

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

Faith Without Works Is Dead

Dear Parishioners,

As the fall embraces our part of the world, we begin to return to familiar patterns and schedules. Among them is our return to Church, coming to the Liturgy, to worship and to again deepen and fortify our faith. We all acknowledge the importance of faith yet our world often weakens our resolve to "stay the course" and the obvious "works of faith" that should accompany our daily journey. Many of us believe that we do have faith and that in the end, this will be enough for our salvation. We should be reminded of St. James' response "even the demons believe and shudder. Faith without works is dead." James 2:17-19

I share with you these few lines from a great father and teacher, St. Maximus the Confessor, on this theme of faith and works:

"How can we speak of having faith in God and believing what he promises about the future when we do not even believe what he teaches us about the present, about our existence in time?"

We have been ensnared by earthly things and we live absorbed in the flesh which makes war on the spirit.

True faith in Christ is what they had who welcomed the whole of it into their lives by means of the practical fulfillment of the commandments, saying in effect: ' I live, yes, but it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.' (Gal. 2:20)

In essence, our faith is depended and strengthened by our actions and our daily "good" works. It is the "litmus test" whether we belong to Christ or not. Our Church, our St. Demetrios family, offers us the opportunity to worship God and express and experience our Orthodox faith. Also, through its many ministries, the Church encourages us to participate through faithful "work" that touch people's lives and move us to Christian action.

Let us cultivate our faith by incorporating works that are pleasing to God and that confirm Christ's love for each of us. Let us collectively offer our time, talent and treasure to assist one another in living out our lives in faith and by our actions say "... it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me ..." (Gal. 2:20)

*With Love in the Lord,
Fr. Nick*



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

ORTHOS, 8:30; DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30

October 2
2nd Sunday of Luke

October 9
3rd Sunday of Luke

October 16
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

October 23
6th Sunday of Luke

October 30
5th Sunday of Luke

MIDWEEK SERVICES

ORTHOS, 9:00; DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30

Thursday, October 6
St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 18
St. Luke

Wednesday, October 26
St. Demetrios

VESPERS, 7 PM

Tuesday, October 25
at St. Demetrios, Weston

ST. DEMETRIOS THE GREAT MARTYR: TRULY GREAT



St. Demetrios is, of course, the patron saint of our Church. Throughout the year we gather together as a Church family and, encouraged by his inspirational story, we strive to live as he did: a Christ-centered life.

Only a small number of saints are called “Great” in our Orthodox Church. Even fewer are known as “Great Martyrs.” St. Demetrios is one of these few given this honor and distinction by the Church. While many know about his life, to draw closer to him and what he means to us all, it is important to relive and remember his life.

St. Demetrios died for his faith during the violent persecutions of the Emperor Diocetian, in the year 306. Demetrios was a soldier in the Roman Army, and he was also a skilled orator and leader. More important, he was a Christian in a time when those who believed in Christ were hounded by pagan rulers and killed for their faith. Demetrios was named to a governmental position as consul of Thessalonika, but instead of persecuting the Christians there, he preached to them and guided them.

It wasn't long before the emperor heard of strong faith and commitment to ministry, and he ordered him arrested and imprisoned. While there, he urged a young Christian named Nestor to engage in combat with a famous gladiator, who had murdered many a believer in the amphitheater over the years. This time, the gladiator was overwhelmed by the much smaller Nestor, who prayed with St. Demetrios who called upon God for strength in battle.

Humiliated over Nestor's spiritual and physical victory, the emperor soon after ordered Nestor and Demetrios executed.

A church was built over the remains of St. Demetrios at Thessalonika and devotion to him spread far and wide. This early church was destroyed by fire in the 7th century and was replaced by another edifice, adorned with Byzantine-style mosaics.

Icons of St. Demetrios depict the saint in a number of ways: often as a young soldier with a lance and shield; a victorious soldier upon a horse; as a deacon; and other times as a protector of children. He is profoundly revered in Europe and his feastday is commemorated with great festivity in Thessalonika.

As his feast approaches on Oct. 26, we pray that the faithful of our parish are inspired by his holy life—his strong faith, compassion, courage and fortitude. A blessed feast to our entire St. Demetrios family!

PRAYING THE BIBLE



“Orthodox Christians are not merely to read the Bible; we are also to pray the Bible. . . . The prayers of the Liturgy are full of biblical imagery and shot through with hundreds of biblical quotes.

In fact, the late French Orthodox theologian, Paul Evdokimov (1902 – 1970), once calculated that there are 98 quotations from the Old Testament and 114 quotations from the New Testament woven into the prayers of the Liturgy. The language of the Liturgy is the language of the Bible! To come to the Liturgy attentively is to learn to pray the Bible!” —Krantz, *Guide to the Divine Liturgy*, pgs. 81 - 82

AUTUMN



“Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile.” —William Cullen Bryant

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” —Albert Camus

“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.” —Emily Bronte

“I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house.” —Nathaniel Hawthorne



BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

Welcome back St. Demetrios parishioners! Although we saw one another from time to time over the summer, seeing the huge turnout in our new temporary worship space on the first day of Church was so heartwarming.

Even though the Building Committee was reasonably certain the parish would feel comfortable in the “new” Sanctuary space that will accommodate us for the next

year and a half, we were not ready for the number of outright compliments on a “job well done.”

You will also notice the new function room that occupies the area formerly used for storage and miscellaneous offices. The parish’s ability to gather for coffee, functions and other activities is essential to our community’s way of life. New church

administrative offices have been built on the second floor and a full access ramp has been built to provide access to all from the parking lot.

In order to accomplish all these tasks, public hearings have been scheduled and votes successfully obtained, building permits have been negotiated and are in hand. We are happy to report that construction financing has been negotiated and closed.

We want to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of the building committee to all those that came to help us in the actual move to the new worship space. Thanks to everyone’s help,

the savings were significant, but the renewal of spirit was even more important. Each volunteer understood the importance of TIMING!

Because in only one week we had to move our sacred place of worship, we had to make certain that the seasonal activities of the church were completed and in summer schedule. This meant that the move would have to be in a very short calendar window. In an orderly and non-stop manner, the job was executed like clockwork. Again, THANK YOU volunteers.

With the old sanctuary then vacant, and with planning on the new building continuing, subcontractor bids for the demolition and preliminary site work showed some prices as below our budget. To take advantage of this advantageous pricing, and to spare the expense of making the old sanctuary secure, we proceeded with this phase of work.

Currently the subcontractor bids we have received are good, but some are over budget for some particular categories of work. The Building Committee has many alternative methods to bring those bids in line with the budget, but the focus now is in producing new subcontractor bids from new participants. The response will be available to us in the weeks to come. Stand by!

—Peter Bassett

For a more detailed article, visit www.stdemetriosweston.org.



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Choir, Chris Tzellas, Athena Marken, Jeannie Leussis
Fifty-Something Club, Phil & Sandi Chomo
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, Cindi Dabrowski
Orthodox Life Series, James Skedros
Outreach and Evangelism, Stacey Kalivas
Philoptochos Care Ministries

Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody
Miracle Kitchen, Dorothea Ocnos
Prayer-Shawl, Tilda Mitsakos
Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis

Prosfora Ministry, Fr. Nick Krommydas
Senior Guild, Artemis Martakis
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, Fr. Alex Chetsas



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to St. Demetrios Church School! We are all committed to do our best to bring our youth to Christ, in a nurturing, calm, respectful and playful environment. We are trying to be good role models for our students, reaching their hearts, while we bring to reality the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, art, music, reading, writing, discussing, outreach and stewardship, we learn about our Christian faith.

Please take an interest in what your children are being taught in Church School. Ask and discuss with them what they learned. Try to incorporate the lesson into your family time. Always feel free to contact your children's teachers with any issues or even to help clarify a particular lesson.

A few of our upcoming church school events include:

- October **First grade bulletin board display**
- October 2 **Classes; Mini-Message w/John Cokolas; Staff Mtg.**
- October 9 **Family Worship**
- October 16 **Classes**
- October 23 **Classes**
- October 30 **Classes; Mini-Message w/Ted Cherpas**

If you have not registered you child (children) yet, please pick up a registration form from the Church office and return it as soon as possible to Stavroula Gurguliatos, Church School Director.

GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



A NEW YEAR OF GREEK SCHOOL

Our program began Sept. 20 with a fun reception and special Agiasmo (water-blessing) service for our children, teachers and families. It's not too late to join us. Please contact Avra Parpos to register your child: 508.875.2103.

HALLOWEEN HANG-UP?



Trick-or-Treat, Halloween parties and other seasonal traditions can leave Orthodox Christian parents scratching their heads—what is appropriate for our family? What message am I sending? Is Halloween “ok” and harmless for my children to celebrate? This month, visit “Reflections,”

our parish blog-space, and our Facebook page to access several articles addressing these questions and more: **Halloween Hang-Up and Two Hermiones**. We hope the discussion is helpful and that the creative solutions offered might be of service in your family's spiritual journey. Visit www.stdemetrios.org/blog.

FAMILY NIGHT NOV. 4

On Sept. 30, we reignited our Family Nights with a terrific visit from Eric Landry. He spoke to us about leadership, confidence and community, and his message was not lost on our children and parents. We thank him for his time! Looking forward to our next Family Night on Nov. 4, we will once again be helping with cards for the St. Nicholas Tree and learning about what it means to be in a constant state of “Thanksgiving” to God. HOPE, JOY, GOYA, parents and all parishioners are invited.

Please contact Gina Spencer with your meatless potluck offering: gina@pdillc.com.

Let's also support our friends at Chesterbrook by bringing snacks on the 4th: granola bars, crackers, Goldfish, pretzels, etc. Thanks!

...but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12)

YOUTH

HOPE & JOY: Prayerful Pumpkin Carving Oct. 15



Join us from 3 – 4:30 pm for this much-anticipated event, which merges the fun of fall with a thoughtful message about our Orthodox Faith. Please bring carving tools for your family as well as a nut-free snack to share. \$5 donations per family are welcome to help defray the costs of pumpkins and other supplies. Please contact our HOPE & JOY leaders with any questions or to learn how you can help. See you then!

HOPE (K – 2nd)

Donna Markis: dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us

Stacy Katsikaris: stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net

JOY (3rd – 6th)

Jill Kovatsis: ja.k@verizon.net

GOYA (7th – 12th)

Alexey & Stephanie Petrides: alexey.petrides@gmail.com

“PUMPKIN PRAYER”

As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;

Take away my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near.

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.

GOYA: Good Things in the Works!



GOYA: September for GOYA has been one of excitement and anticipation. As I write, we have been waiting all summer for our annual Car Wash fundraiser that will

allow GOYA to plan fun events for all GOY-
Ans to partake in. As September comes to a close and October comes closer to us, I want to mention that we had a very, very well-attended GOYA General Assembly on Sept. 11, and we are currently coming up with great activities to put on our calendar for our upcoming GOYA Fridays and Fall outreach season. GOYA is also currently planning off-site activities such as a Fall Kick-Off Bonfire/Karaoke Night, as well as special discussions and opportunities to come closer to our Faith. Please come to any one of the GOYA officers if a GOYAn has any special idea in mind or anything in particular that they wish to do this year. Be sure to visit us on Facebook and come to the next General Assembly, scheduled for Nov. 6.

Lee Condakes

President

(esc793@gmail.com)



Metropolis GOYA Reunion

Join us for the “Reunion of Reunions” on Nov. 12, 8 pm – 1 am, at Moseley’s on the Charles (Dedham, MA). All former GOYAns are invited to attend. \$40 pp. Cocktail reception, music and dancing are on the agenda. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Visit www.goya-reunion.org for more details and ticketing.



OCF Seeks Donations for Thanksgiving Drive



We hope all our college students are having a strong first semester—and that they are making time for the Church in their lives.

One way we can stay connected to our faith, and all Christ has taught us, is through serving our neighbor. In this spirit, we are pleased to announce that for the 3rd year, our college students will lead us in the Thanksgiving for Veterans Drive, in coordination with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office.

Last year, our goal was 20 turkey dinners—our parish responded with 25! This year, we are upping our goal to 30, as the veterans we serve are in greater need than ever!

Our Wish List

- 30 turkeys, frozen or fresh
- 150 canned/non-perishable sides: cranberry sauce, squash, stuffing, etc.
- 30 frozen/fresh pies
- Monetary donations to purchase any of the above

To donate, help or learn more, please contact Fr. Alex or Stacey Kalivas (skalivas@bryant.edu).

Thanks to all for your support!

ALTAR SERVERS : LUNCH & TRAINING OCT. 16

Our Altar servers continue to make us proud, serving with care and dignity and coming closer to their Orthodox Faith. On Sept. 18, Altar captains visited the 6th grade Church School class to share the excitement of Altar service. We thank Mrs. Luzaitis and Mrs. Markis for welcoming us! **On the 16th, we'll enjoy lunch in the Conference Room after Liturgy and then return to the Church for a training/learning session.** Please make every effort to allow your son to attend. Parents willing to help with lunch (donations of chips, salad, drinks, & dessert) are asked to contact Chris Kourlos: kourkat@comcast.net.

October Schedule

ST. LAWRENCE: Oct. 2, 16, 30

Captain: Jason Theoharis, Vice Captain: Alex Santangelo
Anthony Houhoulis, Walker Littlehale, Kosta Pappas, Nick Spinale

ST. STEPHEN: Oct. 9, 23

Captain: Lee Condakes, Vice Captain: Alex Camp
Anthony Chirban, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis



A MORNING PRAYER

*Let our thoughts, our words and deeds
ever be pure, kind and good.*

*Let us live peacefully with each other,
respecting one another in love.*

*Let us see the good in our fellow man,
that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.*

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION CONTINUES



On Sept. 18, the children of our parish were treated to a delicious ice-cream social during the Ministry Fair. We hope our parents had a chance to meet some of our coaches and learn about our basketball program, and we look forward to seeing your son, daughter, or grandchild on the court very soon! Practices will begin this month—details to follow shortly. To register or find out more, or if

would like to get involved as an assistant coach, please contact one of our coaches:

Mark Luzaitis: luzaitis1@verizon.net

Matt Little: mattlittle@northeastia.com

Jack Markis: ejmarkis@markislaw.com

Senior Guild



Metropolitan Methodios at the 9/11 remembrance service in Boston



GOYA Carwash and Welcome Back BBQ





CALENDAR



OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthodox Life Brown Bag Blitz	3 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm	4 Greek School, 4-6 pm	5	6 St. Thomas Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	7	8
9 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthodox Life Parish General Assembly	10	11 EPOCH Outreach, 10:30 am Greek School, 4-6 pm	12 Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm	13 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	14 GOYA Bonfire/ Karaoke	15 HOPE/JOY Prayerful Pumpkin Carving, 3-4:30
16 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthodox Life Altar Server Lunch/Training	17 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm	18 St. Luke Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Greek School, 4-6 pm	19	20 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	21 Masquerade Ball, 6:30 pm	22 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2-3:30
23 6th Sunday of Luke Orthodox Life	24	25 Greek School, 4-6 pm St. Demetrios Vespers, 7 pm Vespers Reception	26 St. Demetrios Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Feastday Reception	27 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	28 Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen, 4-7	29
30 5th Sunday of Luke Orthodox Life	31					

STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS



UPCOMING PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS



Oct. 1, 2 – 5 pm: **Afternoon Tea & Social.**

Join us at the home of Dorothy Sophocles, 127 Buckskin Drive, Weston, MA. We welcome all the women of St. Demetrios to attend! Current Philoptochos members are encouraged to bring a friend who

may be interested in joining us. **RSVP to Athena Marken (781.718.5264/akmarken@comcast.net) or Amalie George 781.444.7659/amalie@aageorgecpa.com).**

October 12, 7 pm: Board Meeting

Oct. 25, 7 pm: St. Demetrios Vespers Reception. Please contact Presbytera Elaine to offer a baked good or help.

Oct. 26, St. Demetrios Feastday Reception

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of the middle of September, we have received 362 pledges totaling \$343,606 of which \$215,697 has been collected. In addition we have received \$50,975 from 132 stewards who have not filled out a pledge card. **Our average pledge continues to increase, currently up to \$977 per family.** While we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of over \$510,000 in total pledges, it's good to see that stewards recognize the needs of our community and are continuing to support our parish. Additional details will be presented at our General Assembly meeting in October.

Our online contributions continue to grow as more stewards recognize the convenience of paying with this method. Whether you want to make a one time or recurring pledge, the online system allows for a secure and easy way to do this. See **www.stdemetriosweston.org/stewardship** for more information.

Our annual stewardship pledge drive will kick off this fall. Stay tuned for more information on this year's theme, "Abide in Me."

Dean Coclin
Stewardship Chairman

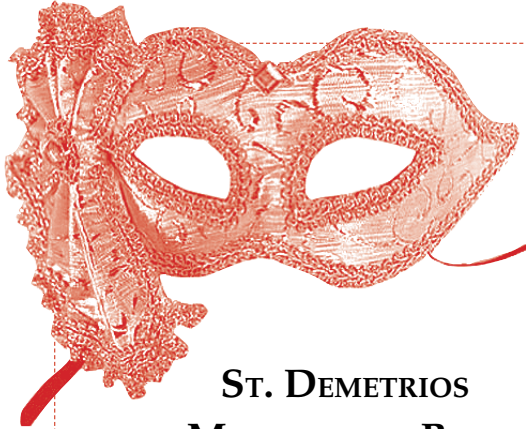
A MESSAGE FROM JOANNA KRASINSKI, PHILOPTOCHOS PRESIDENT

As the new Philoptochos president, I hope that all the women of St. Demetrios who are not members consider joining this sisterhood of women. This year, we are planning general meetings with speakers, and we encourage you to share your enthusiasm, talents, ideas, and friendship by participating in the activities and events that best fit your schedule. While there is always an event or activity in the works, Philoptochos is a chance for you to do something special for yourself by becoming part of this philanthropic organization dedicated to helping others less fortunate.

Our 2011/12 Officers and Board Members.
Congratulations to all!

Joanna Krasinski, President
Athena Marken, 1st V. President
Amalie George, 2nd V. President
Kathy Damaskos, Recording Secretary
Valerie Wiegel, Corresponding Secretary
Evangeline Calivas, Treasurer
Gina Spencer, Asst. Treasurer/Membership
Eugenia Kourlos, Advisor
Pam Brody, Board Member
Angela Baglaneas, Board Member
Lia Sgourakes, Board Member
Deb Skaltsis, Board Member
Jen Brody, Board Member





ST. DEMETRIOS MASQUERADE BALL OCTOBER 21

On Friday, October 21, the St. Demetrios Community will host a Masquerade Ball at the Sheraton Hotel, Framingham. Cocktails at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. The Masquerade Ball will include a silent auction, live auction, dancing with music by the Orfeas Band, and community fellowship. All proceeds will support our St. Demetrios Church ministries.

The St. Demetrios Dance Committee invites all parishioners, and your friends, to attend the Masquerade Ball, consider being a sponsor, contribute an item for the auction, or place an ad in the program book. For more information please contact Gina Spencer: gspencer@stdemetriosweston.org/508-655-1427.

Invitations have been mailed. Response cards may be mailed, or you may bring them to Church on Sunday and give them to us at the Masquerade Ball table. Gather your friends and family to reserve a table by listing the names of your guests on the response card. For a festive addition, decorative masks will be available for purchase each Sunday.

We look forward to being together as a community on the 21st for an enjoyable evening— and to help support our St. Demetrios Church ministries.

—THE ST. DEMETRIOS DANCE COMMITTEE

PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCT. 9

Coming together to make decisions about our parish is a vital aspect of community life—we are all challenged to be good stewards of St. Demetrios! In this spirit, we invite you to join us for our fall assembly on the 9th, immediately following Divine Liturgy in St. Demetrios Hall.

Remember, our assemblies take place only twice a year, so please make every effort to attend.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Clergy Report – Father Nick and Father Alex
3. President’s Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Stewardship Report
6. Important Building Committee Update
7. Old/New Business
8. Closing Prayer

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—HOSTS NEEDED. Please sign up to help host 1 Sunday this year! Individuals or teams can sign up. All supplies are provided. See sign-up sheet in the social hall, or contact Mary Ellen Paravalos (781.349.8077) or Julie Kavas (781.762.1647).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. We continue to provide prayer shawls to the convalescing and bereaved. We would love to visit anyone who could benefit from one, so please let us know. The group has plenty of shawls so now we are knitting caps for infants which are in great demand at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Please join us at St. Demetrios for knitting and fellowship on October 3 & 17 and November 1 & 15 at 1:00. Questions or interest, please call Mary Cosmos (508 653-8166) or Tilda Mitsakos (781 899-6583).

MINISTRY FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS. Last month, our ministry and program leaders offered their

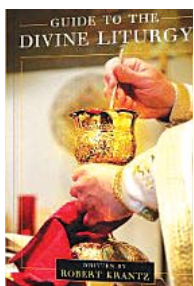
time and energy to us during the Ministry Fair. It was wonderful to see our new hall full of life and the colorful flyers, displays and pictures highlighting our many ministries and programs. We are grateful to all of them, and hope the fair presented an opportunity for our parishioners to learn more about community life at St. Demetrios—and how our time, talent and effort can make a difference at our parish.

NEXT SENIOR GUILD LUNCHEON COMING OCT. 6. We welcome you to the 2nd meeting of the Senior Guild, in celebration of St. Thomas the Apostle. October is not only a beautiful Autumn month but also the month we celebrate our Holy Patron, St. Demetrios. In honor of St. Demetrios we will have a presentation by our Fr. Nicholas Krommydas on St. Demetrios—and other topics of interest to us. Please join us, and wear black and orange or Autumn colors to this meeting. Contact: Artemis Martakis at 508-785-0045.

MEDIA, WITNESS AND OUTREACH



ADULT EDUCATION: ORTHODOX LIFE CONTINUES



"Through the Lens of the Liturgy: Being Human" kicked off last month, with presentations on the opening segments of the Divine Liturgy and how it speaks to our personhood. This month, we delve deeper into this profound service; our presentations will take us from the Trisagion ("Agios O Theos") all the way to the Lord's Prayer. Robert Krantz's Guide to the Divine Liturgy is our "guidebook"

through this series and is available at the Bookstore on Sundays and at the office throughout the week. Cost is \$10. Please join us for this unique series, which will inform our Liturgical life as well as our sense of who we are and what we are made for. Weekly readings in Krantz are outlined below. Please see your weekly bulletin and "e-blast" for each week's Faith Cue, and bring your book to the Divine Liturgy for reference.

- Oct. 2: pgs. 50 – 67
- Oct. 9: pgs. 68 – 91
- Oct. 16: pgs. 92 – 98
- Oct. 23: pgs. 99 – 113
- Oct. 30: pgs. 114 – 129

We hope you will participate fully in "Being Human" and take steps to learn more about your faith, and all God has planned for you, over the coming weeks!

ST. METHODIOS FAITH & HERITAGE CENTER: AN OPPORTUNITY



As many of us have personally witnessed, our Metropolis has a remarkable resource at our retreat center in Contoocook, NH. In addition to being the site of our extensive camping program, it provides an opportunity for all of us to "get away" from the daily grind and reconnect with our God. The peaceful, wooded setting and retreat buildings are a wonderful venue for retreats, seminars, a family spiritual adventure or personal prayer and reflection. We encourage our ministry and program leaders, as well as our individual parishioners and families, to consider planning an event at our beautiful center. This is a place where we can finally hear ourselves think; this is a place where we can finally hear what God is saying. To learn more, visit www.boston.goarch.org/faith_heritage_center.html.

JEN BRODY: TANZANIA JOURNAL



This summer, our own Jen Brody journeyed to Tanzania for a unique and challenging service project. She has shared some lively, moving reflections with our parish, the first installment of which appears below. To read the rest of her journal, please check in on our "Reflections" blog over the next several weeks. It will be well worth your time!

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As many of you know, I traveled to Tanzania this past summer to volunteer in a school for children with disabilities. I had always wanted to travel to Africa, and I knew that if I was going to go that I wanted to do a service trip. Arriving in Tanzania, by myself, I was filled with nervous excitement. What I experienced was beyond any of my expectations. I had stayed in a house, owned by Cross Cultural Solutions (the NGO I traveled through) which was located in Karanga, a village outside of Moshi, in the Kilimanjaro area (Yes, by the mountain—I even did a day hike! Amazing!). My school was about a 15 minute walk down a long, rocky, dirt path. Whenever a car would drive by, you would have to turn and look the other way or otherwise be engulfed by dust. But, even so I loved my walks to school. Greetings are of great value in Tanzanian Culture. Walking to work people would smile and say "Mambo!" Or "Habari Gani!" It's amazing to remember how those little smiles can mean the most....

Keep reading @ www.stdemetriusweston.org/blog/

PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION

BROWN BAG BLITZ IS OCT. 2

With help from our GOYAns, we will once again pass out those familiar brown bags that bring so much help to so many in need. Our Oct./Nov. beneficiary will be our own Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen. Please receive your bag on the 2nd (reserve bags may be found in the drop-off bin) and fill it with any and all canned/non-perishable goods and return it to the Church by Nov. 20. The drop-off bin is now located in the coat-room near the back entrance of the building. To help with this ministry, please contact Lydia Santangelo: lydiaeventsplst@aol.com.



VISITING AT EPOCH: OCTOBER 11, 10:30 AM

Join Fr. Nick and Fr. Alex every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Next visit: Oct. 11. Please contact Fr. Alex to learn more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS



Sunday, July 10

The Brody Family, in loving memory of Benjamin.

George George and Amalie George, in loving memory of Helen George.

Sunday, July 17

Desi Doulos-Ayers, in loving memory of her mother, Irene.

Sunday, September 11

Cindi Dabrowski, in loving memory of her husband, Joseph.

Patti Dukakis, in remembering loved ones.

Sunday, September 25

Jane Bouyoukas, in loving memory of her husband, Peter.

BAPTISMS

The son of Charlene Zuffante was baptized Saturday, August 14, and named James. The sponsor was Robert Zuffante.

The daughter of Alexander and Clara-Dina Georgakis was baptized Saturday, September 17, and named Alexandra Katerina.

May God bless them with His divine grace!

FUNERALS

Sultana Xenos of Roslindale, June 25.

Nicholas Viniros of Dover, July 29.

Efkratia Chakiris of Belmont, July 31.

Lillian Damaskos of Westwood, August 21.

Ann Decaneas of Quincy, August 22.

Livia Atsales of Boston, August 26.

May their memory be eternal!

WEDDINGS



Nicole Malandrakis and Anthony Abrantes were united in marriage Saturday, September 24. The sponsor was Mary Lee Malandrakis.

SAVE THE DATE!

October 25:

Feastday Great Vespers/Reception

November 4:

Family Night

November 14:

Senior Guild Luncheon

November 24:

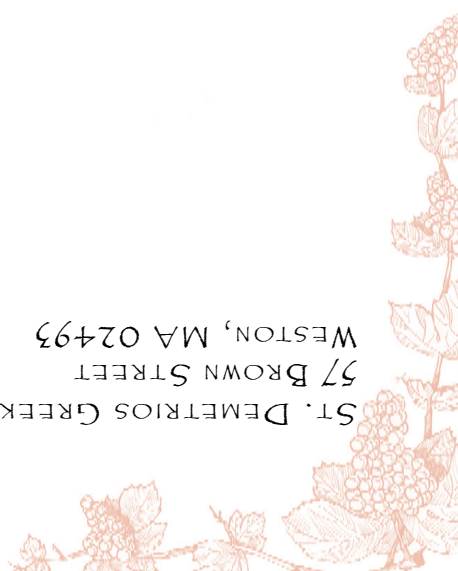

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy

December 9:

Gingerbread Event

December 10:

GOYA Dance



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