

July 5, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

**The Epistle Reading** is Galatians 5:22-6:2. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 8:5-13. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 and 1153 in the Holy Bible or on page 70 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Righteous Athanasios of Athos; Righteous Lampados of Eirenople; Righteous Holymartyr Kyprianos; Synaxis of the 23 Martyrs of Lesbos.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit:**

- Father Lou & the Parish Council *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community. May God watch over you and keep you safe during your summer travels.

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

- Father Lou & the Parish Council *for the health & welfare of* the entire Saint Demetrios Community, wishing you a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Simone Volikas

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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! 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 **July 15<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!

**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](mailto:paulrizas.saintdemetriosgoya@gmail.com).

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 9:00am in the Boardroom. All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, or just want some good conversation.

**Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new “Green Team”:** Maryland is known for crabs and most of us love a good crab feast. But the crab population has declined over the years threatening their survival. The quality of the Chesapeake Bay with dead zones of low oxygen, vanishing habitat, over-harvesting and other impacts has been a problem for the crab population. In just one decade, from 1980 to 1990, the bay crab population declined so rapidly from over-harvesting and environmental pollution. The bay’s oyster reefs and underwater grasses were also severely compromised. Since then, researchers have worked to reduce nutrient runoff reaching the bay and to clean up the waters to re-establish the crabs. It is a slow and difficult process. Marylanders can do their part by not using fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides on lawns, as water runs off carrying these things out to waters and the bay. Also, do not pour anything down drains such as paint or chemicals.

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## **SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

**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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.**

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**Orthodox Observer News:** 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](http://www.communications@goarch.org) and the newsletter will be sent directly to your in-box.

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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**

**This is a “Save-the-Date” notice from the Baltimore Philoptochos chapters to all the Philoptochos Sisterhood in Maryland.** God willing, on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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

## PRE-SCHOOL ~ SUMMER PROGRAM

**Crusader Kids Summer Program** is scheduled to begin on **July 6<sup>th</sup>**. For more information please contact the Saint Demetrios Pre-School at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or [preschool2504@gmail.com](mailto:preschool2504@gmail.com).

## KID’S CLOTHING EXCHANGE OF BALTIMORE

**Kid’s Clothing Exchange of Baltimore (Kid’s & Women’s Consignment Sale) ~ Hermes Rafailides Center at Saint Demetrios ~ July 14<sup>th</sup> July 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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](mailto: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

	<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	\$319,613	\$208,176	414
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$304,370	\$211,100	376

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

*Summer is 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

July 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Kid’s Crusader Summer Program  
July 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Scholarship Sunday  
July 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Graduate Sunday  
July 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Book/Knitting Club @ 9:00am  
July 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00pm  
July 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Kid’s Clothing Exchange  
August 1<sup>st</sup> ~ ‘Cause We Care Car Show