

June 7, 2020

## Holy Pentecost

**The Epistle Reading** is Acts 2:1-11. The Gospel Reading is John 7:37-52; 8:12. These Readings may be found on pages 1262 and 1244 in the Holy Bible or on pages 62-64 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember *Eighth Sunday of the Paschal Season ~ Pentecost***; Holymartyr Theodotos of Ankyra; Zenaidos, Martyr, Righteous Sebastiane.

### The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Mary Karavedas & Family *in honor of* daughter, sister and aunt, Tina Karavedas on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many more.

### The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- Mary Karavedas *in honor of* sister-in-law, Irene Latgis on the occasion of her birthday. May God continue to bless her.
- Mary Karavedas *in honor of* her dear friend, Vangie Demetrakis on the occasion of her birthday. May God continue to bless her.
- Maria Andreyev & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Andrei Andreyev. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria Andreyev *for the health & welfare of* daughters; Andreana & Family and Tina & Family. May God continue to bless them.

**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.

**Message from Metropolitan Evangelos:** The past couple of months have been particularly challenging for all people as the devastating effects of the Coronavirus have permeated all facets of society. Nevertheless, there have been noticeable improvements to the present situation which has made it possible for some states and communities to recommence in-person gatherings, albeit, in a limited capacity. As such, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey has been developing a Parish Reopening Strategy so that Parishes and parishioners alike may adequately prepare once the Parishes are permitted to once again open their doors to the devout faithful. A critical element of this strategy centers around the parishioners of each community complying with a series of requirements which conform to State and Local regulations, CDC guidance, and additional Metropolis of New Jersey directives/requirements. Church may look a little different when we finally return but please remember if we all do our part in the beginning we will come out of this stronger.

**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 77% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please also fill out the time and talent sections of the pledge card. 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!

**Welcome New Members:** The following families and individuals have become members of Saint Demetrios since October 2019. Let's give them a big Saint Demetrios Welcome.

Todd & Melissa Allen  
Helen Antoniadis  
Steve Bilis  
Michael Constantinides  
Stephen Constantinides  
Fotini Kollias  
Stephen & Elizabeth Nichols  
Elias & Alexandra Poneris  
Kevin & Dimitra Reidy  
George & Jennifer Sfakianoudis  
Tom & Linda Vasilios  
Michael & Kim Vatakis

**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 best Explorers Vacation Bible School! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/saintdemetrios20> ~ **9am to 12pm** Children 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers must be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader or older. Registration fee is **before June 1<sup>st</sup> \$25** after **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Nut free snacks will be provided each day along with songs, 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).

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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 [triana28@gmail.com](mailto:triana28@gmail.com) or the Church Office at [410.661.1090](tel:410.661.1090) x202 or [saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriosmd@gmail.com).

**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: [thefaihendowment.org/scholarships](http://thefaihendowment.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.**

**Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new "Green Team":** Did you know that adding clover seeds to your grass seed will help develop a lawn that requires less water, won't require fertilizer (except compost), grows slower, and will be better for the environment? You can order clover seeds from home improvement stores or Amazon, and you can use either red or white clover. You may use it alone or mix with grass seed or other "meadow" type native grasses for a sustainable yard.

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## 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**

**Save-the-Date:** God willing, on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** at Annunciation Orthodox Center in Baltimore, we will sponsor a symposium on human trafficking, led by Jeanne L. Allert, Founder and Executive Director of The Samaritan Women Institute for Shelter Care, we as mothers, sisters, grandmothers should be highly aware of. This can also be a chance for us to “meet and greet.” Look for further details; we hope to see you **October 4<sup>th</sup>** at this important event. Stay safe and healthy under God’s blessings. If anyone has any question please contact Margo Lambros at [mlambros@comcast.net](mailto:mlambros@comcast.net).

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

## 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	\$316,343	\$189,802	406
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$295,586	\$185,336	364

*\*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

June 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Memorial Sunday  
June 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Flag Day  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner (\*)  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Scholarship Committee Meeting  
June 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Apostles Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

(\*) denotes if church is open