

**The Epistle Reading** is II Corinthians 6:1-10. The Gospel Reading is Luke 5:1-11. These Readings may be found on pages 1324 and 1207 in the Holy Bible or on page 89-90 and 94-95 in the Divine Liturgy Book.

**Today we remember** Martyr Kallistratos; Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon, and Markos, of the 70 Apostles; Neomartyr Akylina; Righteous Ignatios; Holymartyr Gregory the Enlightened, Bishop of Armenia.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit:**

- Father Lou & the Saint Demetrios Community *in honor of and with great appreciation for* Cathy Xanthakos, our Festival Committee & our volunteers, who are giving their time and talent to make the Food Extravaganza a success. May God grant them many years to continue to serve the Church.

**The Vigil Lamp is lit:**

- Father Lou & the Office Staff *in honor of* the many volunteers who lend their time to help prepare the mass mailings to our Saint Demetrios Stewards.

**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.

**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 91% of the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Thank you! We continue to make progress! We ask that all remaining pledge cards be submitted by **September 30<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!

**Stewardship:** Our 2021 Stewardship drive is upon us, and soon you will receive your pledge card for your 2021 commitment. Our financial security is dependent upon Stewardship, and we ask that you carefully consider your 2021 pledge. Our ultimate goal is to support 100% of our operating budget through Stewardship. Won't you do all you can to bring this goal to fruition? Please strive to submit your 2021 commitment prior to the close of 2020. Let's start 2021 strong!

**Parish Assembly:** A Parish Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> after liturgy** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Please remember that a quorum of forty (40) Stewards in good standing is required. Voting privileges will be extended to those who are fulfilling their 2020 Stewardship commitment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. As Stewards of our parish, your attendance and participation in our Parish Assembly Meeting is essential to the future growth and direction of our Parish.

**GOYA Registration.** It's that time again!! Working with Father Lou & Presvytera Alice we have come up with a no contact social distancing plan for our new GOYA year! Because of COVID-19, we have set up online registration which will be emailed to the community and will be available on our church website. Our 1st GOYA meeting will be Sunday, October 4th at 1pm. Please register before then. We look forward to another year of bringing the 'youth of our community' together in Christian fellowship again this year!

**NOTE\*\*** The following criteria must be met before continuing with the registration:

GOYAN must be a teenager (13-18 years old) who is in the 7th – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, or is at least 12 years old on or before September 1st of this year and in the 7th grade and whose *parents are members in good standing at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.*

**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)

**Library News:** Even though we are limited with what we can do, we are a busy ministry. The Library has over 4,000 books. We have books for all ages. We have Greek Books and CDs available, please stop by to see what we have to offer. Arrangements can be made during the week, before or after church service.

If you do not have time to visit the Library, check out the 'Little Library' right next to the mailbox. Take a book and give a book. If you don't have a book, no problem, take one anyway, we have plenty.

**The Book and Knitting Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am in the Library. All are welcome whether you knit, crochet, or just want some good conversation.

**Protecting Our Earth ~ Saint Demetrios new "Green Team":** Do you have old electronics sitting around? Don't know what to do with them? You can e-Cycle them in Maryland! This includes tvs, cell phones, computers and more, and it is free! The State of Maryland has partnered with many manufacturers such as Apple, Epson, IBM and stores like Best Buy and Staples, as well as counties to offer recycling solutions. Google Maryland eCycling and the resource page will come up. You can search by county for drop off locations or by device. It is a great way to reduce waste, toxics (lead, mercury and arsenic) entering the waste stream from these devices, save landfill space, conserve natural resources, and reduce the rate of electronic waste generated each year!

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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)

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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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## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Starting September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Pre-School will be hosting a **Joe Corbi’s fundraiser**. To support this event, go to the Joe Corbi’s website: [www.joecorbi.com](http://www.joecorbi.com), click Participant Registration, click Register NOW. Use the Organization Code #9298. Orders must be picked on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30pm -5:30pm at the Pre-School.

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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.

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## 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	\$340,312	\$266,238	447
<b>2020</b>	\$380,000	\$682,704	\$327,105	\$274,339	413

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

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am (C)	<b><u>Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am (C)	<b><u>Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup></u></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke</i> Orthros, 9:00am Divine Liturgy, 10:00am GOYA Virtual Meeting, 1pm
<b><u>Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am (C)	<b><u>Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am (C)	
	<b><u>Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b> Pre-School, 8:30am (C)	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Clothing Exchange, October 6<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>  
Food Truck Friday's, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
Virtual Bags, Bling and Things Event, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
General Assembly Meeting – October 18<sup>th</sup>