

July 12, 2020

5th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is Romans 10:1-10. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 8:28-9:1. These Readings may be found on pages 1302 and 1154 in the Holy Bible or on page 70-72 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Martyrs Proklos and Hilarion; Righteous Veronica, Martyr.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Mary Karavedas & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Sam Karavedas who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago. May his memory be forever eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- James Asimakes & Family *in loving memory of* wife, mother & grandmother, Edythe Asimakes, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- John, Maritsa and Jiana Stamas *for the health & welfare of* their daughters & sisters, Thareni “Renaë” on her high school graduation and Vanessa on her 20th birthday.
- Basil & Margo Lambros & Family *in loving memory of* father & grandfather, Nicholas Bourdosis, on the occasion of what would have been his 100th birthday.
- Pete, Joanna, Anthony, Maria & Deanie Beleos *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother, Maria Beleos, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Vasiliki Makris & Family *in loving memory of* husband, father & grandfather, Pete Makris, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- 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 Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Sam Karavedas, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 months ago. May his memory be eternal.

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.

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 83% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **July 26th**. 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.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday July 14th, 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”: Though with COVID, many of us may have cancelled or altered our vacation plans, if you go to the beach, always leave it a little better than you found it. Never leave trash, and always try to pick up extra trash as you are leaving and throw it away. Be especially mindful of plastic rings from cans and shiny wrappers. The rings can get caught around animals and some creatures like dolphins will ingest wrappers they mistake for fish. Sea creatures aside, you can do this no matter where you go whether it is the beach, a park, or a walk in your neighborhood, and it will always be a good thing for animals and our environment.

GRADUATE NEWS

Congratulations to all high school and college graduates being honored today. We are thankful to God for your successful Graduation. It is the result of your sincerity, hard work and patience.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The annual Saint Demetrios Scholarship Sunday is being celebrated today. Ten scholarships totaling \$9,600 were awarded to thirteen recipients. These high school graduates and current college enrollees provided stellar personal background information, church and community credentials, academic achievements, letters of reference, and essays on why they were pursuing higher education. Members of the Scholarship Committee were thanked for their time and efforts in reviewing each application, and for their deliberations in reaching final decisions on the recipients. The scholarship committee members include Father Lou, Carolyn Van Roden, Stacy Stathopoulos, Patricia Galanakis and Lou Triandafilou.

“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.” **Thank you for joining us as we honor our Scholarship recipients.**

Orthodox Observer News: The Orthodox Observer News will no longer be mailing out their newsletter, it is available on-line only. If you would like to continue reading The Orthodox Observer News please register at www.communications@goarch.org and the newsletter will be sent directly to your in-box.

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**.

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 for any further information of details.

PRE-SCHOOL ~ SUMMER PROGRAM

Crusader Kids Summer Program opened on **July 6th**. For more information please 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 Raffailides 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	\$323,903	\$216,523	420
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$304,870	\$218,428	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 13th to 17th ~ Crusader Kids Summer Program
July 14th ~ Book/Knitting Club @ 9:00am
July 14th ~ Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
July 14th – 21st ~ Kid’s Clothing Exchange
August 1st ~ ‘Cause We Care Car Show