Cognitive Support. Broadmead Center of Excellence Dementia Care invites you to join us for a Caregiver Wellness Series on **May 29th from 3:30-5:00pm** for **Cognitive Support**. This series will provide valuable information and support for those caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or recently diagnosed cognitive impairment. Mark your calendar for **May 29th (Managing Caregiver Stress) & September 29th (Nutritional Strategies for Boosting Brain Health)** **Cancelled** from 3:30-5:00pm to be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex 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 drop the church office an email at: saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com and we will gladly email you an application or applications can be found on our website: stdemetriosmd.org. Click on Ministries tab then Scholarship Committee tab from dropdown.* 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.

United Chios Society of Baltimore: Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2020-2021 are now available. Please drop the church office an e-mail and we will gladly e-mail you the application. **The application must be post-marked no later than July 8th, 2020. Recipients or their representatives MUST be present during church services at Saints Mary Magdalene and Markella Greek Orthodox Church, 3719 Dublin Road, Darlington, MD. 21034 on July 19th, 2020, where presentations will be made.**

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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.

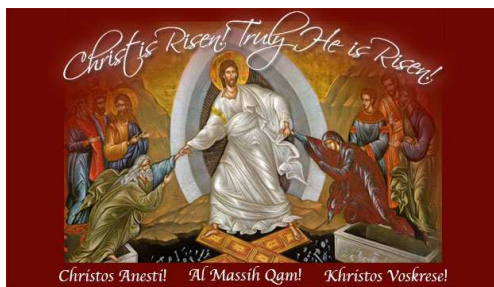
PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos 2020 Membership ~ Please join us! Due to these unprecedented circumstances in social distancing and community shutdowns, collection for 2020 Philoptochos stewardship will continue until August 15th. Philoptochos is 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 years 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 ~ feeding the homeless (Beans & Bread), serving the community (Ronald McDonald House), student assistance at local schools. Payments accepted: Cash, Credit Card or PayPal Philoptochos2504@gmail.com (Payments questions ~ Philoptochos Treasurer, Lisa Jones-Venetos, 443.621.6805). Membership ~ Elaine Sackleh, 410.472.3258 or Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589.

PHILOPTOCHOS IS ~ PHILANTHROPY ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH IN ACTION

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: In **June (date TBD)** all graduates of the Saint Demetrios Community will be honored at Graduate Sunday. Philoptochos needs your help in reaching out to all our graduates (high school, college, graduate, and trade schools) to be included in the annual Graduate Sunday Program Booklet. Please have graduates you know fill out a biography form and submit it along with both a baby and senior photo for inclusion in this year's booklet. We don't want to miss recognizing any graduate. **May 15th** is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at colossalcare@gmail.com. If you have any questions or need a form emailed to you, please email or call Maria Stamas, 443-253-2561.

Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new "Green Team": Composting is a great way to use kitchen scraps and make all-natural fertilizer, herbicide and pesticide for your yard. Thought there are some complicated composting contraptions you can buy you really only need a bin with holes in it to get started. Home improvement stores also have easy options, but if you have an old trash can/bin with lid, drill some holes into it on all sides so air and small insects can get in and out. Sit is up on some bricks or blocks and begin! Collect yar debris like leaves or grass clipping and non-meat or dairy kitchen scraps (only vegetables, breads/wheat products or eggshells), as well as newspaper and cardboard. Put it in with a little water and mix it with a garden shovel every couple of days as you add to it. In about 4-6 weeks, it should be ready and look like soil. Sprinkle it in your garden, use when potting plants and put around the perimeter of your yard. You will be surprised how well this works ~ better than any chemical.



*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	\$307,187	\$162,137	385
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$284,539	\$166,612	342

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15th ~ Graduate Sunday Forms Due
(can be found on the homepage of our website: stdemetriosmd.org)
May 25th ~ Scholarship Applications Due
May 25th ~ Memorial Day
May 28th ~ Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy at 9:00am
May 29th ~ Joy Lock-In at 6:00pm