

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

On Death and Resurrection in Christ

*Dear Beloved Stewards
of St. Demetrios,*

*The words of St. Gregory
speak so eloquently about
the death and resurrection
of Christ. I repeat them here
for you.*



*Please accept this invitation
to worship our Lord's pas-
sion, death and triumphant
Resurrection together. My
hope is that we will also
prepare to receive the sac-
raments of Confession and
Holy Communion thereby
inviting into our hearts and
minds our Lord to live and
dwell there always.*

*With Love in our
Resurrected Lord,
Fr. Nick*

Yesterday I was crucified with Him;
Today I am glorified with Him.

Yesterday I died with Him;
Today I am made alive with Him.

Yesterday I was buried with Him;
Today I am raised up with Him.

Let us

Offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for
Us ... **ourselves**, the possession most precious
To God and most proper.

Let us

Become like Christ,
Since Christ became like us.

Let us

Become Divine for His sake,
Since for us He became Man.

He assumed the worse
That He might give us the better.

He became poor
That by His poverty we might become rich.

He accepted the form of a servant
That we might win back our freedom.

He came down
That we might be lifted up.

He was tempted
That through Him we might conquer.

He was dishonored
That He might glorify us.

He died
That He might save us.

He ascended
**That He might draw us to Himself,
Who were thrown down through the fall of sin.**

Let us

Give all, offer all, to Him
**Who gave Himself as Ransom and
Reconciliation for us.**



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

April 1

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

April 8

Palm Sunday

April 15

Holy Pascha

April 22

Thomas Sunday

April 29

Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

MIDWEEK SERVICES

(OUTSIDE OF HOLY WEEK)

PreSanctified Liturgy

April 4, 6 pm

Saturday of Lazarus

April 7

Orthros, 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy, 9 am

St. George

April 23

Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am



AN EXPLOSION OF JOY

"The deepest foundation of hope and joy which characterize Orthodoxy and which penetrate all its worship is the Resurrection. Easter, the center of Orthodox worship, is an explosion of joy, the same joy which the disciples felt when they saw the risen Savior. It is the explosion of cosmic joy at the triumph of life, after the overwhelming sorrow over death—death, which even the Lord of life had to suffer when He became man."

—Fr. Dumitru Staniloae



"The Mother cried aloud, when she saw her Son hanging on the Cross;

The Maiden pierced to the heart, cried out fervently shedding tears.

O Light of my eyes, my sweetest Child, how are You now covered in the grave?"

—Lamentations of Holy Friday Evening

"Arise O God, and judge the earth; for You shall take all nations to Your inheritance." —Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday Morning

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF LENT

- **Eat less** and abstain from meats and dairy products at least on Wednesdays and Fridays, as a way of denying yourself and building physical and spiritual discipline.
- **Repent daily** and honestly, trying to eliminate certain sins and shortcomings from your life, with God's help.
- **Read and pray**, ideally on a daily basis. Concentrate on Holy Scripture (even a paragraph a day) and make the time to dialogue with God through prayer.
- **Be more charitable** with your time, talent and resources. Find someone who needs you and serve this person as you would Christ Himself.
- **Attend worship services regularly**, from Sunday Divine Liturgy to PreSanctified Liturgy and, especially, Holy Week.

Our Lenten journey began on Clean Monday and leads to Pascha, the climax of this spiritual pilgrimage, when we reaffirm our profound belief that... *"Christ is Risen from the Dead, By Death Trampling Upon Death, Granting Life to Those in the Tombs!"*



*"For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.*

*The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.*

*The fig tree puts forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grapes
Give a good smell.*

*Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away!"*

—Song of Solomon 2:11-13



BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

Now that the steel is being erected for our new parish, many have asked, “When will our new church be finished so we can celebrate Liturgy, plan weddings, christenings and other sacraments?” It is evident many parishioners are logging onto the St. Demetrios website (www.stdemetriosweston.org) and that this site is becoming a very valuable tool for the parish to keep up to date not only with the “Building on our

Faith” project, but with all church announcements and activities. It is evident because when many ask, “Will it really be done before the end of the year?”—clearly they have read the “Project Updates” section.

The answer is, “Yes.” Although it may seem like this is impossible, our schedule has always called for the project to be completed before year

end. Success is to honor our mandate to build a solid, permanent edifice in our Orthodox tradition and Byzantine style. Along the way expect some dramatic events such as the placement of our 4 domes, including the main dome raising 64 feet above the ground. Check the website for more details as many will want to take a couple hours off work to appreciate this special moment. Each dome will be topped by a cross. Raising, especially, the main dome’s cross—and permanently installing it—will be an event for a special Sunday in May or June depending on the church schedule. Of course, there is so much more to celebrate.

Of the required funding, 70% has been pledged but we still must raise \$2.3 million. Many parishioners have indicated they are contemplating their commitment, and some are discussing this with their family or extended families in honor, or in memory, of their loved ones. As these dramatic and inspiring waypoints in the life of our project approach, it is surely a great time to actually make that sacrificial, once-in-a-lifetime gift that will remain part of the legacy of St. Demetrios. Remember, no pledge is too small or too big. We are guided by the biblical reference to the poor widow, whose small gift is remembered as part of the history of our faith because she gave all from the heart, and it was the best she could do! Those that can commit to a larger gift will help us achieve our goal sooner and in the end carry less debt. All of us should be included and be recognized as playing a part in this great moment in the history of our church where we affirm our living faith!
—Peter Bassett



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Faith and Works Ministries

A Suitable Image, Nancy Savage
Brown Bag Sunday, Lydia Santangelo
Habitat for Humanity, Elaine Fischer
Helping Hands, Kathy Bakes
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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, Jack Markis
Church School, Stavroula Gurguliatos
Church School Outreach, Anthony Houhoulis
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

April	Second Grade Bulletin Board Display
April 1	Classes; Oratorical Festival (Jr./Sr. Divisions)
April 7	Saturday of Lazarus; Communion Breakfast & Palm-Cross Making
April 8	Palm Sunday: Family Worship/No Classes
April 9	Holy Monday
April 10	Holy Tuesday
April 11	Holy Wednesday: Epistle Readers (Afternoon Service)
April 13	Holy Friday: Youth Retreat; Flower girls (2nd Grade in Afternoon; 5th Grade in Evening)
April 14	Holy Saturday
April 15	Pascha: Agape Service Readers



APRIL 7:

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS DIVINE LITURGY, COMMUNION BREAKFAST & PALM-CROSS MAKING



Thanks to our HOPE & JOY ministries, and parent volunteers, for hosting this beautiful event. Divine Liturgy will begin at 9 am, with breakfast and our palm activity to follow. In addition to our children, all parishioners are invited to join us for the morning's events. To learn more or volunteer to help with breakfast, please contact Stacy Katsikaris (stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net) or Jill Kovatsis (ja.k@verizon.net).

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



The festival for the Junior and Senior Divisions will take place on Sunday, April 1, during scheduled class time.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 7: Saturday of Lazarus. Divine Liturgy begins at 9 am; Breakfast and Palm-Cross making to follow. All Church School students and families are invited to worship with us and prepare palms for the Palm Sunday Service.

April 8: Palm Sunday. Family worship/no classes. Middle and high school girls are invited to participate in the "Mirofora" procession during the evening service. Please encourage your daughters to participate.

April 11: Holy Wednesday. We need students to read the Epistle (4th grade and up) for the afternoon service. If you are interested, please contact Stavroula Gurguliatos at StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net.

April 13: Holy Friday.

- Church School student retreat 11:30 am - 3 pm. Sign up in the hall.
- 2nd grade girls will participate in the afternoon procession.
- 5th grade girls will participate in the evening procession.

April 15: Pascha/Easter. Family worship/no classes. For the Agape Service, we need foreign language readers (students and adults) to help read the Gospel. Last year we were fortunate to have the Gospel read in Latin, Spanish, French, Romanian, German, and Chinese. If you, or your child, would like to read, please contact Stavroula Gurguliatos at the email above.

Our Church School teachers wish all our students and families a blessed and meaningful Holy Week!

Basketball Season Reflections



Our 4 St. Demetrios teams, and their families, participated in the annual league banquet last month. The event brought together all of our sister parishes, providing an opportunity for fellowship and recognition. We thank all of our coaches and players for the outstanding effort—and commend them all on their dedication to teamwork and sportsmanship. See you next season!

GREEK DANCING APRIL 1 & 29

Join us for dancing, learning, friendship and fun! Look for our featured video on the parish You Tube page and our pictures from the Fisk Elementary Cultural Festival in the galleries. Just visit www.stdemetriosweston.org.

Contact Margaret Talmers to learn more about our dancing program: Margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com.





"Come, Follow Me."

Holy Friday Youth Retreat: April 13

- 11:30 am – 3 pm
- All Children Grades K - 12 (Church School, HOPE, JOY, GOYA, etc.)
- Lenten Community Lunch
- Parental/Parishioner Help is Welcome and Needed

Christ's challenging words to "follow" Him are not only directed to the young man of Matt. 19:21 but to all of us as well. Throughout our days, our children follow many things: their school work, the rules of our households, hobbies and sports that they love—in certain ways they (and many of us adults!) also "follow" their iPhones, video games and other electronics. But our Lord has told us, very specifically, to follow Him and make that our greatest priority. Following implies an ultimate destination; many things we follow will lead us nowhere and even to some destructive places. But following the Lord leads us to a relationship with Him, the kingdom of the heart, to peace and salvation. Your family is invited to join us on the 13th as we explore, in greater depth, what it means to follow Christ completely: in His teachings, in His journey to the Cross and to His glorious Resurrection. Please make this moving annual retreat a priority.

Please look for the retreat poster outside the hall, and sign-up by April 8 so proper plans can be made. Contact Stavroula Gurguliatos (StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net) with questions or to help out.



SPRING HIKE ANYONE? FAMILY "DAY" IS MAY 20



With spring in the air, and for something different, we look forward to a Family "Day" in May, rather than our usual Family Night. **We are planning a hike and picnic to Greenways Reser-**

vation in Wayland. Phil Stathos (our resident trail-blazer!) will lead our group; the reservation is gorgeous with plenty of trail—but also "doable" for our younger children. The trailhead is only a few minutes away, and we'll plan to carpool from the church lot right after Divine Liturgy on the 20th. **Please save the date and look for our sign-up poster next month.**

GOYA Update

Last month, our GOYAns participated in their "Choose Your Own Adventure" retreat, as well as a special PreSanctified Liturgy, after which they presented a check for \$800 to Eric Muir of the Boston Rescue Mission. Both these events brought the true meaning of Lent "home" to our GOYAns, and they are thankful to their parents, advisors and leaders for their ongoing help and support. **GOYAns should save the date of April 28 for dinner and fun with the Theoharis family. Also, we should all plan to join in the Walk for Hunger on May 6 (a Metropolis team is being formed).** Details on both events will be available after Pascha. Please contact Alexey Petrides with any questions or to learn more about GOYA: alexey.petrides@gmail.com.



ALTAR SERVERS ANTICIPATE HOLY WEEK

We all look forward to another incredible Holy Week—as well as to our “feast” following the Resurrectional Service. Our servers are encouraged to attend their assigned Holy Week services and to arrive on time in order vest appropriately. Please note assignments and details below. Contact Chris Kourlos with

questions or if your son cannot make it for his scheduled service: kourkat@comcast.net.

Sundays in April

St. Lawrence: 1, 29

St. Stephen: 22

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Both Teams

Holy Wed Evening: St. Stephen

Holy Thursday Evening: St. Lawrence

Holy Friday Afternoon — Agape Sunday: Both Teams

ST. STEPHEN

Captain: Lee Condakes, Vice Captain: Alex Camp

Nicholas Camp, Anthony Chirban, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis, John Markis

ST. LAWRENCE

Captain: Jason Theoharis, Vice Captain: Alex Santangelo

Anthony Houhoulis, Walker Littlehale, Alexander Luzaitis, William Luzaitis, Kosta Pappas

MBC DATES ANNOUNCED!

Our Metropolis summer camp program combines the elements of traditional summer camp with a uniquely Orthodox outlook and program concentration. Sessions will fill very quickly, so please consider these dates and register early.

July 5 – 8: Family Camp July 23 – 29: Session 4

July 9 – 15: Session 2 July 30 – Aug. 5: Session 5

July 16 – 22: Session 3 Aug. 6 – 12: Session 6

Registration is underway. Visit www.mbcamp.org.

OCF

Our “away” college students truly appreciated the care packages recently sent to them by our GOYAnS, containing an icon, prayer rope, personal note and other items. We wish all of our college students—be they near or far—a successful conclusion to their semesters. We hope our students will also make the time to join our Metropolis Walk for Hunger Team. The Walk is May 6, and we need the hopeful spirit and enthusiasm of our college students to help raise awareness about hunger in New England! **Interested students should contact Eleni Kalioras: ekalioras@boston.goarch.org.**

ST. TIKHON OF MOSCOW

Commemorated April 7



St. Tikhon was born in 1865 and reposed in 1925. From his early years he displayed great love for the Church; he was also known for his remarkable humility. During his time at seminary, he stood out as a quick learner and further developed his deep love for God. Because of this, his classmates referred to him as “Patriarch.” After his ordination, St. Tikhon became a missionary to North America, converting many people to Christianity and establishing the Diocese of the Aleutians and North America. He brought his love for learning to the new land, and he became an expert sailor and proficient speaker of the native languages. Because of his faith, humility and willingness to help everyone he encountered, he eventually

became Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church. His life-long work for the Church, and her people, is captured in this wonderful quotation from St. Tikhon: “May God teach every one of us to strive for His truth, and for the good of the Holy Church, rather than something for our own sake.”

Getting Practical: Often we forget that we are blessed with a host of modern saints, many that spent years in North America and some that were even born here! Post St. Tikhon's picture on the “fridge,” as well as his holy icon. Point out to your children that they are both images of the same man—and help them understand that people who dedicate their lives to God can indeed become saints. This is a potential that lies within us all.

GOYA Retreat Koliva Making





Greek Independence Day Program



Sunday of Orthodoxy



Wing-A-Thon Presentation



Church Building Progress



Dancers from Fiske Elementary Multicultural Festival





CALENDAR

APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Oratorical Festival Greek Dancing	2 Philoptochos Baking Event, 9 am	3 Philoptochos Baking Event, 9 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1-3 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm	4 PreSanctified Liturgy, 6 pm at St. Demetrios Lenten dinner and discussion	5 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	6	7 Lazarus Saturday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am Communion Breakfast and Palm-Cross Making
8 Palm Sunday Philoptochos Bake Sale and Lamb Raffle	9 Holy Monday	10 Holy Tuesday Greek School, 4-6 pm	11 Holy Wednesday	12 Holy Thursday	13 Good Friday Holy Friday Youth Retreat, 11:30 am	14 Holy Saturday
15 Pascha	16	17 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1-3 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm	18	19 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	20	21 Hellenic Nursing Home, 2-3:30 pm
22 Thomas Sunday Greek Independence Day Parade	23 St. George Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon	24 Greek School, 4-6 pm	25	26 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	27 Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	28 GOYA Discussion & Lunch, 10 am - 2 pm. Philoptochos Cake Decorating Demonstration, 2-4 pm
29 Holy Myrrhbearers Greek Dancing Dance Committee Meeting	30	MAY 1 Greek School, 4-6 pm	2	3 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	4	5



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS AND EVENTS



Baking Event: April 2 & 3, 9 am. Come join us and make koulouria for our Palm Sunday Bake Sale. For details or with questions, contact Georgia Cosmopoulos: 508.872.6827.

Palm Sunday Lamb Raffle & Bake Sale: April 8. Lamb Raffle tickets will be mailed to parishioners, as well as available during Fellowship Hour. Tickets: \$2/1 or \$10/6. Contact Pam or Jenn Brody: 781.891.8269. Those willing to offer baked goods for the Bake Sale should contact Jane Kourtis: 781.453.1986.

Cake Decorating Demonstration: April 28, 2-4 pm. Professional cake decorators Anna Tsakarissianos, Paula Surrette and Kathy Mullen will demonstrate the fine art of incredible cake decorating and sugar art. Sneak a peak by visiting <http://ices.org/>. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$5/students. There will also be a raffle featuring cakes, caramelized apples, chocolate dipped fruit, and other goodies. Light refreshments will be served.

General Assembly: May 16, 7 pm. Join us at the Morrison House (Regis College, 235 Wellesley St., Weston). We will present the final reports and disbursements and then have an opportunity to meet Antoinette M. Hays (PhD, RN), President of Regis College.

2012 Scholarship Applications: "To Honor Our Parish Youth for Service and Commitment." For over 30 years, we have awarded scholarships to our parish's outstanding young men and women, in recognition of their accomplishments and in support of their ongoing educational pursuits. All high school seniors, college students and graduate students—who are members of our community—are encouraged to apply for 1 or more of the 6 scholarships. Criteria reach across a broad spectrum of involvement from dedication to parish, love of the arts, academic achievement, to community service. Applications are available 1) on the Philoptochos webpage (www.stdemetriusweston.org/current-resources/); or 2) by request to vlahakes@comcast.net. Questions may be directed to Scholarship Chair Amelia Nychis at 781.893.4637. **Deadline is May 18.**

2012 Membership Drive. To date, we have 150 women who have returned their stewardship. Every woman in our parish is encouraged to become a member. Joining Philoptochos can only enrich your life, connecting you with a unique sisterhood and a philanthropic vision of which we can all be proud. Existing members who recruit a new member will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate (Moodz Spa in Wayland); a second drawing will be specifically for new members! Contact Membership Chair Gina Spencer (gspencer@stdemetriusweston.org) or visit our table at Fellowship Hour.

Apokriatiko Glendi Thanks. We offer our gratitude to the Peter Gianocopoulos family for hosting us at the Dolphin Restaurant on February 25. Everyone enjoyed a very fun evening of delicious food and Greek dancing in the spacious upper level of the restaurant. Thanks to all our parishioners for supporting this successful annual event!

STEWARDSHIP



So much of what we see around us today in our church and our homes is owed to prior generations of parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Many of them worked hard to come to this country and lay the founda-

tions of our parish and communities. Their legacy is the stewardship which they created by giving their time, talents and treasures to build the Greek Orthodox communities which we now call home. Most importantly, let us not forget to consider our Lord. His many gifts made this precious legacy possible. He blessed those former generations as He blesses us now. Everything good in our lives comes from Him.

Keeping this in mind helps propel our own willingness to give freely, so that we may also continue the legacy of thankfulness to God and our predecessors, thus passing on the powerful idea of stewardship to the next generation. With this in our hearts, let us ask ourselves 3 questions:

- 1. Have we made our 2012 pledge yet?**
- 2. Have we fulfilled our 2011 pledge?**
- 3. How will we best use our resources of time and talents to help the ministries of our church?**

Speaking of pledges, 2012 is off to a good start, with 271 pledges received totaling \$276,038 along with \$38,121 from 85 non-pledged stewards. From the pledged stewards, we have collected \$78,312 so far.

Our Stewardship goal this year is \$465,000 so we have a ways to go. If you need a pledge card, please stop by the office or download one here: www.stdemetriusweston.org/documents.

Let us keep the legacy of spiritual gratitude and stewardship alive by making a free-will donation to support our current and future generations of stewards. Someday, it will be our children or grandchildren who will look back to thank us.

Dean Coclin
Stewardship Chairman



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL VISITS. This Lenten season, our clergy are visiting parishioners who may be homebound or in nursing/rehab facilities. Do you have a loved one who would like a visit? Please contact the church office to make arrangements.



FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS. This Lenten season, the presence of flowers reminds us of the sweetness of Christ in our lives and the beautiful fragrance of His Kingdom. From the decoration of the Kouvouklion to the Easter lilies that adorn our solea, these flowers hold deep meaning. With this in mind, please consider supporting our ongoing beautification efforts. Lily sign-up cards are available in the Narthex (\$20 donation), and contact the church office to sponsor Holy Week flowers.

HOLY FRIDAY NAMES. This Holy Friday, the names of loved ones asleep in the Lord will be commemorated before the Kouvouklion (Sepulchre). Names may be brought to Church on Holy Friday or submitted beforehand to the office. May their memory be eternal!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. Join us April 3 & 17, 1 – 3 pm, as we come together in our prayerful work and fellowship. All are welcome, and feel free to bring friends.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE! Please march with us on Sunday, April 22. Free roundtrip bus service will be offered for our convenience, and we will depart from the church lot following Divine Liturgy (the parade starts at 1 pm and runs from Boylston to Charles Sts.). Parade attire is navy and white; ethnic costumes are available to borrow. Pre-parade refreshments will be offered. **Please confirm your bus reservation and parade participation during Fellowship Hour this month. Contact Avra Parpos with questions: 781.237.5561. Thanks for your support!**

SENIOR GUILD APRIL 23. April showers bring May flowers. The next Senior Guild Meeting is on Monday, April 23. This is the nameday of St. George the Great. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 am, and the Senior Guild meeting and luncheon will follow the service. Please come and join us for a fun time with friends and family. If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis: 508.785.0045.

DANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 29. *Save the date of our 2012 dance: Oct. 27, 2012.* To ensure another successful event, it's time to start meeting. Join us after Divine Liturgy on the 29th for a brief Dance Committee meeting. All are welcome. For more information please contact Gina Spencer: gspencer@stdemetriosweston.org.



75TH AT THE POPS BENEFIT. In honor of Holy Cross Seminary's 75th anniversary, a wonderful benefit concert is planned for May 12. Join fellow supporters of our beloved school for a George Gershwin program at magnificent Symphony Hall in Boston. For reservations, contact Mrs. Arthur Dukakis: 508.545.2471; for program sponsorships, contact Mrs. Dorothy Sophocles: dasoph@yahoo.com.

26TH ANNUAL MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET. This year's event will be Sunday, June 10 at Lombardo's Restaurant, Randolph, MA. Join His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, and our sister parishes, in recognition of the ongoing dedication, commitment and faithful service of so many of our parish lay-leaders. Our St. Demetrios nominee and reservation details will soon be announced. Please save the date and plan to join us on the 10th at Lombardo's!

ADULT EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT

Parish Retreat Reflections



Our March 3 retreat was nothing short of inspirational, and we are all grateful to Fr. Maximos for dedicating his time, energy and wisdom to our parish. Thanks are also due to our retreat organizers and volunteers, who helped make it a truly wonderful day. We look forward to continuing our Orthodox Life series in May and to future retreats and adult enrichment programs. Details to follow in next month's *Vine*.

PreSanctified Liturgy & Discussion, April 4

Throughout Lent, St. Demetrios has taken turns with our sister parishes in Lexington and Watertown in hosting PreSanctified Liturgies. On the 4th, it is our turn to host and offer our hospitality—please join us for Liturgy, a simple Lenten meal and discussion at 6 pm. During this holy time of year, it is highly important to learn as much as we can about our faith, especially the profound aspects of Lent and Holy Week. We hope you will join us.

2012 GOLF TOURNAMENT



We are pleased to announce that the 2012 St. Demetrios Golf Tournament will be held at the **Woodland Golf Club in Newton**, one of the area's oldest and most prestigious private courses. **The date is Monday, May 21, 2012.**

This year's tournament is offered in memory of our beloved parishioner Peter James Condakes, who was a great supporter of all our previous tournaments.

Registration will begin at 10:30 am and the shotgun will start at 12:30 pm. In addition to golf, we are planning an exciting lunch and dinner—with some seating available for non-golfers at the dinner, where we will have both a silent and live auction. **We are looking for sponsors as well as raffle and auction items if you would like to help out.**

Please save the date, and tell your friends. We hope to sell-out this wonderful event for the benefit of our church ministries and programs. We will communicate more information in the coming weeks as we look for participants and sponsors.

Learn more and register online:
www.stdemetriosweston.org/golf.

MEDIA, WITNESS AND OUTREACH



THE WALK FOR HUNGER IS MAY 6



We look forward to this important outreach event—once again, our GOYAns and OCF students will lead the charge in building our Metropolis team and seeking donations. But all of us can walk, help out and strive to end hunger in New England. To join our team, simply contact Eleni Kalioras at the Metropolis: ekalioras@boston.goarch.org. **Donations of any amount may be forwarded to the church office ("Attn: Fr Alex") and will be applied toward the fundraising of the Metropolis team.** Thanks for your support!

JESUS WEPT



"There is not a shorter verse in the Bible, nor a larger text."
—John Donne (1572 – 1631)

Long ago, the priest and poet John Donne expressed what we instinctively feel when we read the Lazarus story: how amazing that Christ would actually weep—not just shed a tear but weep—for His dead friend. Sometimes we mistakenly think of Jesus as ethereal or untouchable. Though true God, He was also true man, experiencing everything we do: deep love, friendship, the pain of loss.

Jesus wept. Just as we do when we lose our friends, parents, grandparents and even children. On these trying days perhaps Jesus also weeps for us—His tears a well-spring of hope, anticipating the joyful raising of Lazarus, as well as His own Resurrection. As Holy Week approaches, we take comfort in this "larger text" of His weeping: the great, compassionate and saving heart of our Lord....

To read more of "Jesus Wept" and coming blog entries, visit "Reflections": www.stdemetriosweston.org/blog/.

LIBRARY NEWS: THE LENTEN SPRING



Visit the library to check out books for your Lenten spiritual reading. This month we feature *The Lenten Spring*, containing 40 meditations on Great Lent, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. The meditations are straight-forward, approachable and heart-felt. You can find this book, and more, on our recommendation shelf or in Section J.

WELCOME TO THE TREMONT SCHOOL!

By now, many of you may know that the Tremont School has been sharing our classroom space for their new school, which opened for grades 5 and 6 in September and will add a 7th grade next year. However, you may not know much about the school or how it began.

The Tremont School was founded by a group of local parents who were interested in starting a small community school that supported a wide variety of personalities and learning styles under one roof. They describe their approach as combining the best of what both public and private schools have to offer—the vibrancy and variety of a public school community with the care, attention, and individualized approach to learning that are the hallmarks of an independent school education.

The Tremont School welcomes visitors and invites you to learn more by contacting them and coming by for a visit! **Their website is www.tremontschool.org or you can reach Bill Wilmot, the academic director, at 781-235-4805 or at bill@tremontschool.org.**

PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION

BROWN BAG MINISTRY: ST. BRIDGET'S FOOD PANTRY



Our Lenten effort continues through April 29, benefiting this long-standing, vital ministry of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Allston. Please fill your bag (we've been asked to focus on "canned proteins: e.g., peanut butter and beef stew) with any and all canned/non-perishable goods and return it to the drop-off bin in the coatroom. Being "open-handed" is critical to our mutual Lenten journeys—please be as generous as possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parish-ioners:



March 11

The family of Celia Ciccone.

The family of Ethel Dadasis.

March 18

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

BAPTISMS

Courtney McClellan was received in the Orthodox Church through Baptism on March 25. The sponsor was Maria Matheos.

*May God bless her
with His divine grace!*

FUNERALS

Celia Cicconi of Brighton, February 6.

Irene Zuffante of West Newton, March 6.

May their memory be eternal!

SAVE THE DATE!

Important St. Demetrios events:

May 13:

Mother's Day Celebration

May 16:

Philo托chos General Assembly

May 18:

Greek School Graduation

May 20:

Parish Hike

June 3:

Holy Pentecost

June 10:

Graduation Sunday



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