

August 30, 2020

12th Sunday of Matthew

The Epistle Reading is I Corinthians 15:1-11. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 19:16-26. These Readings may be found on pages 1318 and 1167 in the Holy Bible or on page 80-82 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

Today we remember Apodosis of the Beheading of the Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; Holy Fathers, Patriarchs of Constantinople: Alexander, Paul IV, and John; Phantinos and January, Martyrs.

The Altar Table Lamp is lit:

- *In loving memory of* Father Ernest Arambiges from his Presvytera Maria. May his memory be eternal.

The Vigil Lamp of the Iconostasion is lit:

- *In loving memory of* Father Ernest Arambiges from his children, Vivian, Craig & Renee. May his memory be eternal.
- *In loving memory of* Father Ernest Arambiges from the Maroulis family: George, Vivian, Christen and Stacy. May his memory be eternal.
- *In loving memory of* Father Ernest Arambiges from Renee Armabiges, “Nothing’s changed, just rearranged”. May his memory be eternal.
- *In loving memory of* Father Ernest Arambiges from the Newcomer family: Drew, Miriam, Joseph and Zoe. May his memory be eternal.
- *In loving memory of* Papou, Father Ernest Arambiges from Lauren and Melina Snoots. May his memory be eternal.
- *In loving memory of* Papou, Father Ernest Arambiges from Nicolas and Thomas Freeman. May his memory be eternal.
- Christopher and Helen Makres and family *in memory of* our beloved Father Ernest Arambiges, who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Gus Karayinopulos and family, Steven Karayinopulos and family, James Karayinopulos and family *in loving memory of* mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mary Karayinopulos who fell asleep in the Lord 40-days ago. May her memory be eternal.
- Don Brooks *in loving memory of* Michael Pulinas who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

The Memorial Service is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Mary Karayinopulos who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago and Father Ernest Arambiges who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago. May their memories be eternal

The Altar Bread was prepared by Ritsa Economakis

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.

Community Clean Up is scheduled for **Saturday, September 12th**. For more information please contact, Peter Georgelakos at 443-677-4707.

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 89% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **September 11th**. 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!

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.

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 is aware that the blue envelopes are designated specifically for Stewardship donations. Thank You.

The Book and Knitting Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th** at 9:00am in the Library. All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, or just want some good conversation.

Library News: Hard to believe that summer is almost over. This was a summer like no other. Events and vacations were canceled, but our faith in God should never be canceled. We have many books, CDs, DVDs to help you deal with what is going on in the world. Stop by and see what we have to offer. Don’t have time to visit the Library, no problem, visit the Little Library. It is right next to the mailbox you just take a book and give a book. Don’t have a book to spare just take one anyway.

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 now 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

Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new “Green Team”: Reuse, reduce and recycle has been the creed of environmentalists for many years. Each has its importance, but today, let’s talk about reuse. At last Saturday’s Philoptochos Biennial Convention, the presenter of “COVID”: What to Expect this Fall,” Ekaterina Gladysheva Kehl, MD, said that the single most helpful thing that we can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to wear a mask, outside as well as inside. She was asked about how many times disposable masks can be worn, and she said that, really, they are meant for one-time use. This means that there is now another source of waste and virus: disposable masks. They are seen dumped in the streets, on parking lots, and are becoming another reminder of the hard times we are living in. There is a solution, though, especially as the weather turns cooler: wear a washable cloth mask. Reusing masks helps the environment and, in this case, helps stop the spread of this disease. Mask up, Maryland! And make it a cloth one!

PHILOPTOCHOS

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 or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 / jbeleos@gmail.com. Thank you for your donations.

Save the date: Philoptochos Big Fat Greek Bingo . . . God willing, will be held on **Saturday, October 17th, 2020** at the Hermès Rafailides Hall. We will follow all COVID-19 guidelines to assure we all stay Healthy and Safe. Reserve your tables. Limited tickets available. Please contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291.

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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 Volakis at stintis@hotmail.com for any further information of details.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Pre-School & “Kindergarten” Registration now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year for Pre-School and a new “**KINDERGARTEN**” class. For more information please contact the Saint Demetrios Pre-School at 410.661.1090 ext. 204 or preschool2504@gmail.com.

GOYA NEWS

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.

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	\$329,616	\$244, 615	433
2020	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$321,515	\$255,455	407

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, August 31st</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Wednesday, September 2nd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Sunday, September 6th</u> <i>13th Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
<u>Tuesday, September 1st</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	<u>Thursday, September 3rd</u> Crusader Kids Summer Program 8:00am-5:00pm	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crusader Kids Summer Program, August 24th thru Sept 3rd
Memorial Sunday, September 13th
Food Festival, September 26th & 27th
Kids Clothing Exchange, October 6th thru 13th