

July 19, 2020

Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

The Epistle Reading is Titus 3:8-15. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 5:14-19. These Readings may be found on pages 1357 and 1150 in the Holy Bible or on page 152 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon; Righteous Makrina, Sister of St. Basil of the Great; Righteous Dios; Theodore, Archbishop of Edessa.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Demetrios & Rena Makres *in loving memory of* their mother & grandmother, Georgia Hodges, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion 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 Altar Bread was prepared by Mary Karavedas

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”: One way you can use less energy and run either your air conditioning and heater less is by applying a low-e, solar/dual reflective film to your windows. This film helps provide a clear view out while reducing the heat of the sun coming in during the summers. In winters, it helps keep your heat in. An added benefit is that it provides privacy during the day as people cannot see inside even when your lights are on. It can help lower air conditioning and heating costs significantly. There are several products available. Professionally applied products include 3M’s Llumar series. Do-it-yourself options are available at hardware stores. Either way, you’re likely to save enough to pay for it in your first year, and reduced energy costs mean less planet pollution.

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.

Stewardship Envelopes: You may have noticed that the word “STEWARDSHIP” has been removed from the blue Stewardship return envelopes. The reason behind this is that several Parishioners and the Parish Council felt that it was advertising the fact that there were checks/cash inside the envelopes. Please **“DO NOT”** write the word “STEWARDSHIP” on these envelopes. The office staff / parish council know that the blue envelopes are designated specifically for Stewardship donations. Thank You.

Summer is in full swing . . .

*That means trips to new, exotic places or maybe trips to visit friends in old familiar places.
Either way, summer often means being away from home for some period of time,
and that means not being home for Sunday Liturgy.
So, what do you do when you’re traveling on a Sunday?*

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

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

PRE-SCHOOL ~ SUMMER PROGRAM

Crusader Kids Summer Program is open and full swing. 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 19th to July 21st. You can buy *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. 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	\$324,473	\$218,390	421
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$308,170	\$222,390	383

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><u>Monday, July 20th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm Kid’s Clothing Exchange</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 21st</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm Kid’s Clothing Exchange</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, July 22nd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 23rd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm</p>	<p><u>Friday, July 24th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 26th</u> <i>7th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13th to 17th ~ Crusader Kids Summer Program
 July 19th – 21st ~ Kid’s Clothing Exchange
 August 1st ~ ‘Cause We Care Car Show