

June 28, 2020

3rd Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is Romans 5:1-10. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 6:22-38. These Readings may be found on pages 1297 and 1152 in the Holy Bible or on pages 67-69 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Relocation of the Relics of Kyros and John, the Anargyrio; Papios, Paul, and Moses, Martyrs; Righteous Symeon.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Father Lou, the Parish Council and all Church Ministries *for the health & welfare of* the entire community. May God keep you safe.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- The Triandafilou Family *in loving memory of* their mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Christine Triandafilou, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Altar Bread was prepared by Anthi Papapavlou

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! 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.

Orthodox Dress Etiquette: With the warm weather quickly approaching, we would like to remind you that you are attending an Orthodox Christian Church and modesty and humility should always be in your forethought. Therefore, **shorts, flip-flops, spaghetti straps, short skirts, etc. are not acceptable**. Please remember that this is a House of God and dress accordingly.

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”: Many Marylanders like to eat oysters, and they are a great summer treat. Did you know that oysters, as little as they are, are critical to the Chesapeake Bay and waters around the world? One adult oyster can filter 50 gallons of water a day. Unfortunately, the Chesapeake Bay has had a decline in oysters, which has had an impact on the quality of water and the marine life in it. Years ago, the oysters in the bay could filter a volume of water equal to that of the entire bay (about 19 trillion gallons) in a week. Today, it would take the current bay oysters an entire year to do that. However, oysters are coming back thanks to restoration efforts. Specifically, the restoration of three-dimensional reefs that help to stabilize shorelines and prevent erosion.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP/GRADUATE SUNDAY: Saint Demetrios Scholarships: *“Give instructions to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.” Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, July 12th**, as we honor our Scholarship Recipients and Graduates.*

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.**

Orthodox Observer News: To cut the cost of postage the Orthodox Observer News will no longer be mailing out their newsletter, it is available on-line only. If you would to continue reading The Orthodox Observer News please register at www.communications@goarch.org and the newsletter will be emailed to you.

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

This is a “Save-the-Date” notice from the Baltimore Philoptochos chapters to all the Philoptochos Sisterhood in Maryland. God willing, on **October 4th** at the 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. Human trafficking is an evil that knows no age, gender, race or other socio-economic boundaries, and is something that we as mothers, sisters, grandmothers should be highly aware of. This can also be a nice time for us to “meet and greet.” Look for further details, we hope to see you on **October 4th**.

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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 stintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

PRE-SCHOOL ~ SUMMER PROGRAM

Crusader Kids Summer Program is scheduled to begin on **July 6th**. Watch for more information in the coming weeks, or feel free to contact the Saint Demetrios Pre-School at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or preschool2504@gmail.com.

KID’S CLOTHING EXCHANGE OF BALTIMORE

Kid’s Clothing Exchange of Baltimore (Kid’s & Women’s Consignment Sale) ~ Hermes Ragainides Center at Saint Demetrios ~ July 14th July 21st. You can buy or consign *quality* spring and summer previously owned children’s clothing (infant through pre-teen), shoes, baby gear, children’s furniture, toys, games, bicycles, books, and dvd’s as well as Maternity. We also have a section for women’s clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry and home décor. Open to the Public ~ You do not need to consign to buy. For more information please email Dawn at: thekidsclothingexchange@yahoo.com.

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	\$319,613	\$204,048	411
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$300,950	\$205,648	371

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 29th ~ Apostles Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
July 6th ~ Kid’s Crusader Summer Program
July 12th ~ Scholarship Sunday
July 12th ~ Graduate Sunday
July 14th – 21st ~ Kid’s Clothing Exchange
August 1st ~ ‘Cause We Care Car Show