

June 14, 2020

All Saints

The Epistle Reading is Hebrews 11:33-12:2. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30. These Readings may be found on pages 1367 and 1156 in the Holy Bible or on pages 64-66 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember *Sunday of All Saints (End of the Movable Season)*; The Prophet Elissaios; Methodios, Patriarch of Constantinople, Confessor; Righteous Niphon; Cyril, Bishop of Crete.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Diamando Sarigianis & Family *in loving memory of* her parents, Panigiotis and Calliope

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- Father Lou, the Parish Council and all of the Church Ministries *for the health & welfare of* the Saint Demetrios Community.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Mary Tsakiris

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.

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! Thanks be to God that our church doors are open and once again we can all pray together in our church! To date, we have received 81% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **June 30th**. 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!

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/saintdemetrios2020> ~ **9am to 12pm** Children 4 years to 5th grade. Volunteers must be a 6th grader or older. Registration fee is \$25 before **June 1st** \$25 after **June 1st**. Nut free snacks will be provided each day along with bible messages and tee-shirt per child. Email kellymacdonnell@hotmail.com for questions or help registering to participate/volunteer.

Cancelled

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.

Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new "Green Team": Yard maintenance contributes significantly to greenhouse emissions and typical gas-powered lawn mowers and blowers emit more pollution than some automobiles. Consider switching to electric powered lawn equipment and ditching the blower for the broom. Electric lawnmowers will use less energy, won't pollute, and will be lighter to push. Gas blowers not only pollute through emissions and noise, but the use of blowers creates significant dust in the air stirring up allergens and pollutants not good to breath, as well as having a negative impact on plants, grasses and insect habitats due to the force of air.

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 DEADLINE EXTENSION: If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher and wish to apply for a 2020 scholarship, application, packets are now available on our website at stdemetriosmd.org ~ click on the Ministries tab then Scholarship Committee tab from dropdown. 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, June 22nd**. The Saint Demetrios Scholarship Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, July 1st** to review and rate scholarship applications. Presentation of awards in Church was originally scheduled for **Sunday, July 12th**, however, this event is being cancelled by the Committee. As an alternative, checks for award recipients will be mailed by **August 1st**. 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.**

FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence: Applications are available to be downloaded at: 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 26th, 2020.**

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

Save-the-Date: God willing, on **October 4th** 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 4th** 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.

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 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

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2019	\$382,000	\$791,705	\$319,273	\$197,239	411
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$298,687	\$192,560	368

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

Summer is almost here. Summer can be an exciting time. The weather is usually nice. The kids are out of school. Family vacations are being planned and booked.

***It doesn't matter how you do it, just keep
GOD in your summer plans!***

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23rd ~ Scholarship Committee Meeting
June 29th ~ Apostles Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
July 1st ~ Scholarship Committee Meeting