

July 26, 2020

7th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is Galatians 3:23-4:5. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 9:27-35. These Readings may be found on pages 1331 and 1155 in the Holy Bible or on page 74 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Holy martyr Hermolaos, Righteous Virgin martyr Paraskeve.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- Irene Peltsems & Family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Helen Filipidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 9 years ago. May her memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- Angela Kanaras & Sons, Andreas and Vasilios and Fiance, Anna *in loving memory of* Elias Kanaras on the occasion of his nameday.
- Saint Paraskevi Society *in honor of* Agia Paraskevi who we celebrate today and in honor / memory of all its members throughout its 100 years of Philanthropy for its village Kattavia, Rhodes, Greece.
- 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 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, August 11th** at 9:00am in the Boardroom. All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, or just want some good conversation.

Library News: July is a very holy month. Some of our well-known Saints Nektarios, 7-11, Saint Marina, 7-17, Saint Mary Magdalene Markella 7-22, Saint Paraskeve, 7-26 and Saint Pantelis, 7-27 are celebrated in July. You can read about these and many other saints by visiting our Library. We take safe precautions by wiping all books and DVD's before and after each use. Don't have time to visit the Library, no problem you can visit our Little Library right next to the mailbox. You take a book and you give a book. Don't have a book to give, no worries take one anyway. We have plenty to share.

Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new "Green Team": The availability of solar powered appliances and products for your home is greatly increasing, and this gives you many earth friendly options for using the clean power of the sun. For example, solar powered lawn lighting has come a long way in recent years and is cleaner than leaving on electric powered lights. Home security systems like Arlo offer a small solar panel you can connect to run cameras and motion lights. Additionally, you can get solar powered attic fans, pond pumps and more. These options offer a great way to have appliances and product that tend to remain on all the time like outdoor lighting use the cleanest energy without wasting natural resources or dollars.

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!

ST. KYRIAKI DIVINE LITURGY

Father Lou has added a Divine Liturgy to honor St. Kyriaki, to be held on **Wednesday, July 29th at 10:00am** in the Chapel. All are invited to attend.

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 in full swing. For more information please contact the Saint Demetrios Pre-School at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or preschool2504@gmail.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	\$325,560	\$222,792	426
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$312,332	\$227,939	389

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, July 27^h</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Wednesday, July 29th</u> <i>St. Kyriaki Divine Liturgy, 10:00am (in the Chapel)</i> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Friday, July 31st</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm
<u>Tuesday, July 28th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Thursday, July 30th</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Saturday, August 1st</u> <i>Dormition Fast Begins Cuz-We-Care Car Show</i>
		<u>Sunday, August 2nd</u> <i>8th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27th to 31st ~ Crusader Kids Summer Program
July 29th ~ ***St. Kyriaki Divine Liturgy, 10:00am***
August 1st ~ ‘Cuz-We-Care Car Show
August 11th ~ Book/Knitting Club, 9:00am
August 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th & 14th ~ ***Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm***
August 15th ~ ***Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy, 10:00am***
