

September 6, 2020

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

**The Epistle Reading** is I Corinthians 16:13-24. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 21:33-42. These Readings may be found on pages 1320 and 1169 in the Holy Bible or on page 84-86 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Commemoration of the Miracle in Chonai by the Archangel Michael; Andronikos, Martyr; Eudoxios, Zenon, and Makarios, Martyrs; Martyr Kalodote; Romylus, Martyr.

**The Altar Table Lamp 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 travels this Labor Day.

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

- The Saint Demetrios community *in memory of* our beloved stewards Bill Lericos and Katherine Strakes. *May their memories be eternal.*

**The Altar Bread was prepared by** Ritsa Economakis

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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.

Please join us on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** as we celebrate **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. All are invited to attend. Please call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202 to register.

**Community Clean Up** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 11<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!

**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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:mtrianda28@gmail.com)

**Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new “Green Team”:** Many of us have children doing virtual learning this year due to COVID-19, and though it will be online, you might still find that paper is a much needed commodity around the house. Students often need to print out pages, work out math problems or make drawings and show other work that might also need to be scanned back in for the teacher to review. Some children do better if the assignment is printed out and they can read it on paper before working with it online. If you have paper that has print on one side, consider saving it for your children to use as scrap paper for school notes, drawings, or for working out math problems before entering them online. You can also print on the unused side. This will help save paper and maximize its use. When you're done, you can shred it and use it as garden filler or in a compost, or you can simply recycle it.

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## **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](mailto:tsakisa@comcast.net) or Joanna Beleos 410.458.1547 / [jbeleos@gmail.com](mailto:jbeleos@gmail.com). Thank you for your donations.

**Back to School Supplies:** We will be collecting supplies for school. You can leave the supplies in the bin in the hall. If you can't buy anything you can make a monetary donation to St. Demetrios Philoptochos. Not coming to church no problem just call Mary Tsakiris at 410-245-1291 or Joanna Beleos at 410-458-1547 and we will come by your house and pick them up. Just leave it outside your door.

### **Supplies Needed:**

Boxes of Kleenex, scissors, Clorox Disinfecting wipes, Elmers Glue Stick, boxes of Ziplock brand storage bags, Dry Erase markers, Paper Mate pens, Paper Mate #2 Woodcase pencils with erasers, 12 pack, highlighters, back packs, pencil cases, lunch boxes, crayons, color pencils, folders, spiral notebook, loose leaf paper, loose leaf notebooks, pencil sharpener, feminine products

**Virtual Bags, Bling and Things Event** will take place on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00pm**. This will be live streamed through Facebook. You do not have to be online to win. Winners will be contacted by phone or email. For more information, please contact Mary Tsakiris 410-245-1291, Linda Goodman 410-615-5006, Presvytera Alice Noplos 410-817-9651 or the church office 410-661-1090.

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## **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 Volakis at [strintis@hotmail.com](mailto:strintis@hotmail.com) for any further information of details.

**Food Truck Friday's:** This Fall Saint Demetrios will be hosting rotating Food Trucks every Friday starting October 9<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. BYOBlanket and chairs. Social distancing and masks are required. For more information, contact Simone Volikas at [strintis@hotmail.com](mailto:strintis@hotmail.com) or [Facebook.com/SaintDemetriosBaltimore](https://www.facebook.com/SaintDemetriosBaltimore).

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## **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

**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](mailto:preschool2504@gmail.com).

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**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	\$330,216	\$249,340	434
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$321,615	\$256,785	407

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<p><b><u>Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Labor Day – Pre-School and Office Closed</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:30am (C)            Knitting Club 9:00am (L)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:30am (C)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>            Pre-School, 8:30am (C)</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <i>Sunday before Holy Cross</i>            Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am</p>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Memorial Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Divine Liturgy, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Food Extravaganza, September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Kids Clothing Exchange, October 6<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>