




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

Built On Our Faith

Christos, Anesti!

On May 11th and 12th, 2013, by the grace of God and with the support and prayers of our St. Demetrios stewards, a new chapter in the history of St. Demetrios began. The Thyranixia (door opening) of our new sanctuary took place. With the presence of Metropolitan Methodios, godparents, Bessie Condakes and Suzanne Condakes Polymeros and family, the doors of our new Church opened wide to receive hundreds of faithful who attended the two day celebration.

The joyous celebration could not have happened without the culmination of long planning on the part of our Building Committee headed by Peter Bassett, committee heads for Development - Tom Gatzunis, Finance - Dimitri Georgakopoulos, Communication - Steve Damaskos, Furnishings - Peter Condakes and John Morakis as they worked harmoniously with our Parish Council under the leadership of Chris Pappas to complete this four year journey. Over 80 additional members on these committees and over 100-plus volunteers came together in the final weeks to complete the plans for the opening of our new church complex and the receptions that followed. Our Ladies Philoptochos, decoration committee and our landscape crew put the finishing touches on what will remain an unforgettable event in the history of our community. Thank you all!

We dedicate this June/July issue to all of you that made our new Church a reality with your time, talent and treasure – as we also remember those who came before us, founders and benefactors, who made this dream possible. Our Church could not be built without your participation and generous support, prayers and faith in Almighty God.

May He receive from us this manifestation of our love and gratitude "Built on our Faith" and offered to His Glory.

With Love in the Lord,
Fr. Nick



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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
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
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, Fr. Nicholas Krommydas
Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers
Greek Language School, Avra Parpos
HOPE, Donna Markis
JOY, Jill Kovatsis
OCF, Fr. Nicholas Krommydas





YOUTH

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



Χριστός
Ανέστη!

Thank you to
all our teach-
ers, parents and
students who

supported the efforts of the Church School program
by actively participating in the many programs and
activities throughout the year.

- June 2** Church School Classes; Church School Staff Mtg. 11:45-12:30
- June 9** Church School Classes; Church School Graduation Ceremony
- June 16** Father's Day; High School Graduation Day Ceremony/Scholarship Sunday

Sunday, June 9th – Church School Graduation Day. This will be the last day of Church School. After an abbreviated lesson in the individual classrooms, teachers and students will come together in the Church for a brief year-end ceremony. We hope everyone attends!

Sunday June 16th – Scholarship Sunday (High School Seniors). If your child is graduating from High School this year, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible.

We are looking for individuals who might be interested in teaching/assisting in the Church School program. If you have a love for children, patience and a strong understanding of our Faith, please contact Stavroula Gurguliatos, Church School Director, at stdemetriuschurchschool@verizon.net.

GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



The Greek School staff would like to thank parents for their support throughout the year. Your contributions and time helped to make the school year a memorable one for our students. A special thank you to Dr. & Mrs. Chris Doku for generously sponsoring the Greek School Graduation Ceremony & Reception.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2013 graduates:
James Markis and Konstantinos Tsiantoulas.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall!

ALTAR SERVERS

As we move toward summer, we want to thank all the Altar Servers for their help with the Thyranixia! With graduations, we also have shifts within our leadership. Congratulations to our new leaders:

**Alex Camp, Captain, St. Stephen,
Will Luzaitis, Vice Captain, St. Stephen
Kosta Pappas, Captain, St. Lawrence
Nicholas Camp, Vice Captain, St. Lawrence**

We know they will provide terrific leadership. Finally, we say goodbye to seniors Jason Theoharis, Anthony Chirban and Nick Katinas. They served our parish well, were true mentors to their younger Altar brothers, and will be missed by us all. We hope all our servers, and their families, will continue to join us for Divine Liturgy throughout the summer.

During the Summer months we invite all the Altar Servers to participate.



GREEK DANCING

Greek dance music filled the halls of St. Demetrios on Sunday, May 19 as the Greek Dancing program celebrated another terrific year with its annual End of Year Dance Party. Dancers, siblings, parents, grandparents, community supporters and alumni enthusiastically danced for the entire party and enjoyed delicious refreshments. Thanks to the dancers and their families for a great year!

—Margaret Talmers and Claire Collins



LEFT: Oceana Broome, Claire Collins and Mary Markis. RIGHT: Nicholas Gallitano, Sarah and Katherine Wheeler.

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

YOUTH



GOYA



Greetings fellow GOYAns! Another year has come and gone and we are thankful for the many opportunities we have shared together. We have grown together as a GOYA through our friendships and service to others. Throughout this past year, we raised funds for our new church and for St. Basil's Academy. During the holiday season, we served food to those in need at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen in Framingham. We would like to thank Mrs. Dorothea Ocnos who invited us to participate in this incredible ministry. Throughout the year we gathered for discussions and movie nights which centered around topics we all face in today's society. We also invited other GOYAns to our community for our annual dance, as well as participated in many activities sponsored by other GOYA's throughout the Metropolis.

Our GOYA would like to thank everyone who has been a part of making this year memorable and successful. We thank Fr. Nick, Dn. Alexey and Mrs. Georgia Argyrople for all of their hard work and for the time they have put into our GOYA events. We also would like to thank the entire community for coming together to build our incredible new Church. You have all been amazing examples to the youth, showing how it is we are to share our gifts and talents for the future of our parish, to serve the needs of the parish and community now and for generations to come. Many of us will be graduating and heading off to college this fall, but we do so looking forward to our return to St. Demetrios, to worship together during our visits home and as we graduate.

On June 15 at 4pm at the Kourtis home we will have our end of the year barbeque. Details to follow!

—Anna Skedros



GOYA 2013-14 Leadership

President: Susan Kourtis
Vice President: Olivia Cicalis
Secretary: Victoria Argyrople
Treasurer: Will Luzaitis



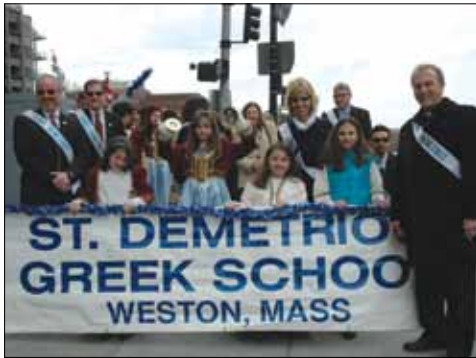
Hope "Stone Soup" Event





YOUTH/PHOTOS

Greek Independence Day Parade



Greek School Graduation



Youth Thyranixia



Thyranixia





CALENDAR

SUMMER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 2 11:30 General Assembly	3	4	5	6 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	7	8 Learning Program, 8:30 am
9 - Sunday of the Blind Man Church School Graduation Laity Banquet	10	11	12 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Mtg, 7 pm	13 - Ascension Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Vespers, 7 pm, Cathedral Chapel, Brookline	14 - St. Methodios Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am, Cathedral Chapel, Brookline	15 Hellenic Nursing Home, 2-3:30 pm GOYA BBQ, 4 pm
16 - 1st Ecumenical Council Father's Day Graduation/Scholarship Sunday	17	18	19	20 Senior Guild Meeting, 1 pm	21	22 Sat. of the Souls Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am
23 Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28 Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	29
30 All Saints	JULY 1	2	3	4 Independence Day (Church office closed)	5 Church office closed	6
7 2nd Sunday of Matthew	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Holy Fathers	15	16	17	18	19	20 Hellenic Nursing Home, 2-3:30 pm
21 4th Sunday of Matthew	22	23	24	25	26 St. Paraskevi Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	27
28 5th Sunday of Matthew	29	30	31			



PHILOPTOCHOS

We would like to take to thank each and every one of our Philoptochos sisters who helped with the two Thyranixia receptions. The opening of our new church is a memory that we will hold dear to our hearts for the rest of our lives. Your hard work with all that went on, from the delicious homemade glyka to the beautiful decorations, the setting up and cleaning up, the days (and nights!) of preparation to bring it all together was an example to follow! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our collective efforts came together as they always do, creating a welcoming and celebratory atmosphere fitting for the occasion.

Upcoming Event: Sunday, June 16, 2013 is Scholarship Sunday. Please join us as the Philoptochos honors the recipients of the various scholarships awarded each year. Have someone graduation? Let us know, stdemetrioschurchschool@verizon.net.

Yours in Christ,
Joanna Krasinski

Thyranixia Reception



STEWARDSHIP: SUMMER 2013



It's hard to believe that summer is here already. Spring came and went so quickly, but what a wonder-

ful series of events we had over the last few months. Starting with a beautiful Lenten period, we then entered the joy of Pascha and the opening of our new Church, which was attended by hundreds of existing and perhaps many new stewards. Already there has been interest shown in joining St. Demetrios by several families. We hope this will continue as we worship together in our new home.

The first quarter of the year showed an increase in pledge dollars by our stewards while the overall number of stewards is relatively steady. Through May 15th, we had 336 pledges totaling \$325,258 and an additional \$18,501 from 91 non pledged members. We've received \$187,153 in cash so far which is about \$8k higher than last year at this time. Our average pledge continues to increase as it now approaches almost \$1,000.

Statements will be going out after Memorial Day. As always, we ask that you please carefully review to make sure we have captured your pledge and donations accurately. If you are using the online donation system, you can easily log in and review your electronic contributions in one place and instantly get a snapshot of your pledge status.

Dean Coclin
Stewardship Chairman
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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAITY AWARDS BANQUET JUNE 9.

We are pleased to announce that our Parish Council has selected Mr. Peter Basset to be this year's Metropolis Laity Award recipient from St. Demetrios. Peter is both a long-time steward, and the Building Committee chairman of our new sanctuary. Most importantly, we wish to recognize his faith and dedication. Please join us on the 9th at 5:30 pm (Lombardo's restaurant, Randolph, MA), when he will receive this annual award and represent all of us at this year's event. We would love to sit together, so please call the office to purchase tickets and to make your arrangements.

FEAST OF ST. METHODIOS. Along with our sister parishes throughout New England, we are all invited to celebrate the "nameday" of our own Metropolitan Methodios. Join His Eminence on Wednesday June 13 for Great Vespers at 7 pm; and on Thursday June 14 for Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30 am (reception hosted by the Metropolis Philoptochos Board to follow). Both services will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral Chapel, 162 Goddard Ave, Brookline. A blessed nameday and "many years" to His Eminence!

SENIOR GUILD. The last meeting of the Senior Guild will be on Thursday, June 20, at 1 pm. We will be showing a movie and serving dessert. If you are interested in coming, please contact Artemis Martakis, 508-785-0045. Hope to see you there.

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. Please see the sign-up board in the Social Hall or contact Mary Ellen Paravalos 781.349.8077 or paravfam@yahoo.com.

Senior Guild Luncheon

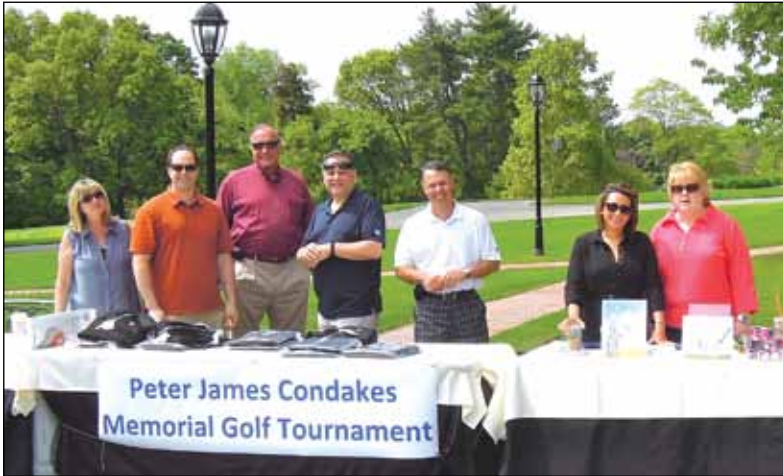


NEWS & EVENTS



Peter James Condakes Memorial Golf Tournament

The 2013 Peter James Condakes Memorial Golf Tournament was a success! We thank all those who came out on that beautiful day to golf, support our parish, and keep the memory of Peter James Condakes alive.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

***The Inner Kingdom* By Bishop Kallistos Ware**

Focuses on themes central to Eastern Christian worship and spiritual life, and serves as an introduction to the series of six volumes of Bishop Kallistos's collected works.

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.**

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our parish directory. It will have the same format as the last one and will again include the contact information for all our stewards. The updated directory will be dedicated to the memory of our founders. For our parishioners, the directory is an integral connection to our community. Please support this effort by participating in one of the following ways:

- As a business owner, small or large, part-time or full time. Reach out to those in your parish community by advertising your firm, goods or services.
- As an individual, you can reserve space: 1. In memory of a loved one. 2. Compliments of.....donation. 3. Congratulations or Best Wishes 4. Have fun...this is your space... original poem, favorite family photo , etc
- Donate as an underwriter. Names of donors will appear on our " Thank You" page

Directory reservation forms are available at the church office, at Sunday coffee hours or can be mailed to you upon request.

Please feel free to call Georgia Gefteas at 781-431-7479 with any questions.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Altar flowers were generously donated
by the following parishioners:*

April 14

Anita Hatzis, in loving memory of her husband, Thomas.

May 12

Jim and Nikki Mavrikos, in loving memory of their mothers, Catherine Mavrikos and Callie Samaras.

May 19

Steve and Christine Rontiris, in loving memory of their parents, Anastasios and Aphrodite and Constantinos and Efthimia.

May 26

Virginia Alex and George Alex and family, in loving memory of Jim Alex.

BAPTISMS

The son of Brian and Cassandra Colburn was baptized on Saturday, May 18, and named Charles Wellington. The sponsor was Tricia Tollos.

*May God bless them
with His divine grace!*

FUNERALS

Peter Young of Brookline, March 31.

Helen Poulakis of Medway, March 27.

Michael Sakillaris of Newton, April 2.

Athanacia Arvanitis of Wellesley, May 26.

May their memory be eternal!

SAVE THE DATE!

**Important upcoming
St. Demetrios events:**

June 13:

Ascension

June 15:

GOYA BBQ

June 16:

Scholarship Sunday

June 22:

Saturday of Souls

June 23:

Pentecost



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