

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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A PERFECT CHRISTMAS

Dear Parishioners,



Many of us—young and old—have an image, an example, of someone we wish to emulate. Usually, it is someone whose gifts and talents are far superior to those we possess. In our eyes, they are “perfect” and we say “if only I could have such talent, such gifts.” Christ calls us to seek such perfection when He tells us “You, therefore, must be perfect....” But then, He tells us that this does not mean being like other human beings but rather being perfect “... as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Christ’s birth makes it possible for us to draw near to God, who is the only One who is perfect. To know God through His Son (who was, and is, perfect man and perfect God), born of a woman and having taken on flesh, is to realize that we too, although human, have within us the ability to be perfect. Unfortunately, many of us have tried to be perfect and have failed. Striving to be perfect is not the same as being a perfectionist. God accepts us as we are: human and imperfect; yet, He wants us to become more than we are, He wants us to grow; and for this reason, He sent His Son as the example of how to live our lives. But Christ is more than an example for us, He is our Lord and Savior who calls us to a relationship with Him. Through the Holy Spirit, our human efforts will have the possibility, the power and strength to live the life in Christ—a more perfect life.

The incarnation of Christ—His birth—makes all this possible. It is cause for great celebration as He enters our world this and every Christmas sanctifying and transforming it, and also brings joy directly into our lives. God’s desire is that His Son will become incarnate in us. That He be born again in us. If so, the reality of Christmas will be eternally manifested as we seek to have Christ born and live in us each and every day. Christmas is too important only to be celebrated once a year. It is not enough to remember it only then. We, and all the world, need His birth and presence always. If we bear His name, why not His life? Why not His love? Let us celebrate and live Christmas each day of our lives.

That is my prayer and hope for each of You this and every Christmas.

*With Love in our Incarnate Lord,
Father Nick*



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

December 4, 10th Sunday of Luke

December 11, 11th Sunday of Luke

December 18, Sunday Before Nativity

December 25, Holy Nativity

January 1, Circumcision of our Lord;
St. Basil, New Year's Day

January 8, Sunday After Epiphany

January 15, 12th Sunday of Luke

January 22, 15th Sunday of Luke

January 29, Sunday of the Canaanite

MIDWEEK SERVICES AT ST. DEMETRIOS

Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Saturday, December 24

Eve of the Nativity

Vespers Liturgy, 6 pm

Thursday, January 5

Eve of Theophany

Vespers Liturgy, 6 pm

Thursday, January 6

Theophany

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Saturday, January 7

St. John

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

VESPERS

Monday, December 5

at St. Nicholas Church, Lexington, 6pm

Sunday, December 11

at St. Spyridon Church, Worcester, 7pm

Friday, January 6

at St. John Church, Boston



*"And she brought forth her firstborn Son,
and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths,
and laid Him in a manger, because there was
no room for them in the inn."*

—Luke 2:7



"To the American People:

*Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind.
To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*

*If we think on these things,
there will be born in us a Savior
and over us will shine a star
sending its gleam of hope to the world."*

—Calvin Coolidge

THEOPHANY WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



On January 6, as well as the Eve of Theophany on the 5th, Orthodox faithful

attend a Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Water service to celebrate Theophany, also called Ton Photon ("Feast of Lights"), referring to the spiritual illumination of the Holy Spirit. The service commemorates the baptism of Christ and the manifestation of God in three persons. Large numbers of people attend church to be blessed and receive holy water, which they take home in small bottles provided by the church. Some parishioners bring their own bottles often made specifically for holy water. In most churches, the blessing is held indoors, and the water is contained in a large urn. Some communities hold outdoor celebrations by a body of water. In the end, through Theophany, we can participate in His baptism—and invite the holy, rejuvenating waters of the Jordan into our homes and hearts.

HYMN OF HOLY THEOPHANY



*When You, O Lord were
baptized in the Jordan*

*The worship of the Trinity
was made manifest*

*For the voice of the Father
bore witness to You*

*And called You
His beloved Son.*

*And the Spirit,
in the form of a dove,*

*Confirmed the truthfulness
of His word.*

*O Christ, our God, You have
revealed Yourself*

*And have enlightened the
world, glory to You!*



BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

WE NEED EVERYONE'S SUPPORT

As you can see from the pictures below, foundation and site work are in full swing. Assuming the weather cooperates, we hope that we will soon see the steel framework of our new Church going up. You can go on our website (www.buildingonourfaith.stdemetriosweston.org) to

follow the progress of our new Church, Chapel and offices at any time. On behalf of our entire Building Committee, we express our thanks for your support. We extend to all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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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
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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

This month, we look forward to our annual pageant, when our children will remind us of the true meaning of the season. On the 11th, as mentioned below, our pageant rehearsal will be going on, as will our annual Stewardship Brunch. All of our parishioners, as our space is a little tighter than in the past, have been asked to enjoy their meals in shifts. When our children are done rehearsing, our Parish Council volunteers will be ready to greet and feed them! Thanks to all our children and parents for their understanding. May the peace and joy of the Christmas season fill you with love and happiness!

December	Fourth grade bulletin board display
December 4	Church School classes; mini-sermon grades 6-12
December 11	Church School classes; Christmas Pageant rehearsal after church
December 18	Christmas pageant program
December 25	Nativity of our Lord; Family Worship
January 1	New Year's Day; Family Worship
Rest of January	TBA

Church School Director Stavroula Gurguliatos may be contacted at StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net.

CHURCH SCHOOL OUTREACH:

"Let It Snow"

Each year, most of us look forward to the first snow of the season. It's so beautiful and fun—and reminds us that Christmas is coming! But in New England, our heavy snowfall can be difficult to manage. The children and parents of our Church School, though, say "Let It Snow"! Because we are ready and willing to help with our shovels. If you need help with shoveling this season, please contact Fr. Alex, and he will put you in touch with one of our shoveling teams. If you would like to join a team, please sign up at the Church School bulletin board.

GREEK DANCING DEC. 4

Join us from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, in the middle school classrooms. Grades 3 – 12. Contact Margaret Talmers to connect: margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com; 617.359.4752.



"Saintly Lives" Makes An Impression!

Our sister parish of St. Nicholas in Lexington was grateful, last month, to have a visit from Sts. Nicholas, Gregory and Vasileos! GOYAns from St. Demetrios as well as from St. Vasileos in Peabody participated in costumed presentations to the St. Nicholas Church School. We are proud of our Saintly Lives Players, past and present, and appreciate their time, effort, and creativity—most importantly, for their willingness to teach and mentor. Video from the event is available on our YouTube page, and we look forward to our next "Saintly Lives" visit!

Basketball News

Basketball practices are Monday nights at the Church of Jesus Christ, 150 Brown Street, Weston. We are thankful to our neighbors for hosting us! JOY Jr., 6 – 7 pm; JOY, 7 – 8 pm. GOYA Girls, 8 - 9 pm. GOYA Boys, 8:15 to 9:15 pm. All games are played at the Hellenic College gymnasium. Please visit the Youth Bulletin Board for game details.

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A Huge "THANK YOU" to our Parish

Our college and graduate students extend their heartfelt gratitude to our parish family for supporting their Thanksgiving Drive last month. In all, 30 complete turkey dinners, with all the trimmings, were delivered to the Middlesex Sheriff's Association just before Thanksgiving. Deputies then distributed them to the families of local veterans-in-need throughout Middlesex County. This effort encompassed the true spirit of the season, and we hope the wonderful families served know that they are remembered and loved by our parish family.

Altar Servers



A winter activity is in the works—details to follow. Each Sunday, our boys are encouraged to arrive at the Altar through the side door closest to the old Narthex by 9:20 am. By coming on time, our servers can receive a proper blessing from our priests, prayerfully vest and be in place for the beginning of the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to our parents for supporting their very special ministry in the Altar.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

ST. STEPHEN: Dec. 4, 18; Jan. 1, 15, 29

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

ST. LAWRENCE: Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 22

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

*****Dec. 24 & 25; Jan. 5 & 6: Both Teams/All Servers**

FAMILY NIGHT/GINGERBREAD NIGHT DEC. 9!



The much-anticipated night is here! **HOPE, JOY, GOYA, parents and all parishioners invited! Join us 6:30-9 pm, Friday, December 9.** A sign-up poster will soon be up at the Youth Bulletin Board. Please note, for logistical reasons, **dinner will not be served** this year—please eat before you come and we'll enjoy cookies, juice and other treats at the event. Please...

- Sign-up/reserve your kit by Dec. 4
- Offer a \$10 donation per family/kit
- Bring 2 bags of nut-less candy to share
- Bring 4 canned goods for the Boston Rescue Mission (will also hold up your "walls" while they dry!)

HOPE (K – 2nd)

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JOY (3rd – 6th)

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GOYA

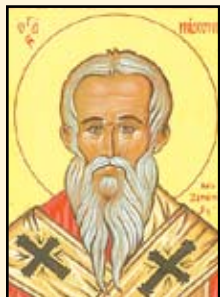


Last month, GOYA took a small group to a house in Wayland and helped an elderly woman with some yard work through our Lawn Busters Outreach Program. We put our heads together and found creative ways to get the yard cleaned up with not just rakes, but also a blanket and a shovel. At the end, we relaxed and lounged in an enormous leaf pile that we had created.

As our holiday season approaches, we have some very special GOYA events coming up. We will be filming a breaking news special entitled "Good Morning Bethlehem" as our next GOYA Friday Night event. Our goal through "Bethlehem" will be to create a modern-day interpretation of the Nativity. **This GOYA Friday will be on December 2, starting at 6 pm, and all GOYAns are welcome. We are also excited to announce our Annual GOYA Christmas Dance on December 10th in St. Demetrios Hall. Finally, reserve Super Bowl weekend for our "Wing-A-Thon" (details to follow).**

To connect with GOYA (all 7 – 12th graders are welcome to join us!), contact Lee Condakes, President: esc793@gmail.com.

ST. MODESTOS OF JERUSALEM December 16



Born in 292, St. Modestos' family endured tremendous loss before his 1st birthday: his parents were put to death for practicing Christianity. He was brought into the imperial household and raised as a pagan. As a teenager, though, a spiritual awakening occurred. He learned of his parents' faith and martyrdom—and that he had actually been baptized a Christian before their execution. A Christian goldsmith began to mentor him, but the man's jealous sons sold him into slavery in Egypt. After converting his master's family and ultimately gaining his freedom, he made a pilgrimage to Mt. Sinai and was ordained a priest at a local monastery. He quickly became known for his devotion, humility and loving nature. After years of service to the Church, he was

selected as Patriarch of Jerusalem. It was during these latter years that his long-time appreciation for all God's creation intensified and blossomed. He had a particular affection for animals, seeing them as sublime, mysterious gifts from God. Often he would bless livestock, praying for their health and productivity and giving thanks for all Creation.

Getting Practical: We know that people, made in God's image and likeness, have a special relationship with God. But we should never forget that the entire world—including animals!—is blessed and worthy of our appreciation. This month, connect your children's love for your family pet to the life of the Church by reading the Prayer of St. Modestos in the company of your favorite furry or scaly friend. Or invite Fr. Alex to do the same. The prayer reminds us that everything God made is good and has been "made new" by the coming of the Christ-Child. The prayer will be available at Reflections, our Facebook page and in the Narthex throughout December.



PHOTOS

Saintly Lives



Senior Guild Luncheon



Church School lesson



GOYA Lawn Busters



Masquerade Ball








CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	2 GOYA Friday, 6 pm	3
4 10th Sun. Luke Brown Bag Blitz Greek Dancing	5 Vespers, St Nicholas, Lexington, 6 pm Basketball Practice, 6-9 pm	6 St. Nicholas Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Greek School, 4-6 pm	7	8 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	9 Gingerbread House Making, 6:30 -9 pm	10 GOYA Christmas Dance
11 - 11th Sun. of Luke Stewardship Sun. St. Nicholas Tree gifts due Vespers, St. Spyridon, Worcester	12 Basketball Practice, 6-9 pm	13 EPOCH Outreach, 10:30 am Greek School, 4-6 pm	14 Parish Council Mtg. 7 pm Philoptochos Board Mtg. 7 pm	15 Senior Guild Luncheon Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	16 St. Modestos	17 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2-3:30 pm
18 Sunday Before Nativity Christmas Pageant	19 Basketball Practice, 6-9 pm	20 Greek School, 4-6 pm	21 	22 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	23 Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	24 Christmas Eve Vespers Liturgy, 6 pm Reception
25 Holy Nativity	26	27 	28	29	30 	31 

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day St. Basil Circumcision of our Lord	2	3	4	5 - Eve of Theophany Vespers Liturgy, 6 pm Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	6 Theophany Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Vespers, St. John's, Boston, 7 pm	7 St. John Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am
8 Sunday after Theophany Vasilopita reception	9 Basketball Practice, 6-9 pm	10 EPOCH Outreach, 10:30 am Greek School, 4-6 pm	11 Parish Council Mtg. 7 pm Philoptochos Board Mtg. 7 pm	12 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	13	14
15 12th Sunday of Luke Orthodox Life	16 Basketball Practice, 6-9 pm	17 Greek School, 4-6 pm	18	19 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	20	21 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing and Rehab. Center, 2-3:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP SITE QR CODE

For an instantaneous visit to our Online Donation page, simply aim your phone's reader at the code and snap a picture!



PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETINGS:

DEC. 14 & JAN. 11, 7 PM

PHILOPTOCHOS ONLINE

Our wonderful Tea & Social video is available on our parish You Tube Page: www.youtube.com/user/StDemetriosWeston. In addition, our own page at www.stdemetriosweston.org is under construction. Details to follow!

GREEK COLLECTION COOKBOOK \$20 EACH

These cookbooks make terrific stocking-stuffers. Order online at www.lulu.com. Simply search "Greek Collection Cookbook."

CHRISTMAS EVE RECEPTION DECEMBER 24

Plan to offer home-baked goods for this annual, joyful reception following the service.

ANNUAL VASILOPITA RECEPTION JANUARY 8



Your Vasilopita will be happily received as we sponsor this profound event, marking the new year and recognizing the importance of our community and ministries.

SCHOLARSHIPS

As you contemplate the journey to college or graduate school, plan to apply for one or more of the 6 St. Demetrios Philoptochos Scholarships, which are offered each spring to honor our community's best and brightest young people. Criteria reach across a broad spectrum involvement from dedication to parish, to love of the arts, academic achievement, service to others and more. Since the program's inception, 80 young people have been recognized at our special June ceremonies and have received prestigious scholarship awards given in memory of some of our parish's most beloved former members. Applications will be available in the spring and may be obtained by email request (vlahakes@comcast.net) or by calling the church office.

STEWARDSHIP: PLEDGE, PLEDGE, PLEDGE!

It's hard to believe but the 2012 Stewardship pledge season is upon us. Soon you will be receiving your 2011 statement which contains your last year's pledge plus your payments to date. Please, if you have not yet made a 2011 pledge, it's not too late. Just call or stop by the church office for a pledge card.

The theme for 2012 is "Abide in Me." Full details about this theme will be included in your pledge packets. PLEASE, bring your 2012 pledge cards with you on Stewardship Sunday, December 11.

I'm often asked the following questions about Stewardship which I'll summarize here:

1. I'm new to the church, how much should I pledge?

There are no fixed pledge amounts. Everyone should make a free will pledge based on their personal relationship with God and their own finances. I can give you some statistics from our congregation: the average pledge increased this year to \$950; we had over 500 families make contributions to the church. Please keep in mind that we should strive to put God first in our daily lives and should pledge accordingly. Many of us pay \$800/year and more for cable TV, gym memberships and other niceties. Isn't the church deserving of our full support?

2. How can I fulfill my pledge? We have many ways to do this including using our pledge envelopes weekly, writing checks, cash, or using our secure online form on the www.StDemetriosWeston.com website (new features in progress). Many stewards are taking advantage of the convenience of online donations which can be made with credit card or bank debit. If you use this method, you can login at any time to see what you have paid to date.

3. I'm not sure I'll be able to fulfill my pledge, what should I do? Please contact Father Nick. Our records show that 99% of pledges are fulfilled every year and the church counts on those funds to operate with. Father Nick can discuss with you.

4. I've already fulfilled my 2011 pledge but would like to make an additional contribution, what's the best way to do this? Please see #2 above. Any of those methods can be used. I would suggest the online method as it can be done anytime of the day or night from the convenience of your home computer.

We are still over \$100,000 short of our goal for 2011. I know some stewards wait until the last day of the year to make this payment but if you can do it any earlier, we would greatly appreciate it.

THANK YOU!

Dean Coclin, Stewardship Chairman



This Christmas Why Not....
End a quarrel.
Forego a grudge.
Seek a forgotten friend.
Dismiss suspicion.
Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Encourage our youth.
Listen.
Appreciate.
Apologize if you are wrong.
Try to understand.
Think first of others.
Banish envy.
Return charity for malice.
Say "thank you."
Ease your demands on others.
Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more.
Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Rejoice in the Christ Child!



ADULT EDUCATION

ORTHODOX LIFE: MORE TO COME IN 2012

On Nov. 20, our fall series, "Being Human," came to a close. We hope our parish found the presentations meaningful and inspirational; your feedback to Fr. Nick and Fr. Alex is welcome and very important—and will help us improve our ongoing Orthodox Life program. The series is now available on our parish YouTube page. Simply visit www.stdemetriusweston.org, choose "YouTube" from the menu on the top left of the screen, and you will come to the video "hub" of St. Demetrios. The presentations, in their entirety, are listed on the right side of the screen.

Copies of the Krantz book are still available at the bookstore. They make a smart Christmas gift for anyone interested in learning more about our Orthodox Faith.

In early 2012, we look forward to a wonderful study of Ephesians, as our next Orthodox Life segment.

January dates: 15, 22, & 29.

LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. MAXIMOS

Father Maximos, a former parishioner and dear friend to many of us, has happily agreed to join us for a Lenten retreat, scheduled for **Saturday, March 3**. Please save the date, and reserve this time for your spiritual growth and that of our entire parish family.

SEASONAL PASTORAL VISITS

Throughout the Christmas and Theophany season, our clergy make a special effort to visit parishioners who may be in the hospital, at a rehab or nursing center, or homebound. To arrange a visit for yourself or a family member, please contact the church office.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR —HOSTS NEEDED

Interested in hosting a Fellowship Hour? A number of Sundays are still open. All supplies are provided. Please see the sign-up sheet in St. Demetrios Hall, or contact Mary Ellen Paravalos (781.349.8077) or Julie Kavas (781.762.1647).



SENIOR GUILD HEADS TO DOLPHIN DEC. 15

Join us for a festive Christmas luncheon on the 15th! The Dolphin Restaurant is located on Route 135 in Natick. Please confirm ASAP to Artemis Martakis: 508.785.0045. We will be having a grab-bag gift exchange; therefore please bring a gift with a maximum worth of \$5. The Senior Guild looks forward to seeing you there.



ST. NICHOLAS GIVING TREE DEADLINE APPROACHES



All gifts must be dropped off at our new St. Demetrios Hall no later than the end of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 11.

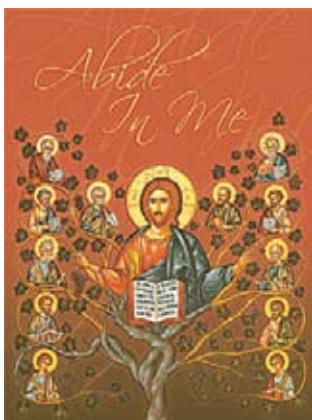
Thanks to all those wonderful St. Demetrios Santas who, for the 10th year running, have chosen to sponsor a foster child for Christmas.

A couple of reminders:

- If you are able to buy a jacket, clothing or shoes, please include a gift receipt.
- All gifts should be enclosed within one large wrapped box or gift bag. Please take a moment to write a nice message in the card to your "chosen child," wishing him/her a happy holiday. Then, securely affix the Christmas card to the package.
- If you have committed to sponsoring a child, please follow through. A gift not returned means that particular child will go without.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Savage: nancyasavage@gmail.com or 508-652-9020.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: WE ARE CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT



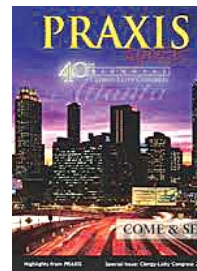
At the Last Supper, as we read in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, Jesus instructed His disciples, "I Am the Vine; you are the branches." He was telling us that the purpose of our abiding in Him is that we may bear fruit for God in the world. "By this My Father is glorified, that you

bear much fruit..." (John 15:8). Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His body – the branches through which the Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

RIGHT NOW ON YOU TUBE

This month, our complete fall Orthodox Life series, "Being Human," Sainly Lives footage from Lexington, and highlights from the Philoptochos Tea are available. Visit our St. Demetrios channel often to see what's new: www.youtube.com/user/StDemetriosWeston.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT....



Praxis Magazine? This beautiful, inspiring and thoughtful quarterly publication is a vital link between our families, parish and national Religious Education Office. It focuses on "total parish education" and includes adult education material, Church School "for home" lessons, parish leadership development ideas, and general continuing education information for all Orthodox Christians.

In the current Winter 2011 issue, "Our Byzantine Heritage," our own Dr. Jim Skedros has contributed an article: "Hero Veneration: Saints in Byzantium." In light of our recent "Sainly Lives" visit to Lexington, his article couldn't be more timely for all our parishioners! To subscribe, visit: <http://goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/praxis>.

PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION

OUR NEXT BROWN BAG BLITZ IS DEC. 4

Our Dec./Jan. beneficiary will be the Boston Rescue Mission.

Boston Rescue Mission
Transforming Lives At Risk
Since 1899

Please receive your bag on the 4th (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 Jan. 31. 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

Join Fr. Nick and Fr. Alex every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Next visits: Dec. 13 & Jan. 10. Please contact Fr. Alex to learn more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS

The son of Mark and Marion Russell was baptized on Saturday, October 8th, and named Luke James. The sponsors were George and Carrie Pantazelos.

The daughter of Paul and Demetria Gigliotti was baptized on Sunday, November 6th, and named Kayla Renee. The sponsors were Marianne Gigliotti and George Katsiaunis.

*May God bless them with
His divine grace, always!*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

Sunday, November 27

Andy and Debby Rempis, in
memory of Dr. Charles Test.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our prayerful condolences to...

Tasia Meimaris and the Meimaris Family,
upon the falling asleep of George Meimaris.

Debbie Rempis and the Rempis Family, upon
the falling asleep of Charles and Sarah Test.

May their memory be eternal!

SAVE THE DATE! **Important St. Demetrios events:**

January 15:
Orthodox Life begins


January 27:
Miracle Kitchen

January 29:
Godparent Sunday

February 3:
Family Night

February 5:
GOYA "Wing-a-Thon"

February 27:
Clean Monday



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