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ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 57 BROWN STREET, WESTON, MA 02493

FR. NICK'S MESSAGE

Building a Church



We as a community just celebrated the great feast of our patron St. Demetrios. During these days we remembered that this was our first feast day celebration in our new Church. It was a memorable few days as we invited clergy who served our community in the past to be with us and thanked and recognized those who labored to build our new Church edifice.

Being part of "building a church" gives us great joy as we

all take pride in our collective accomplishments. Perhaps unconsciously this is so because we have become co-laborers with God Himself whose initial plan was and is that we, His people, gather and assemble in one place - the "ecclesia" - the Church. It is at this special place and holy space that we are called together as one, to praise, glorify and worship God. Further, on bended knees, we follow Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of Me." "This" is communing with Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and then going out to become living ambassadors of faith to transform the world.

We at St. Demetrios wished to fulfill a dream to build a physical church made of "mortar and bricks." It was God's idea first to create the Church (an ecclesia) for our benefit so that, as Christ taught, when "two or three are together I shall be." It is a revolutionary idea that the Church was designed by God Himself for our common benefit. Most would argue that God is present everywhere and surely He is. God's plan though is clear from the consensus of scriptural readings, that He is uniquely present when we come together as God's people. He is tangibly present in the Liturgy, "the work of the people." This is especially true when we are gathered together in one place solely set aside for this one purpose. It is here where we are invited to "taste and see how good the Lord is." The Church remembers and recalls the place where many gathered before us to worship and experience God's unique presence.

God is present indeed in the midst of His flock! The Church is where God's flock gathers and it is the reason we have built our Church - to raise our voices in gratitude and thanksgiving, and also in praise for His Holy Name. Do not neglect to be with Him and among His people each and every Sunday! Then truly our new edifice will not only be a beautiful building, but also the place where we meet and develop a relationship with the living Lord.

*With Love in the Lord,
Fr. Nick*

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

November 3

5th Sunday of Luke

November 10

8th Sunday of Luke

November 17

9th Sunday of Luke

November 24

13th Sunday of Luke

WEEKDAY SERVICES (AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES):

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 pm

Friday, November 8

@ Taxiarchae, Watertown

Friday, November 8, 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 9

@ St. Nectarios, Roslindale

Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 14

@ St. Philip Nashua, NH

Sunday, November 24, 7:00 pm

Monday, November 25

@ St. Catherine, Braintree

Friday, November 29, 7:00 pm

Saturday November 30

St. Andrew the Apostle

@ Cathedral Chapel, Brookline

WEEKDAY SERVICES (AT OUR CHAPEL):

Wednesday, November 13, 9 & 9:30 am

St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday, November 13, 5:45 pm

Paraclesis

Thursday, November 21, 9 & 9:30 am

Entrance of the Theotokos

Thursday November 28, 9 & 9:30 am

Thanksgiving Day



ST. CATHERINE

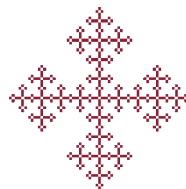
THE GREAT MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA

COMMEMORATED NOV. 25

Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constat (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who

had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Catherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer



Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing

We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head

I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those

Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure

Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure

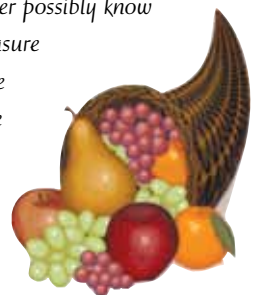
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place

And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace

So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided

And bless each and every person invited

Amen





ONCE IN A LIFETIME

What a great affirmation of our community's love of St. Demetrios Saturday, October 20th at the Marriott in Newton where over 230 parishioners celebrated St. Demetrios' name

day. Between the excellent meal and the dancing into the night as the Red Sox took another win, our Parish Council President, Tom Gatzunis, spoke about the next steps in the development and completion of our new church.

Tom referred to a brochure all parishioners will receive soon displaying in detail the work that was recently approved by the General Assembly. Specifically the acquisition of important furnishings without which our church will not be complete: the icon screen, the pulpit, the baptismal fount, the Bishop's Throne and so much more including the very significant ecclesiastical furnishings behind the altar.

We will ask for your donations and there will be opportunities for gifts both large and small, but all are extremely important for the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. One more thing: in keeping with the tone of the Building Committee's campaign, we will be granting these named gifts on a first come basis. All prospective donors will have ample time to consider which gift is appropriate for them and submit their pledges once the acceptance period opens.

So, keep an eye out for the brochure arriving at your home in the weeks to come.

—Peter Bassett



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Faith and Works Ministries

A Suitable Image, Nancy Savage
Brown Bag Sunday, Lydia Santangelo
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 Music Director, Jane Kourtis

GOYA, Yianno Pantazelos
Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers
Greek Language School, Avra Parpos
HOPE, Donna Markis
JOY, Jill Kovatsis
OCF, Yianno Pantazelos



Welcome to St Demetrios Church School.

We are excited that you decided to bring your child/children to Church School. We are all committed to do our best in bringing our youth to Christ, in a nurturing, calm, respectful and playful environment. We are trying to be good role models for our students, reaching their hearts, while we bring to reality the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, art, music, reading, writing, discussing, outreach and stewardship, we learn about our Christian faith. We welcome you to our school!

A few of our upcoming church school events include:

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| November | Kindergarten Bulletin Board Display |
| November 3 | Church School Classes; Church School Staff Meeting |
| November 10 | Family Worship |
| November 15 | Christmas Fast Begins |
| November 17 | Church School Classes |
| November 24 | Church School Classes |

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



BASKETBALL

The 2013-14 Basketball Season is off to another great year. For those new to the program, St. Demetrios Basketball offers a Team for GOYA Boys (ages 14 to 17), GOYA Girls (ages 14 to 17), "Junior GOYA" Co-ed (ages 10 to 14) and even a JOY. Team (ages 8 to 10). Please consider having your son or daughter join this unique opportunity. For a very nominal cost they can enjoy a great sport and the company of fellow Orthodox kids from Weston, Watertown, Boston, Cambridge, Peabody and many of the other Boston Area churches. The Season will begin the 2nd/3rd week of November. Practices are TBD. Please email Emanuel "Jack" Markis at: eJMarkis@Markislaw.com to sign up.

GOYA

Hey everyone! My name is Victoria Argyrople and I am this year's GOYA Secretary. We had an awesome time apple picking at Honey Pot Orchard in Stow, followed by a pizza party. This month, we have a lot of exciting activities coming up! To start off the month, we have our second annual retreat at the Metropolis of Boston Camp from November 1st to November 2nd. Save the date for Friday, November 15th as it is a potential date for a GOYA Friday. On November 17th we have a GOYA general assembly after Church School. On November 22nd, we are making Thanksgiving baskets for our annual veterans drive. On November 29th from 4-8 pm, we will have a service project with the Salvation Army. Keep a look out this December for our annual GOYA dance and the GOYA Glendi on the 14th! Best wishes, and I hope to see you all there! :)

Junior GOYA

We have officially hit the ground running with our new Junior GOYA! We had ten members attend our first general assembly with some great ideas about potential events and future fundraisers. For our first event we will host a movie night at St. Demetrios on Saturday, November 9 at 5 pm where we will be watching the film *Nacho Libre*. Please bring your own snacks and beverages. For more information please contact Yianno@stdemetriosweston.org.



JOY and HOPE

On Saturday October 26, we celebrated the nameday of our patron St. Demetrios with some of the youth and families of our community. We had different activities from face painting, freeze dance, coloring icons and a donut eating contest. Near the end of the event we all came together to honor our patron saint for his great example to witnessing the faith. Our next event will be our annual gingerbread making houses which will be held on Friday, December 13. Please Stay tuned for more information!

HOPE (K- 2nd)

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

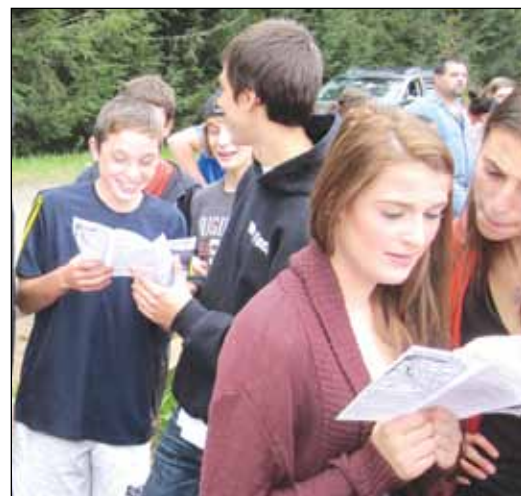
JOY (3rd - 6th)

Jill Kovatsis: ja.k@verizon.net

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

YOUTH

GOYA Apple Picking



PHOTOS

St. Demetrios Dinner Dance



Philoptochos



Clergy Laity Conference



St. Demetrios Feast Day Celebrations



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 3 5th Sunday of Luke | 4 | 5 Greek School, 4-6 pm | 6 | 7 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 8  | 9 Quilt-a-thon, 9 am - 4 pm Junior GOYA Movie Night |
| 10 8th Sunday of Luke | 11 | 12 Greek School, 4-6 pm | 13 - St. John Chrysostom Orthros and Liturgy, 9 & 9:30 am Senior Guild Lunch Paraklesis, 5:45 pm Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos General Assembly, 7 pm | 14 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 15 GOYA Friday | 16 |
| 17 9th Sunday of Luke GOYA General Assembly | 18 | 19 Prayer Shalw Ministry, 1 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm | 20  | 21 Entrance of the Theotokos Orthros, 9 am Liturgy, 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 22 GOYA and OCF Veteran Basket-making Miracle Soup Kitchen, 4-7 pm | 23 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2-3:30 |
| 24 13th Sunday of Luke Thanksgiving Bake Sale | 25 | 26 Greek School, 4-6 pm | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving Day Orthros, 9 am Liturgy, 9:30 am | 29 GOYA-Salvation Army Service project  | 30 |

PHILOPTOCHOS

The Fall has been very exciting for the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos membership. We welcome the new members that have joined the Saint Christine Chapter over the past few months.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with the Vesper Service on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, Saint Demetrios Day. The overwhelming response from the Philoptochos membership and other parishioners was a true testament of commitment to our beloved Parish, inspired by the dedication of Father Nick and Presbyteria Elaine.

On Sunday, October 6, the Philoptochos was honored to have Mrs. Iphegenia Kanara, the Consul Greece/Boston as guest speaker at the Annual Luncheon. Mrs. Kanara updated the attendees on the new activities at the Boston Greek Consulate, particularly access to local events through social media. Special thanks to Christina Booth, Dean Coclin, Kathy and Steve Damaskos, Amalie George, Mary Philopoulos, Gina Spencer and Maria Tatakis for their generous donations.

Here are some of the events scheduled in November and December.

Monthly Paraklesis Service - Wednesday, November 13. Join members of the Parish for an inspirational Paraklesis service, the second Wednesday of the month at 5:45 pm in the Chapel.

General Assembly Meeting – Wednesday, November 13. General Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm followed by guest speaker, Dr. Donna Housman who will discuss the topic of bullying. Dr. Housman is the Founder and President of Beginnings School in Weston, a licensed psychologist for children and adults with a private practice in Wellesley Hills. **All parishioners** (men, women and non-Philoptochos members) are invited to attend and learn more about this very important issue affecting both parents of children and adults in the workplace. Lecture to follow after General Meeting at approximately 7:20-7:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale – Sunday, November 24. The annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale is scheduled on Sunday, November 24. Proceeds from this bake sale are directed to the Patriarchate Fund. If you are able to provide baked goods, please contact the chairpersons: Gena Liacopoulos at (774) 249-0540/genalia@comcast.net or Christina Booth boothchr@gmail.com / (303) 408-5423.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament. The Philoptochos is selling a Limited Edition 2013 Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament beginning Sunday, November 24 for \$25.00. Contact Stephanie Skedros at (978) 760-3347/sskedros@gmail.com for more information. What a perfect Christmas gift for family and friends!

Christmas Wreath Making Social – Wednesday, December 4. Join us for an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer while we decorate wreaths for our homes on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. Open to all Parishioners and friends. \$30.00 per person. Please RSVP to Amalie George at (781) 953-2493/amalie@aageorgecpa.com no later than Sunday, November 24.

Philoptochos Retreat - March 7-8, 2014 - Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center. "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps.46:10). Chairpersons: Presbyteria Elaine Krommydas and Nikki Stourmaras.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at adkalyvas@gmail.com or (781) 718-5264. We look forward to seeing you!

Warmest Regards,
Athena Kalyvas, President

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



As the year winds down it's a good opportunity to look back and reflect on our accomplishments as a Parish. I'm sure the first thing that comes to mind is our new church, which has not only inspired our worship but

has also attracted new parishioners to our community. Remember, if you see a new face at coffee hour, please go out of your way to introduce yourself and welcome them. This small gesture goes a long way in showing that we are a true Stewardship Parish.

But what does that actually mean? What is a Stewardship Parish? I think most people would agree that it's a parish where time, talents and treasures are given freely and where prayer, hospitality, outreach and commitment are part of the basic tenets of our faith. By prayer we mean that the authentic steward must be rooted in the sanctifying presence of Christ through prayer and sacraments. With hospitality we are referring to the welcoming that parishes provide to stewards and visitors. Outreach means that we set aside a portion of our resources to serve persons in need. And by commitment, we remind ourselves annually about all of the above so that we can transform individual lives and the life of the parish.

Speaking of commitment, Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for December 8th. This is when we have the opportunity to hear an inspiring talk and make our pledge for the coming year. After a 2 year hiatus, our Stewardship Brunch will return in full force with omelets and goodies for all. As always, please remember to bring your pledge cards on that day to be deposited in the collection tray. Hopefully everyone recently received a Stewardship statement for this year. If you still would like to make a pledge for 2013, please download a pledge card from the church website or stop by the office. In a few weeks, we will be mailing out the 2014 pledge packages. When you receive it, please take a moment to reflect on the past year, your prior commitment, and the opportunity for you to expand your time, talents and treasures for the good of the church.

Dean Coclin
Stewardship Chairman
deancoclin@msn.com

*In memory of 2nd Lt. Ian Thomas McVey, USMC**

OCF Seeks Donations for Thanksgiving Drive

One way for our college students to stay connected to our faith and the St. Demetrios Community and all Christ has taught us, is through serving our neighbor. In this spirit, we are pleased to announce that for the 4th year, our college students will lead us in the

Thanksgiving for Veterans Drive

Last year, our goal was 30 turkey dinners – our parish responded with 35! This year, we are upping our goal to 40, as the veterans we serve are in greater need than ever!

Our Wish List

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

Checks payable to: St. Demetrios OCF

c/o Chris Kourlos

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**The McVey Family are members of our St. Demetrios Community. Ian was killed in July, 2008 in a tragic motorcycle accident. Excerpt from a letter Lt. McVey wrote to his Commanding Officer, The Basic School. "I would like to enter a combat arms military occupation specialty, but I know the Marine Corps will put me where my skills will be best applied. I have wanted to be a Marine for as long as I can remember. It started as an infatuation when I was young." A classmate of Ian's wrote, "If ever there was a human being who lived to enjoy the journey of life, it was Ian McVey. He lived with what can only be termed a fearless ferocity. Always pushing to work harder, to be better, to excel, but never at the cost of taking himself too seriously and thus showing all of us not to lose sight of what was important."*

To donate, help or learn more, please contact:

Chris Kourlos: 508.380.8220

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Yianno Pantazelos: 978-590-3003

Yianno@stdemetriosweston.org

Please submit contributions by Wednesday November 20th

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING MINISTRY. The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 19, at 1 pm. Come join us—we have the yarn and supplies. Also, please contact Tilda Mitsakos at 781.899.6583 or Priscilla Hunter at 781.235.1842 if you know someone convalescing who might benefit from a visit.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR? Fellowship Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy has resumed. Please let us know if you would like to help host a coffee hour – all supplies are provided.

SENIOR GUILD. The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, (St. John

Chrystostom) following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss the December trip to the Reagle Theatre. Final payment is due for the trip. We will also have a TBA event. I would like to thank my kitchen ladies, the helpers, my assistant, Cindi and Mrs. Vasso Stavropoulos for her hard work in preparing the very delicious meal for our meeting. Mark your calendars for November 13, 2013. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there. Contact Artemis Martakis with any questions or comments at (508) 785-0045.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Copies of the Parish Directory will be distributed on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Each family will be given a copy of the directory free of charge. Additional copies may be purchased at \$25.00 each. For any questions concerning the directory, please feel free to call Georgia Gefteas at 781.431.7479.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE THANK YOU

A special thank you also to those who organized and planned the annual St. Demetrios dance. A great time was had by all as family and friends gathered to enjoy an evening of fellowship. Thanks to all who made our gathering possible and such a great success.

Grand Prize Trip winner

Spiros (Spike) Gavis

2nd Prize Dinner w/limo

Ethel Gionas

3rd Prize-Swarovski necklace and earrings

Glikeria Akkrivoulis

Live Action winners of the Tour of Fox 25 with Maria Stephanos

Nick Trakadas

Tom Pagonis

ST. DEMETRIOS FEAST DAY RECEPTION THANK YOU

We thank the Philoptochos Ladies, the Parish Council and the Youth who sponsored the receptions, the luncheon and the youth activities following the Vespers and the Divine Liturgy services for our Feast Day. Many clergy and parishioners were present and along with many of our parishioners, celebrated the nameday of our beloved Patron, St. Demetrios. We thank those who organized and baked for this event.

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

Lost to the West
By Lars Brownworth



Recent donation to our library. The author paints a fascinating portrait into the palace intrigue, treachery, and battlefield during the Byzantine era. He guides us through a forgotten world and, with clarity and wit, brings it to vibrant life.

We have set aside this book in our Recommendation Shelf and needs to be returned within two weeks.

Please check for books that you may have forgotten to return. We have several cards which indicate that books were checked out but never returned. Thank you.

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.



FR. KERRY SARAVELAS

TOPIC: "YIAYIAOLOGIES"

NOVEMBER 13, 7 PM

Roggie's Brew and Grill

356 Chestnut Hill Ave., Boston, MA

Food and Drink Available, No Cover

This initiative is being funded in part by a grant from Leadership 100 to the Metropolis of Boston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

October 6

Nick Giamogianis, in loving memory of his mother, Christina.



October 20

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

Karen Pappas, in loving memory of her father, Michael Pappas.

October 26

Elena Zisis

BAPTISMS

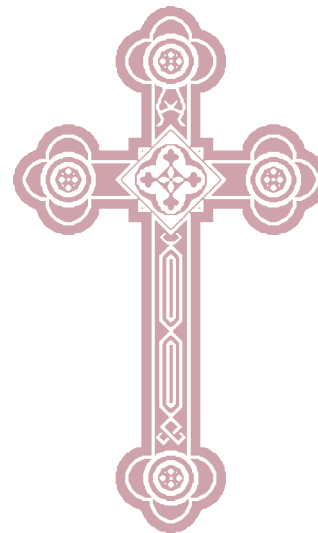
The daughter of Seth and Nephellie Dobie was baptized on Saturday, October 19, and named Delilah Anastasia. The sponsors were Constantina and Nicholas Vaccari.

May God bless her with His divine grace!

FUNERALS

Ann Toyias of Newton, October 11.

May her memory be eternal!



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