

May 24, 2020

## Sunday of the Blind Man

**The Epistle Reading** is Acts 16:16-34. The Gospel Reading is John 9:1-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1279 and 1246 in the Holy Bible or on pages 56-60 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember *Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind***; Symeon the Righteous of Mt. Thavmastos; Righteous Niketas; Martyr Meletios the Stratelates.

### The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Father Lou, Parish Council and all Church Ministries would like to wish the entire Saint Demetrios Community a happy & safe Memorial Day weekend. We hope to see you back in church real soon.

### 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** Mary Tsakiris

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

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**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 76% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please also fill out the time and talent sections of the pledge card. Please contact the church office if you need another 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 of our beloved Saint Demetrios Church! May God bless you!

**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.

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

**GOYA Registration:** Early Bird GOYA Registration. *According to the Archdiocese, to join GOYA, a child must be a least 13 years old OR 12 years old & in the 7th grade by September 1, 2020.* For more details please email Paul Rizas at [paulrizas.saintdemetriosgoya@gmail.com](mailto:paulrizas.saintdemetriosgoya@gmail.com).

**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 **August 19<sup>th</sup> (Caregiver Stress) & September 29<sup>th</sup> (Nutritional Strategies for Boosting Cognitive Function) 9:30-5:00pm** to be held in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex or contact Stacey Young at [syoung@broadmead.org](mailto:syoung@broadmead.org). RSVP online at <https://caregiverseries.eventbrite.com>

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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

**Scholarships:** Anyone interested in endowing an academic scholarship at Saint Demetrios, please contact Lou Triandafilou 410.528.1589 or [ltrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:ltrianda28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will be determined by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** and scholarships will be presented after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. *If you would like to receive a scholarship packet emailed to you please drop the church office an email at: [saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com) and we will gladly email you an application or applications can be found on our website: [stdemetriosmd.org](http://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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, where presentations will be made.**

**FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence:** Applications are available to be downloaded at: [thefaiithendowment.org/scholarships](http://thefaiithendowment.org/scholarships). To be eligible, applicants must be a member of a Greek Orthodox parish and graduating high school senior enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this Fall. Application deadline is **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

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## KORITSIA

**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 [stintis@hotmail.com](mailto:stintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

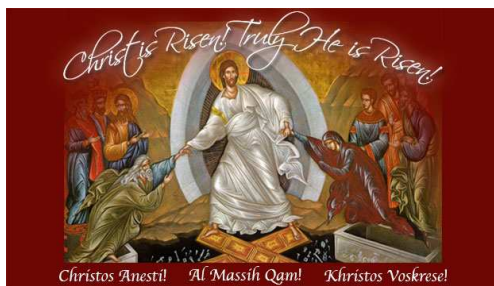
## PHILOPTOCHOS

**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 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto: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. **June 1<sup>st</sup>** is the final day to submit information/photos to Maria Stamas at [colossalcare@gmail.com](mailto: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":** Last week, we discussed making a compost. You can make a tea or juice from your compost that is better than Miracle Gro! If your composter sites up and has holes on the bottom, put a bind under it and use your garden hose to run water through the top. As it runs through the compost, a tea-like liquid will drain from the bottom. You can use that liquid directly or mix with water to pour on your grass, plants, vegetables and trees. You can get complicated with online recipes and additives if your like, but simply running water through your composter is an easy way to create wonderful, chemical free fertilizer for your yard that also acts as a pesticide for you garden.



*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

	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *</b>	<b>Total Commitments to Date</b>	<b>Collections to Date</b>	<b># of Stewards</b>
<b>2019</b>	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$309,907	\$172,443	395
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$287,190	\$170,737	347

*\*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 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Scholarship Applications Due

May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Memorial Day

May 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy at 9:00am



*Memorial Day is a time to honor those who are serving and have served in the military. It is also a day to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom in giving their lives.*

**With Honor & Gratitude  
We Remember**