




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

Prayer

When was the last time you really prayed? By this, I mean thirsted to be one with God and felt the desire to be in His presence? Prayer begins at the moment of awareness that there is something more than what we are and when we see visibly around us. It is that, but also the acknowledgement that there are other dimensions to reality waiting to be discovered. The journey of discovery begins when we commit to encounter the living God not only in what we see and what has been created by Him but also in the invisible.

Among the greatest experiences that life offers is the journey within. St. John Chrysostom said that "when you discover the door to your heart, you discover the gate of heaven." Prayer is about going within and beyond to the very gate of heaven. It is the joy of discovering that which cannot be measured. It is an experience that one has to undertake and desire, ponder and encounter for themselves. Otherwise, it will always remain far from them. Communicating with another, spending time and sharing ones hopes, fears and dreams can only blossom within a relationship. It is so with God as well, for in our reaching for and toward Him, we will discover the depths of our true selves as well as God's infinite holiness and love for us.

I invite you during the coming month of April to begin your personal prayer journey leading to Pascha. Beyond the many services and sacramental opportunities offered by our Church, you may wish to read about the subject of Prayer and Spiritual Journey of the heart. Look for books by Father Anthony Coniaris, Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, Father Lawrence, Kyriakos Markides, the Desert Fathers, Bishop Kallistos Ware and others. Many of these are available in our bookstore, the library, or can be purchased online from Holy Cross Bookstore or OrthodoxMarketplace.com

I would be happy to suggest other authors that you may personally find helpful during this season or help to design a "prayer rule" for you and your family.

May God's spirit guide your heart to discover the power and joy of prayer as you journey to know personally the Living Lord.

*Wishing you a fruitful Lenten journey.
Fr. Nick*



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

April 7

Sunday of the Holy Cross

April 14

Sunday of St. John Climacus

April 21

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

April 28

Palm Sunday

May 5

*Great and Holy Pascha, Agape Vespers, 11am**

May 12

Sunday of Thomas

MIDWEEK SERVICES

(Outside of Holy Week)

Wednesday, April 3

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Demetrios, 6 pm

Friday, April 5

Salutations, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 10

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Athanasios, Arlington, 6 pm

Friday, April 12

Salutations, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 17

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Demetrios, 9:30 am

Friday, April 19

Akathist Hymn, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 24

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at Cathedral Chapel, 162 Goddard Ave, Brookline, 6 pm

Saturday of Lazarus, April 27

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

LENTEN VISITS

If you have a homebound family member who would welcome a visit this Lenten season, please contact Fr. Nick as soon as possible to make arrangements.

HOLY CONFESSION

Like the Prodigal Son, we have all been away from God on some level, and it is time to “come home” to our Father who is loving, compassionate and forgiving. Holy Confession is a powerful way to examine our lives and reflect on our spiritual progress, especially during this Lenten season. To make arrangements before Holy Week is upon us, please contact Fr. Nick.

HOLY FRIDAY NAMES

Each Holy Friday, the names of loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord are commemorated before the Kouvouklion (Sepulcher). Names may be brought to Church on Holy Friday or submitted beforehand to the Church office.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Monday, April 29

Bridegroom Service, 7 pm

Holy Tuesday, April 30

Bridegroom Service & Hymn of Kassiani, 7 pm

Holy Wednesday, May 1

Presanctified Liturgy, 9 am

Holy Unction (Afternoon), 3:30 pm

Holy Unction (Evening), 7 pm

Holy Thursday, May 2

Vesperal Liturgy (The Mystical Supper), 8 am

The Passion of our Lord (Reading of 12 Gospels), 7 pm

Holy Friday, May 3

The Royal Hours, 9am

Apokathelosis (Taking down of Christ from the Cross), 3:30 pm

Epitaphios (The Lamentations), 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, May 4

Divine Liturgy, 8 am

The Resurrection of our Lord (Pascha) Vigil begins, 11 pm

Sunday of Pascha, May 5

Agape Vespers, 11 am



BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

SAINT DEMETRIOS OPENS ITS DOORS

With God's blessing and the complete support of our parishioners, our new church – a church whose unique beauty has been recognized by Orthodox Christians literally around the world – will open its doors on the weekend of May 11 and 12.

We have received over 350 pledges totaling well in excess of \$7.5 million with over 60% paid ahead of schedule. If all those who intend to pledge, do so now, with their first donation made, and if those who are in their second or third year of honoring their pledges, do so prior to the June 30, 2013 date our bank loan becomes an amortizing mortgage, it would obviously be a great benefit to Saint Demetrios.

Beyond the statistics, the most gratifying outcome of our project, and a hallmark of our endeavor, is the utter harmony of our parish in its pursuit of the long term commitment to realize our dream. Once the decision was made to proceed, nothing could stop our progress or move us off our common path.

We certainly did have challenges and will have more in the months to come, but the knowledge that we are all unified in our purpose breeds an irrevocable confidence that we will work together until all the fixtures, furniture, and icons are successfully installed.

Separate from the drive to raise funds to build our church, you will recall that the means of funding these next elements will be on a first come, first serve basis once the book listing the possible gifts is completed and issued to all parishioners. There will certainly be ample opportunities of small and large donors to participate in meaningful ways. Our new church needs donors for the costly iconostasion (icon screen) and the many sacred vessels and furnishings that will complete the interior of our new church. We already have solicited funds in a separate drive for our seating. At \$500 a piece, we are delighted to report that \$55,700.00 has been collected to date representing 28% of our goal.

Our existing pews and iconostasion, as well as many of the existing furnishings, just after Easter and just prior to the opening of the doors, will be removed by a master craftsman to be extensively refitted and refinished for installation in our new chapel. The mosaics currently flanking our altar will have their new home there as well. The Deisis (the three mosaic icons) from behind our old altar area will be installed above the great main doors in the exo-narthex as you enter our new church.

May 11 and 12, will be a celebration for all Saint Demetrios parishioners. Make your plans now for your whole family to join in this sacred and moving moment in the history of our parish.

—Peter Bassett



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

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, Dn. Alexandros and Stephanie Petrides
Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers Galatano
Greek Language School, Avra Parpos
HOPE, Donna Markis
JOY, Jill Kovatsis
OCF, Dn. Alexandros



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young..."



Welcome to St. Demetrios Church School! We are committed to doing 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 bringing to reality the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, art, music, reading, writing, discussing, outreach, and stewardship, we learn about our Christian faith.

April	Second Grade Bulletin Board Display
April 7	Church School Classes
April 14	Church School Classes
April 21	Church School Classes
April 28	Palm Sunday – Family Worship
May 1	Holy Wednesday – Afternoon Epistle Readers
May 3	Holy Friday – Retreat; Flower girls (2nd gr. in afternoon, 5th gr. in evening)
May 5	Pascha – Agape Service readers – Family Worship

HOLY WEEK CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27, SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

9:00 am –Liturgy Palm Making

All Church School students and families are invited to prepare Palms for Palm Sunday Service.

Sunday, April 28, PALM SUNDAY – no classes

Middle and High School girls are invited to participate in the Mirofora procession. Please encourage your daughters to participate.

Wednesday, May 1, 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.

Friday, May 3, HOLY FRIDAY

- There will be a Church School student retreat 11:30–3:00 p.m. – Sign up by the Church entrance
- Second grade girls will participate in the afternoon procession.
- Fifth grade girls will participate in the evening procession.

Sunday, May 5, PASCHA – AGAPE SERVICE – no classes

We need foreign language readers (students and adults) to help read the Agape Service Gospel. Last year we were fortunate to have the Gospel read in Latin, Spanish, French, Romanian, German, and Chinese. If you are interested in reading a portion of the Gospel in a foreign language, please contact the Church School director, via email at stdemetrioschurchschool@verizon.net.

GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



Greek Independence Day Parade April 7

Greek School students, parents, and teachers are invited and encouraged to participate in the annual celebration of the Greek Independence Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 1 pm in Boston. Transportation to and from St. Demetrios will be provided for all those who march in the parade.

Children who have traditional Greek costumes are encouraged to wear them to the parade. We ask that all other children wear blue and white.

We look forward to everyone's participation in this favorite tradition in which we show our pride for not only our Greek heritage but also our own St. Demetrios Community.

For more information, please contact Avra Parpos at 508.875.2103.

Της ελευθερίας τ'ανθη

είναι δώρα του Θεού

ZHTΩ Η 25 ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ 1821!

GREEK DANCING

Lent begins - with a dance

Dancing has always been a large part of Greek culture, from ancient times to the present. Dances tell stories, express emotion, bring the community together, and mark important occasions. Dance is even featured in weddings - the Dance of Isaiah is an important part of the Orthodox wedding ceremony. So, it should come as no surprise that in some areas of Greece, Clean Monday/Kathara Theftera is marked with dancing. In Petrola, Thrace, local community members don traditional costumes and dance in the village square. Here in the United States, while we may not typically begin Lent with a dance, Greek dances are still performed around celebrations of Greek Independence Day, feast days, and other important moments in the life of the community.



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

YOUTH



CHURCH SCHOOL OUTREACH UPDATE

Anthony Houhoulis, Outreach Director

“The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same” –Luke 3:11

The Great Lent is a time to reflect and renew our commitment to Christ and his teachings. During this time, our Church school students will be involved in an outreach project that will connect them with orphaned children in Uganda. Many of these children have been left with little or no families. They are in need of basic items like nutritious food, clothing, and shoes, as well as financial support for school tuition and medical attention.

Each class will sponsor a child. A biography and wish list for that child will be posted in the classroom. Wish lists include: clothing, shoes, toys, books, and school supplies, as well as monetary donations to be used toward school tuition and medicine. We invite the St. Demetrios community to help in any way possible.

Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.
—Matthew 25:40

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL.

The Oratorical Festival took place on Sunday, March 10. Congratulations to John Markis (Junior Division) and Susan Kourtis (Senior Division) who took first place. Along with John and Susan, Francesca Skedros (Junior Division) and Chris Stournaras (Senior Division) will be representing St. Demetrios at the District Level Festival which will take place on Saturday, April 13. We extend a great thank you to Claire Collins who organized a wonderful Oratorical Festival!

GOYA



Greetings fellow GOYAns! On March 29, GOYAns gathered at St. Demetrios for the Lenten Salutations Service followed by a bowling outing! It was great to spend time with each other and have some friendly competition while bowling. Now that March has come and gone, it's time for spring! On Wednesday April 3, from 6 pm-7:30 pm, GOYAns will be reading Psalms for the Lenten Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. Also, April 26-27 is our annual St. Demetrios Lenten GOYA lock in! On the Saturday of Lazarus (April 27), there will be Divine Liturgy and Palm Cross making. Hope to see everyone there!

Wishing Everyone a Blessed Lent,

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ALTAR SERVERS

Following church on Sunday, April 21, we invite our servers to join us for a brief meeting to prepare for Holy Week and our special door opening services for the new church, May 11 and 12. Our servers are encouraged to attend their assigned Holy Week services and to arrive on time in order to 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: 7, 21

St. Stephen: 14, 28

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: Alex Camp, Vice Captain: Anthony Chirban
Nicholas Camp, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis,
Anthony Houhoulis, Nick Katinas, John Markis, Jonathan Salis

ST. LAWRENCE

Captain: Jason Theoharis, Vice Captain: Kosta Pappas
Walker Littlehale, Alexander Luzaitis, William Luzaitis,
Costa Razis, Michael Razis, Rob Smith



HOPE & JOY Update

HOPE:

What does it take to bring a community together? Some creativity and a little knowhow! Come join other HOPE aged children and parents on Friday April 5th at 6pm, for a community “Stone Soup” activity, followed by the Salutations Service at 7pm. Please bring an ingredient for vegetable soup along with you. If you'd like a suggestion or have a question contact alexandros@stdemetriosweston.org.

JOY:

The JOY will be hosting a communion breakfast on the Saturday of Lazarus after Liturgy for all those making Palm Crosses. Come help serve and prepare for Palm Sunday!

HOPE (K – 2nd)

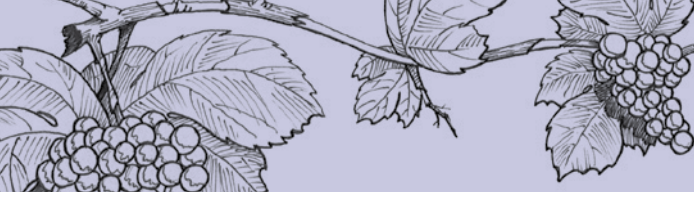
Donna Markis:

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JOY (3rd – 6th)

Jill Kovatsis:

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YOUTH/PHOTOS

IONIAN VILLAGE 2013



The following dates have been announced:

June 23 – July 12, Summer Travel Camp

July 20 – August 8, Byzantine Venture

Visti IV online to learn more: www.ionianvillage.org

YOUTH BASKETBALL:



The 2012-13 St. Demetrios Basketball Season has concluded with a strong showing by our 4 Teams. The GOYA boys captured 2nd place, the GOYA girls tied for 3rd and the JOY Team won the Championship.

Over 80 people from our Parish attended the recent end of the Season Banquet at the Cathedral Center in Brookline. As part of the celebration, several of our players received All League honors. These included; Michael Stournaras, regular season MVP in the JOY division, Nick Stournaras, GOYA boys regular season MVP, James Damaskos, 3 point JOY All Star game contest winner, Stavros Damaskos, 2nd place JOY All Star game free throw contest, and John Markis, JOY division most improved player.

The Metropolis also hosted an end of the season skills session for our younger players, along with All Star games for the JOY and GOYA divisions.

Next season looks to be equally exciting and we hope for continued growth in our program and the League.



Wine Tasting



Sunday of Orthodoxy



Church Building Project then and now



Greek Independence Day Celebration



Senior Guild Luncheon



Youth Basketball





CALENDAR

APRIL/MAY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	April 1	2 Greek School, 4-6 pm	3 Presanctified Liturgy, 6 pm GOYA readers and presentation	4 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	5 HOPE Stone Soup event, 6 pm Salutations, 7 pm	6
7 Sunday of the Holy Cross Mini Sermon Church School Staff Meeting	8	9 EPOCH Out- reach, 10:30 am Greek School, 4-6 pm	10 Presanctified Liturgy, 6 pm at Arlington Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Meeting, 7 pm	11 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	12 Salutations, 7 pm	13 Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am
14 Sunday of St. John Climacus	15	16 Greek School, 4-6 pm	17 Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30 am Senior Guild Brunch	18 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	19 Akathist Hymn, 7 pm	20 Hellenic Nursing Home, 2:30
21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	22	23 Greek School, 4-6 pm	24 Presanctified Liturgy, 6 pm at Cathedral Chapel	25 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	26 Miracle Kitchen, 4 pm GOYA Lock-in, 7 pm	27 Lazarus Saturday Orthros and Di- vine Liturgy, 9 am Breakfast and Palm Cross Making
28 Palm Sunday Philoptochos Bake Sale Bridgroom Ser- vice, 7 pm	29 Holy Monday Bridgroom Ser- vice, 7 pm	30 Holy Tuesday Greek School, 4-6 pm Bridgroom Ser- vice, 7 pm	MAY 1 Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy, 9 am Holy Unction, 3:30 and 7 pm	2 Holy Thursday Vespereal Liturgy, 8 am The Passion, 7 pm	3 - Holy Friday Royal Hours, 9 am Youth Retreat, 11:30 am Descent from the Cross, 3:30 pm Lamentations, 7 pm	4 Holy Saturday Ressurrection Service, 11 pm
5 PASCHA Agape Service, 11:30 am	6	7 Greek School, 4-6 pm	8 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos General Assem- bly and Elections, 7 pm	9 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	10	11 Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am Thyraxia / Door Opening Vespers, 6 pm
12 Thomas Sunday Mother's Day First Orthros and Liturgy Mother's Day Celebration	13	14 Greek School, 4-6 pm	15	16 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	17	18



PHILOPTOCHOS

The **Philoptochos Membership** drive is underway. If you have been meaning to send in your membership form, take the time to do so today! You will love being part of this fabulous group of women. All women of St. Demetrios are encouraged to join! You can download the membership form from the Philoptochos web page. For further questions please contact Gina Spencer at gspencer@stdemetriosweston.org.

Easter Candy Sale: Enjoy homemade chocolates by Kathy Damaskos. These delicious treats can be ordered in time for Easter. You can find us during coffee hour to complete the order form. You can also download order forms from the Philoptochos web page. All orders must be received by April 14 and pick up will be Sunday, April 21.

Lamb Raffle Sale (April 28): 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.

Please consider making a donation for the **Epitaphios flowers**. A mailing with additional information will be forthcoming in early April. If you have any questions, please contact Eugenia Kourlos at kourkat@comcast.net

The **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** will be chaired by Jane Kourtis. Please contact her with any questions or if you are able to help out! Jane can be reached at jkourtis@comcast.net.

Save the date! **Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm** in the Church Social Hall is the Philoptochos General Assembly. The agenda includes Philoptochos Elections and the review the annual report and disbursements. Please make plans to attend this important meeting. If you need a ride, please contact Joanna Krasinski at 781-736-0991 or jskrasinski@verizon.net.



STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship had a very strong first quarter at St. Demetrios. And I'm not talking only about our finances. Time and Talents are equally important. It was great to see our steward participation at various events this winter. For example, youth basketball just finished a terrific season and was well supported by parents of all age groups. This camaraderie amongst our youth helps to strengthen their Christian bonds and will form the pillar of their own Stewardship commitment to our Church. Other events such as the wine tasting, where we sold a record amount of wine, and the annual GOYA wing-a-thon, where again, all the wings were sold out, prove that community participation is healthy and growing.

In terms of finances, our stewardship contributions were ahead of where we were at this time last year. We are about the same in number of pledges received, but collections are stronger. We finished 2012 with approximately the same number of stewards as 2011, but with a higher total contribution which means our average pledge continues to rise (now at \$1,000). For 2013, we have received 301 pledges totaling \$451,000 and \$46,000 from 70 non-pledged stewards.

An interesting trend is the growth in the number of stewards using our online contribution method. This clearly reflects a global trend away from checks and paper, and a move toward electronic commerce. Some day, I believe almost all of our stewards will use this method because it's fast, easy, and secure. You can try it out here: www.stdemetriosweston.org/stewardship. Click on Online Donations on the right side.

Kalo Pascha and please continue to support your Parish by attending services and events, volunteering for activities, and making your financial pledge.

Dean Coclin
Stewardship Chairman
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NEWS & EVENTS

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR GUILD. The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be April 17, 2013. This meeting is a Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, with a meatless menu. Over lunch we will discuss the June meeting. Please come with suggestions for places to visit in the future. Please contact Artemis Martakis with questions at 508.785.0045.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR? Hosting a Fellowship Coffee Hour is a wonderful way to support the St. Demetrios community. All supplies are provided. We have several Sundays to fill through June. Please see the sign-up board in the Social Hall or contact Mary Ellen Paravalos 781.349.8077 or paravfam@yahoo.com.



2013 GOLF TOURNAMENT. We are pleased to announce that the 2013 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 20, 2013. Registration will begin at 10:30 am and the shotgun will start at 12:30 pm.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

On April 12 and 19, the icon of the Theotokos will be beautifully decorated with flowers for the Salutations and Akathist services, respectively. To sponsor an evening, please contact the Church office. This is a meaningful way to remember a loved one or simply engage in the liturgical life of this holy season.

PARISH DIRECTORY. We are pleased to announce that an updated version of our Parish directory will soon be published. The Directory will be distributed to all stewards of St. Demetrios and will contain important information about our St. Demetrios community, ministries, and general information about our Orthodox faith. Please participate by updating information, by sponsoring and reserving space, and by inviting others who you conduct business with to support this effort. Look for communication that will arrive at your home in the near future. For more information, contact Georgia Gefteas at 781.431.7479.

THYRANIXIA / DOOR OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

By the grace of God and with great joy, we are pleased to announce that we will hold our "Thyranixia" – the opening and blessing of our new St. Demetrios Church, Chapel and offices on May 11 and 12, 2013. This is truly a dream come true, a dream born on May 19, 2009, with the overwhelming vote of the parish.

On May 11 and 12, Mother's Day Weekend, we will gather to celebrate this historic event in the life of St. Demetrios, Weston.

Opening Vespers: Saturday, May 11, at 6:00pm

First Divine Liturgy: Sunday, May 12

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

Please join us as we celebrate this milestone in the life of our beloved parish.



Save The Date:
May 11-12, 2013
for the Thyranixia Ceremony
"Opening of the Doors"
of our new
Saint Demetrios Greek
Orthodox Church.
(Details To Follow)

BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

GOAL: \$8 million

PLEDGED: \$7.6 million

NEED: \$400,000

Have you made your pledge?



A MAUI THANK YOU



Aloha! We were so fortunate to win the grand prize - a trip to Maui — at the St. Demetrios Dinner Dance last year. Our accommodations at the Fairmount Kea Lani in Wailea were outstanding! We had a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean from the balcony of our luxurious suite. The hotel facilities were amazing and the hotel staff was so friendly and helpful.

While there, we traveled the Hana Highway and visited the Garden of Eden, an arboretum and botanical garden. The flora and fauna in the park were amazing. Many exotic plants and trees from the South Pacific are featured. There are over 600 plants botanically labeled. It offers some of Maui's most breathtaking ocean views and waterfalls.

On the way back from Hana, we had dinner at the famous Mama's Fish House. The food was as good as everyone had told us, but the ocean views from the restaurant were some of the most beautiful we had seen. It was a feast for the eyes, as well as our stomachs!

Our most memorable experience was seeing the sunrise from Haleakala. We left our hotel at 3am and traveled 2 hours up the mountain that was formed by volcanoes erupting about 400,000 years ago. We reached the elevation of 10,023 feet and waited for the sun to rise. It was spectacular!

The best vacation ever! We can't wait to go back!

—Chris & Kiki Hadjigeorgiou



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

On your spiritual journey we recommend:

St John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent
Translated by Colm Luibheid

The ascetic life is portrayed as a ladder which each aspirant must ascend, each step being a virtue to be acquired, or a vice to be surrendered. Its thirty steps reflect the hidden life of Christ himself. This book offers advice, counsel, and guidance to those who wish to embark on that difficult road whose summit is encounter with God.

We have set aside this book on our Recommendation Shelf.

The Library is open every Sunday after Divine Liturgy as well as Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. We invite you to come and visit the library to check out some of these books. **Remember, this library is for you and your family.**

JONATHAN'S MISSION TRIP



A warm thank you to all those who have supported Jonathan Resmini in his mission trip to Alaska. For those who may still wish to support his missionary work, financial support can be made by mail to Jonathan at the address below, or by visiting www.stdemetriosweston.org/AlaskaMission.

Checks should be made out to **OCMC** with his name "Jonathan Resmini" in the memo line.

Jonathan Resmini
2500 Clairmont Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

BROWN BAG BLITZ LENT 2013



This Lenten season our Brown Bag Blitz will benefit St. Bridget's Pantry. This pantry supplies food for Open Door, a ministry of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Allston, MA. Since 1988, dedicated parishioners have been serving 50 – 60 guests each week. That's around 3,000 meals per year! Parish leaders have informed us that "canned proteins" (such as beef stew and peanut butter) would be particularly beneficial, but all canned/non-perishable goods are very welcome. Please fill and return it to the Church by April 28. Also, please pray for the homeless and those in need who pass through Open Door throughout Lent! To help with this ministry, contact Lydia Santangelo: lydiaeventspclst@aol.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

March 17

Angelica Giovannes, in loving memory of her son, Alexios.

Connie Papageorge, in loving memory of her son, Chris.

March 31

Theresa Nibi, in loving memory of her mother, Sophia.

FUNERALS

Sophia Nibi of Newton, February 21.

Georgia Zafiropoulos of Newton, February 27.

May their memory be eternal!

BAPTISMS

The son of Anthony and Nicole Abrantes was baptized on Saturday, March 16, and named Alexander Joseph. The sponsor was MaryLee Malandrakis.

The son of Jose and Maria Cancel was baptized on Saturday, March 23, and named Xristian Ioannis. The sponsor was Nicholas Pouloupoulos.

The daughter of Dimitrios and Courtney Panagiotakakos was baptized on Saturday, March 30, and named Lauren Elizabeth. The sponsor was John Petrolekas.

*May God bless them
with His divine grace!*

SAVE THE DATE!

Important St. Demetrios events:

April 17:

Senior Guild Brunch

April 26-27:

GOYA Lenten Lock-In

April 28:

Palm Sunday

March April 29-May 4:

Holy Week

May 5:

Pascha

May 11:

Thyranixia / Door Opening Vespers

May 12:

First Divine Liturgy & Door Opening Celebration



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