



# THE VINE

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 57 BROWN STREET, WESTON, MA 02493

Jesus said,  
"I am the vine;  
you are the  
branches.  
If a man remains  
in me and I in him,  
he will bear  
much fruit."  
(John 15:5)

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FR. NICK'S MESSAGE

In Appreciation

*Dear Parishioners,*  
*As we begin a new year, a year filled with anticipation and promise, I wanted to personally thank you for your stewardship offering to Saint Demetrios. Your generous gifts are vital to our parish's commitment to implement Christ's work and His commandments of love and service.*

*Each commitment given in time, talent and treasure is an expression of gratitude for God's blessings we have received. This in return is used for the many ministries of the Church, to sanctify and bring the message of hope and salvation to ourselves as well as others.*

*Often, we see and measure success in worldly terms—even for our Church: budgets, bottom lines and comparisons between robust and lean years. There are other ways to measure and see God's hand in our lives that do not appear on spreadsheets. Among these are the people who are healed, touched and enriched by hearing God's word. They include those who faithfully receive the Sacraments often and are living witnesses to everyday miracles that transform and heal lives through Christ's message. There are other benefits we have received through our Church. Among them: the gift of fellowship and friendship, of belonging to a spiritual family when our family may be far away or no longer with us, the education of our children and the preservation of our Christian values and faith, to name but a few. In short, we are blessed to belong to a Church family such as Saint Demetrios that enriches our lives, celebrates the sacred events of time, rejoices with our achievements and is by our side in times of difficulty and loss.*

*Your continued support of Christ and His ministries does all the above and more, and we are grateful for your love. Please continue to support Saint Demetrios through your stewardship of time, talent and treasure, especially during these difficult times, as we continue to "Build On Our Faith." Be assured that your sacred gifts are much appreciated and needed as we are there to serve your spiritual needs of today and safeguard our precious Orthodox faith for tomorrow.*

*Together we will grow and succeed—but especially in spirit, as we strive to come closer to God, our Father, and toward one another.*

*Wishing you a blessed New Year.*

*With love in the Lord,  
Fr. Nick*



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## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### RECENT BUILDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Leading up to the Christmas holiday for the Finance Committee had been a particularly busy and rewarding time. We are happy to report that an additional \$800,000 has been pledged and we are now at \$3.4 million with \$1.8 million received. Now that all our parishioners have returned, and in many

cases the children are safely back to school, please be prepared to receive initial and in some cases follow up calls from members of this committee and me. We look forward to working with you to share the details and excitement and to answer your questions associated with the development of our new St. Demetrios Church.

Your Development Committee, responsible for the design and construction of our new church building, has been extremely busy, even working through the holidays. Among the most pressing activities have been the refinements to the design of our architect, a finalization of the temporary worship space design, and the establishment and execution of a selection process adopted to yield the best construction manager. This company is required to work in harmony with the committee and the designer to produce our project on time and on budget. Once again the Development Committee has gone far above the normal expected levels of commitment for the good of the project. Tom Gatzunis and his group of parishioners have set in motion a selection process that involved weeks of volunteer time, intelligence, knowledge and hard work. I cannot tell you how proud I am of their selfless professional approach. We hope to have an announcement soon for the entire parish.

Have you visited [www.stdemetriosweston.org](http://www.stdemetriosweston.org) recently? Your Communications Committee, having designed and completed the superb brochure and other printed material you received before the holidays, has now begun to focus on our website which already has some links to the building project, but soon will be a source of much more information. When we commence construction, updates will be available and we plan to install several webcams, enabling you to log in and view construction progress. Keep an eye on this page for continuing announcements on progress in all these areas and more.

Don't forget—we need your help! Please respond to our calls for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a church that will serve many generations to come!

—Peter Bassett



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Chris Pappas, Parish Council President  
Eugenia Kourlos, Philoptochos President

Bookstore, Carol Loridas

Choir, Gregory Condakes

Fifty-Something Club, Portia Pantages

Faith and Works Ministries

A Suitable Image, Nancy Savage

Brown Bag Sunday, Lydia Santangelo

Habitat for Humanity, Elaine Fischer

Helping Hands, Kathy Bakes

St. Nicholas Angel Tree, Nancy Savage

Hospitality/Fellowship Hour, Mary Ellen Paravalos

Library, Cindy Dabrowski

Orthodox Life Series, James Skedros

Outreach and Evangelism, Peter Gavrilles, Chris Resmini

Philoptochos Care Ministries

Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody

Miracle Kitchen, Dorothea Ocnos

Prayer-Shawl, Tilda Mitsakos

Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis

Prosfora Ministry, Christina Booth Steele

Senior Guild, Tina Haratsis

Stewardship, Dean Coclin

#### YOUTH

Altar Service, Chris Kourlos

Basketball, Matt Little

Church School, Stavroula Gurguliatos

Church School Outreach, Gloria Moskos

Church School Music Director, Jane Kourtis

GOYA, Alexey and Stephanie Petrides

Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers Galatano

Greek Language School, Avra Parpos

HOPE, Donna Markis, Stacy Katsikaris

JOY, Jill Kovatsis

OCF, Peter Gavrilles, Chris Resmini





## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! On behalf of our Church School teachers, please join us in making the resolution to be on time for Church every Sunday!

- February (All)** Third Grade bulletin board display
- February 6** Church School Classes; Church School Staff Meeting 11:45 am
- February 13** Triodion Begins
- February 20** Church School Classes
- February 27** Church School Classes; Meatfare Sunday

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Godparents' Sunday January 30:** Please invite your child/children's Godparents to come with you to Church on the 30th. This is an opportunity for our students to come to Church School classes with their Godparents and have fellowship with each other, strengthening their special bond.



**Church School Outreach: Sock It To Me!** Anthony Houhoulis, Church School Student Outreach Coordinator, announces our February outreach. The St. Demetrios Church School students ask you to remember the less fortunate by participating in our "Sock it to me" sock drive. Throughout February, please

bring in a new pair of socks (all sizes are needed). We will donate them to the Salvation Army, and socks are the number one most-requested item at homeless shelters. Help us to keep the young, and old, warmer and more comfortable this winter!

Church School Director Stavroula Gurguliatos may be contacted at [StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net](mailto:StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net).

### GREEK DANCING



Sundays 11:45 – 12:45  
Feb. 13, 27

Grades 3 – 6. All welcome to join us in learning and fun! Contact Margaret Talmers at: [margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com) or 617-323-4752.

### ALTAR SERVERS ANTICIPATE HOLY & GREAT LENT



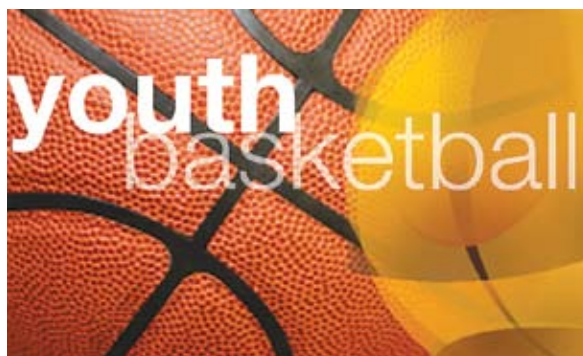
The Lenten season is upon us, and it is more important than ever for our boys to arrive in a timely manner on their assigned Sunday. Our boys should be in the Altar by 9:20 am, giving them enough time to receive a blessing from our priests and vest. Contact Altar leader Chris Kourlos with questions: (508.380.8220; [kourkat@comcast.net](mailto:kourkat@comcast.net)).

#### ST. LAWRENCE: February 13, 27

*Captain: Tom Resmini, Vice-Captain: Jason Theoharis*  
Walker Littlehale, Kosta Pappas, Alex Santangelo, Nick Spinale

#### ST. STEPHEN: February 6, 20

*Captain: Lee Condakes, Vice Captains: Anthony Chirban & Luke Pashos*  
Alex Camp, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis, Anthony Houhoulis



### A GREAT SEASON CONCLUDES

Our 2010/11 season saw remarkable growth in our players—their budding talent and sense of teamwork have been evident to all. This is in no small way connected to the dedication, kindness and caring of their coaches. All of our children and parents are thankful to our coaches for all they've done. We wish them all the best in their final games and during the playoffs!

#### Practice Schedule:

**Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23\***

**Jr. JOY: 6 – 7 pm**

**JOY: 7 – 8**

*\* Optional "shoot-around" night during school vacation, 6–8 pm*

#### Contact:

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## Calling all St. Demetrios youth to the first GOD-GIVEN GIFTS TALENT SHOW

**March 4 (during Family Night), 6 pm**

Our Goyans are organizing an evening to showcase the many talents that the Good Lord has showered upon the younger members of our parish. If you are good at telling jokes, doing magic tricks, performing a piano or guitar solo, or performing a duet with a buddy, come share these or any other gifts you possess with your brothers and sisters in faith.

We are anticipating a rush of genius, so please sign up early. Only the first 25 acts can be accommodated because of time constraints.

If you are interested in signing up, please email the following information to [nancyasavage@gmail.com](mailto:nancyasavage@gmail.com): name; parents' names; home/cell phone info; and email address. Now get practicing your act!

### OCF: CONNECTING WITH REGIS COLLEGE

Our OCF students came together last month for a fun dinner and meaningful Vasilopita celebration. New friends from Regis College joined us and have committed to building an OCF on campus, and plans are being made for a Vespers service there on Feb. 2. All of our students will be supporting the "Souper" Bowl Sunday event on Feb. 6 and will look forward to more great events throughout the winter and spring. Please contact us to connect or for details on upcoming events: Peter Gavrilles ([peteg429@hotmail.com](mailto:peteg429@hotmail.com)); Alexis Zallas ([azall596@regiscollege.edu](mailto:azall596@regiscollege.edu)); Chris Resmini ([chrisresmini@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisresmini@hotmail.com)).

### GOYA

All GOYAns are invited to join us on Feb. 4 for Family Night, as well as the 13th, following Liturgy, for our monthly general assembly in the library (treats provided!). Also, don't forget MBC Winter GOYA and Family Camp! We can all sign up now at [metropolis@boston.goarch.org](mailto:metropolis@boston.goarch.org). Finally, Cross-Road applications are now available at [crossroad.hchc.edu](http://crossroad.hchc.edu). This program is amazing and truly helps us prepare for what comes after high school. See you all on the 4th and 13th!

### HOPE, JOY & GOYA:

#### Family Movie Night Feb. 4, 6 pm

We welcome our children and families to another wonderful year of our ministry! On the 4th, we'll take a break from our usual potluck routine and enjoy a pizza dinner, popcorn and treats! Then we'll enjoy Toy Story 3 on the "mega-screen" in the parish hall. We'll also take some time to decorate the "Souper Pot," just in time for our Souper Bowl Sunday outreach on Feb. 6. Please bring the following with you on the 4th:

- \$10 (per family) pizza donation
- 2 bags of candy to share (no nuts, please)
- Sleeping bags, pillows and other items for your children's comfort

Also, don't forget to save the date of our next Family Night and the big talent show: March 4!

#### HOPE (K-2nd)

Donna Markis: [dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us](mailto:dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us) or  
Stacy Katsikaris: [stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net](mailto:stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net)

#### JOY (3rd-6th)



#### GOYA Winter Camp February 18-21

(ages 12-18)

#### MBC Family Winter Camp February 25-27

(children of all ages AND  
parents)

Lent is almost here!

Our Metropolis winter camping programs represent good opportunities for our children not only to renew vital friendships but also to spend quiet time in reflection on this most holy time of year. Please contact the Metropolis to register: 617.277.4742; [metropolis@boston.goarch.org](mailto:metropolis@boston.goarch.org).

## 2011 CrossRoad Applications Available!

High school juniors and seniors—before you decide what to do with the rest of your life, decide what to do with your summer! CrossRoad, now in its 8th year, provides a remarkable summer program designed to help young men and women discern their life callings and match their God-given gifts with the needs of the world. Application deadline is March 1. Download an application at [crossroad.hchc.edu](http://crossroad.hchc.edu) or call 617.850.1310.



## Valentine's Day Craft Idea: Teaching God's Love



Give each child a wire hanger, five pieces of yarn, a pen, and five hearts cut out of paper. On each heart, have them write somebody's name that they love. Let them attach the hearts to the string, and then tie the

string on the hanger to make a mobile. Talk with them about why they love each person listed on their mobiles. When everyone is done, have each child also think of one person that might be difficult to love. Now guide the children to take turns praying for everyone listed on the 5 hearts. Also, a final prayer should be said for that "hard-to-love-person," focusing on forgiveness, hope and the ability to see everyone in our lives as children of God—just the way He sees us all!

## 19th Annual Peter Agris Memorial Scholarship Program

Journalism and communications majors at the graduate and undergraduate level, who are of Greek American heritage, may apply for annual scholarships given in the amount of \$5,000 in memory of Peter Agris, the late founder and publisher of The Hellenic Chronicle and longtime parishioner. The non-renewable grants have been offered by the Alpha Omega Council of New England and the Agris family for the last 18 years.

Candidates may download an application on the Alpha Omega Council's website at [www.alphaomegacouncil.com](http://www.alphaomegacouncil.com); or may write to The Peter Agris Memorial Scholarships Committee, c/o Nancy Agris Savage, 9 Nonesuch Drive, Natick, MA 01760. Questions may be directed to [nancysavage@gmail.com](mailto:nancysavage@gmail.com).

Applications, transcripts, any published works and the required essay must be returned by email to Nancy Savage no later than March 1, 2011.

## LOVE IN CHRIST

*On Valentine's Day,  
I think of my Christian brothers and sisters  
with love...*



*hoping to help,  
hoping to encourage,  
hoping to serve,  
as Jesus commanded.*

*I want you to know  
that I am thinking of you,  
and I want you to call on me  
for help, encouragement and service  
whenever you need me.*

*On Valentine's Day,  
I send my love in Christ.*

—Joanna Fuchs

## THE PROPHET ZACHARIAH Commemorated February 8



In the history of the Jewish people, decades and generations were spent in captivity by the Babylonians. The Prophet Zachariah was born in Babylon during the close of the captivity and spent the last years of his life in Judah, prophesying, teaching and helping rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. His name means "he whom God remembers." His prophecies not only foretold immediate events in the lives of his people, but also of Christ: His coming in humility, his rejection and betrayal, His reign, and establishment of peace.

***Making it real. We often overlook prophetic books from the Old Testament. Perhaps they seem too long and difficult—or just seem irrelevant. If we take the time, though, to read the 6 or 7 pages of the Book of Zachariah, we'll quickly come to realize just how accessible, powerful and relevant the prophets are. Line after poetic line speaks of the importance of God in our lives: as moral compass, as compassionate Father, as hope of the hopeless, as loving Savior. Read his book and isolate a few brief, favorite quotes; then post them on your refrigerator. They'll help you, and your children and grandchildren, commit holy scripture to memory, as well as offer inspiration and strength throughout the day.***



## Gingerbread House Making



## Greek School Christmas Party



## Christmas Pageant





# CALENDAR

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> <b>Three Hierarchs</b> Godparent Sunday	<b>31</b>	<b>FEB. 1</b> Prayer Shawl Knitting, 1-3 pm Greek School, 4-6	<b>2</b> <b>Presentation of Our Lord</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Basketball, 6 & 7 pm OCF Vespers at Regis, 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> GOYA/HOPE/JOY Family Movie Night, 6 pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Sun. of the Canaanite Woman</b> "Souper" Bowl Sunday Church School Staff Meeting General Assembly	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Prophet Zachariah</b> EPOCH Outreach, 10:30 am Greek School, 4-6	<b>9</b> Basketball, 6 & 7 pm Parish Council meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos board meeting, 7:30	<b>10</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee</b> Brown Bag Blitz GOYA Meeting Greek Dancing Orthodox Life	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prayer Shawl Knitting, 1-3 pm Greek School, 4-6	<b>16</b> Basketball, 6 & 7 pm	<b>17</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>18</b> GOYA Winter Camp begins	<b>19</b> Hellenic Nursing Home, 2-3:30 pm
<b>20</b> <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b> Orthodox Life	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Basketball "Shoot-around," 6-8 pm	<b>24</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm MBC Family Winter Camp Begins	<b>26</b> <b>1st Saturday of Souls</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am
<b>27</b> <b>Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)</b> Greek Dancing	<b>28</b>					



# STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS



*Thank you to the women of our parish who baked Vasilopitas for the reception in January. A special thank you to Chris Tzellas for baking the beautiful Church Vasilopita.*

## PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES:

**2011 Membership.** The 2011 Philoptochos stewardship information has been mailed to our parishioners. Every woman in our parish is encouraged to become a member of Philoptochos. Members will benefit by becoming a part of a group of committed woman who give their time, talent and love to many outstanding ministries on the local, Metropolis and national level. Most importantly, becoming a member will provide you with many rewards including fellowship, sisterhood, and enrichment in your life. Please complete the form you received in the mail with your stewardship information packet. While your pledge is stewardship, please remember that \$15.00 of your pledge is sent to the National Philoptochos Society and \$5.00 to the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos Society. Once those obligations are fulfilled all monies will be used for philanthropic commitments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Toyias, Membership Chair, at [lat09@yahoo.com](mailto:lat09@yahoo.com)/617-244-4442; or Eugenia Kourlos, President at [kourkat@comcast.net](mailto:kourkat@comcast.net)/508-881-2409. Thank you for your continued support of Philoptochos.

## February's National Philoptochos Society Commitment:

**Autism Assistance Fund:** Autism is a complex, life-long, neurological disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and this disorder is diagnosed in one out of 150 children in the United States. Only six states mandate that the costs associated with the treatment and therapy of autism spectrum disorders be covered by health care insurance, leaving families to individually address devastating financial burdens. This fund will heighten awareness of autism and provide assistance and support to persons within the autism spectrum.



**St. Photios Shrine:** In 1965, the Archdiocese purchased the Avero house in historic Saint Augustine, Florida to commemorate the arrival of the first Greek settlers to the New World in 1768. The Philoptochos has continued to provide financial assistance towards the preservation of this national shrine.



## PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING

February 9, 7:30 pm

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our 2010 Stewardship numbers are still being tallied but as of mid January, we finished the year with total collections of \$475,137. In addition, we received \$17,871 from our Thanksgiving appeal. While this is slightly below last year's figures, we are ahead of where we finished in 2008. A flurry of last minute donations at the end of December came in via check, credit card and online donations. We thank our Stewards who responded to our Thanksgiving appeal which helped close our financial gap.

If you haven't yet visited the Stewardship section of our website, you will find a convenient way to process your donation online. Just go to [www.stdemetriosweston.org/stewardship](http://www.stdemetriosweston.org/stewardship) and click on "Give Now." You can use either your bank account or credit card to process a one-time transaction or set up a recurring donation. It's simple, fast and convenient. No need to write checks, turn in envelopes or mail anything.

2011 is off to a great start with 237 pledge cards received totaling \$234,671. In addition, 64 people have donated \$7,347. If you have not yet submitted your pledge card, please send it in as soon as possible. Additional cards are available in the Church office. Please consider increasing your pledge, even just a small amount, every year to help the Church with its ministries and expenses.

**Dean Coclin**  
**Stewardship Chairman**



## NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AT ST. DEMETRIOS

#### PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FEB 6

**FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY:** All stewards of our parish are invited and encouraged to join us for this vital meeting! Our parish assemblies are never complete without your presence and input. Please stay with us on the 6th!

**THE FIFTY-SOMETHING CLUB:** Happy Valentine's Day to one and all—and hopefully a snowless month. In the spring, we will have a function and the announcement will be in the March *Vine*. Keep well, take care, and see you soon!

#### SENIOR GUILD LUNCHEON ON MARCH 25:

On the 25th we'll welcome back all our Senior Guild members, celebrating the great feast of the Annunciation. Lunch will be served. Please join us.

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS NEEDED:

All supplies are provided. Please contact co-coordinators Mary Ellen Paravalos (781.349.8077) and Julie Kavas (781.762.1647). Thank you!

*"All, everything that I understand,  
I understand only because I love."*

—Leo Tolstoy

### Senior Guild outing to the Sherborn Inn



### Welcome Roman Emanuel Chetsas!



On Feb. 20 immediately following Divine Liturgy, Roman Emanuel Chetsas will be "Churched" at St. Demetrios. Fr. Alex and Presv. Brandy would be honored to have all of us join them for this brief but meaningful service.

### ADULT EDUCATION

#### ORTHODOX LIFE MINISTRY

##### Orthodox Life Series: Feb. 13 & 20

Join us Sundays this month for the continuation of our "Architecture of Faith" series. On the 13th, Dr. Jim Skedros will once again address us in the Church following Liturgy, along with a 30 minute follow-up presentation during Fellowship Hour. On the 20th, he'll wrap up the series, again, with a 30 minute session during Fellowship Hour. Look for our Lenten offering on "A Life of Prayer" throughout March & April. Details to follow. As always, for all of our Orthodox Life offerings, no prior Biblical experience is necessary, and all are welcome to join us!

##### Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat Planned for March 5

Holy and Great Lent begins March 7. To grow closer to our Lord during this time, and to pursue honest growth in our spiritual lives, it's important for us all to seek a quiet time for reflection and prayer. To help us all in this holy task, in coordination with OCMC and our own St. Demetrios Retreat Committee, we are pleased to host a day retreat on Saturday the 5th: "Who Is My Neighbor: Seeking Christ at Every Turn." The day will begin with worship (2nd Saturday of Souls/Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 am) and a light lunch, leading to a presentation from a special guest speaker and mini-sessions led by OCMC members. The retreat will conclude at 4 pm with a final group reflection. All are invited—including our sister parishes throughout the area. Suggested donation: \$20. To pre-register, contact Cindi Dabrowski at 508.881.6598. Hope to see everyone there!



# MEDIA, WITNESS AND OUTREACH



## "TEAM KALIOPE" WALKS FOR THE CURE APRIL 10!



In 2006, now 30 year old Caroline Kyriakou, a lifelong member of St. Demetrios, was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. In an effort to find a cure she has put together "Team Kaliope" for the Boston MS Walk, for the third year in a row. Caroline has taken steps to raise MS awareness by participating in a video for the 2010 National MS Awareness week and was featured in an interview on the FOX morning show for World MS Day on May 26, 2010. She is asking for our help in raising funds for the 2011 walk. Please make a tax deductible donation by going to her personal homepage: <http://main.nationalms-society.org/goto/Kaliope>; or by sending a check made out to the National MS Society directly to her: Caroline Kyriakou, 1940 Commonwealth Ave #23, Brighton, MA 02135.

## ST. DEMETRIOS BOOKSTORE



### Library Committee: Book of the Month:

***Orthodox Perspectives on Pastoral Praxis***, By Theodore Stylianopoulos (Catalog "I" & Recommendation Shelf)

A collection of various papers featuring a historical reflection on the founding and mission of Holy Cross, Orthodoxy in America, pastoral care and education, the place of women in the Church, the question of divergent practices of receiving converts, and monasticism. Contributors include Alkiviadis Calivas, Stanley Harakas, Kyriaki Fitzgerald, Lewis Patsavos, and Mother Alexandra. Come and visit our library soon and check us out.

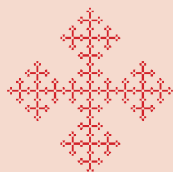
## THE VINE: ONLINE DELIVERY IS HERE!

*The Vine* is available each month at [www.stdemetriosweston.org](http://www.stdemetriosweston.org), along with our weekly bulletin, calendar, photo galleries, You Tube page and so much more. Our parish will be making the transition to electronic delivery of *The Vine* as of March. If our office already has your email, and you are currently receiving our weekly e-mails and other communications, you don't need to do a thing. If we don't have your email, please sign up in the foyer or contact the office, so we can make sure you receive a monthly alert when *The Vine* is ready and posted. Each month, hard-copies will also be available in the Narthex and office for those without access to a computer. To remain on our hard-copy mailing list, simply contact the office.

Remember, by committing to *The Vine* online, we can....

- Bring *The Vine* to you more quickly each month
- Conserve substantial and much-needed financial resources
- Offer us all an efficient way to archive each issue for future use
- Be better stewards of Creation

## PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION



### EPOCH OUTREACH: FEBRUARY 8 AT 10:30 AM

Join us for a visit as we approach the holy Lenten season! Contact Fr. Alex for details.

### BROWN BAG MINISTRY IN FEB/MARCH: ST. BRIDGET'S FOOD PANTRY

St. Bridget's is a ministry of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Allston. In response to the great need surrounding the Church, dedicated parishioners have been serving free home cooked meals every Monday night since 1988. Any and all non-perishable goods are welcome for this drive. Thanks to all for your generosity! Filled bags may be dropped at the front/rear entrances of the Church building. Contact Lydia Santangelo: [lydiaeventsplst@aol.com](mailto:lydiaeventsplst@aol.com).



### "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY IS FEB. 6

Please support our youth in this important outreach event by contributing generously to the "Souper Pot" on the 6th. Thanks to all for their generosity and love.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BAPTISMS

The daughter of Ari and Ashley Haseotes was baptized on Saturday, December 18, and named **Zoe Appollonia**. The sponsors were Vasilios Haseotes and Tiffany Haseotes.

*May God bless them  
with His divine grace!*

## FUNERALS

**Aspasia Faltas** of Medfield, December 19.  
**Nicholas Beldekas** of Wellesley, December 29.  
**Charles Saraglow** of Sudbury, January 13.

*May their memory be eternal!*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Sunday, January 16**

The family of Athena Padis

**Sunday, January 30**

The family of Harry Rodes



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Important St. Demetrios events:**

**February 26:**

1st Saturday of Souls

**March 5:**

Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat

**March 7:**

Clean Monday

**March 26:**

Quiltathon

**April 8:**

Akathist Hymn

**April 16:**

Saturday of Lazarus Event

**April 22:**

Holy Friday Parish Retreat

**REMEMBER: ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF THE VINE BEGINS IN MARCH!**



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