

August 9, 2020

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

**The Epistle Reading** is I Corinthians 3:9-17. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 14:22-34. These Readings may be found on pages 1309 and 1162 in the Holy Bible or on page 77-78 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Post-Metamorphosis; Mathias of the Twelve Apostles; Righteous Psoe of Egypt; Righteous Herman of Alaska.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Manuel & Maria Antonakos & Family *in loving memory of* their parents, grandparents & great-grandparents Hariklia Antonakas, who fell asleep in the Lord 23 years ago; Antonios Antonakas, who fell asleep in the Lord 35 years ago; Antigone Wood Chekouras who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago and Peter Wood Chekouras who fell asleep in the Lord 48 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

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

- Catherine Latgis *in loving memory of* her husband James Latgis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- The Daniels, Constantinides, Christ & Tagliaferro families *in loving memory of* father, grandfather and great-grandfather James Latgis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Pandora Agapaloglou, Meredith Wallace, Ted & Monica Agapaloglou and Eleni Libertini & Family *in loving memory of* Konstantine Agapaloglou, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. May his memory be eternal.
- Maria Giannaros *in loving memory of* her husband Mihail I. Giannaros, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Panai, Elaine, Kostas & Mihail Patiniotis *in loving memory of* father & pappou Mihail I. Giannaros, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Sam, Mary & George Tsakiris *in loving memory of* mother & grandmother Kalliopi Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Joanne Sitaras-Pantelides *in loving memory of* her late husband John Sitaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**40-Day Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Swiger will present their 1<sup>st</sup> child, a daughter, for the traditional 40-day Blessing. Please join me in prayer as we ask God to watch over and protect this family.

**Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* James Latgis, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago; Konstantine Agapaloglou, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Mihail I. Giannaros, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago; Kalliopi Theodore, who fell asleep in the Lord 18 years ago and John Sitaras, who fell asleep in the Lord 25 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Mary Antonas

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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.

## **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS DIVINE LITURGY**

Please join us on **Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** as we celebrate

The Dormition of the Theotokos. All are invited to attend.

Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202 to register.

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**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 86% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **August 16<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 goods 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, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am in the Boardroom. All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, or just want some good conversation.

**Library News:** Not working and you need something to read. Need to get away from the craziness of the world. Stop by the library and see what we have to offer. We are taking many precautions by wiping Books and DVD's when they are being checked out or checked in. Don't have time to visit the Library no problem, visit our Little Library. It is located right next to the mailbox you just take a book and give a book. If you don't have a book to give take one anyway, we have plenty to share.

**Parish Council Announces A New Ministry: Ushers.** Long before the Coronavirus pandemic upended so much of life as we know it, the Parish Council had been considering the formation of a ministry of ushers, parishioners who would be on hand to help with various duties for the Sunday Liturgy. With the Metropolis reopening guidelines to make church attendance safer, came the immediate need for more help to handle the extra tasks. Thank you to all who have stepped up to handle these duties during the past weeks after reopening. Most of you have been former Council members who already understand the importance of serving, but also realize that there are spiritual gifts that one receives when serving in this way. The Council is not looking for parishioners who would like to join this new ministry as ushers for Sunday Liturgy. While the immediate need is to get us through this time of safety precautions, having a permanent ministry of stewards serving on Sundays would have many benefits to the parish and to the individuals who participate. This new ministry is a way of turning the hardships of the past months into something positive and long-lasting for the glory of God. If you are interested in this ministry or have questions and/or suggestions, please contact Mary Triandafilou at 410.528.1589 or email at: [mtrianda28@gmail.com](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.

## 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>**.

**Hunger Knows No Season:** Philoptochos Food Drive ~ GEDCO, Baltimore Hunger Project & Veterans. Please consider donating for those less fortunate this year, donations can be placed in the Blue Bin near the bridge, we are also willing to pick-up items from your home. Items needed: canned soups, canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, ham), canned vegetables (sauerkraut, sweet potatoes, corn, carrots, spinach, green beans, peas, mixed veggies), spaghetti noodles & sauce, instant mash potatoes, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, pudding, cookies, protein bars, healthy drink bags, word find, sudoku and adult coloring books. Monetary donations also accepted: checks can be made payable to: Saint Demetrios Philoptochos (memo check as food drive). We are also collecting monetary donations for school supplies (memo check as school supplies). Please contact Mary Tsakiris 410.245.1291 / [tsakisa@comcast.net](mailto:tsakisa@comcast.net) or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 / [jbeleos@gmail.com](mailto:jbeleos@gmail.com). Thank you for your donations.

## 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	\$326,205	\$237,219	428
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$316,940	\$242,921	400

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm <i>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</i></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup></u></b> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm Book Knitting/Club, 9:00am</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup></u></b> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm <i>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</i></p> <p><b><u>Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup></u></b> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm <i>Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm</i></p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</i></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Crusader Kids Summer Program  
August 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Book / Knitting Club, 9:00am  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> ~ *Paraklesis Service, 6:00pm*  
August 15<sup>th</sup> ~ *Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy, 10:00am*