

# THE VINE

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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

### "Plugged In"

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Young people today speak about being "plugged in" or "tuned in," meaning connected. Usually this means into iPhones, Androids, the Internet i.e. the world. Orthodox Christians ought to be "plugged in" as well, but we ought to be "plugged in" to Christ. We cannot know Jesus – really know Him – unless we experience His power and presence in our lives.*

*We can begin to encounter and truly experience the "Living Lord" at each Divine Liturgy. This is where we are asked to "lay aside all worldly cares" and to "receive the King of all." It is within the Liturgy that God's plan is stretched out before us in His Son's words and life. It is where we are invited to participate "today," foretaste the Kingdom which is to come, and to receive Him. Christ becomes available not as an idea but an experienced reality today – the Lord who is "the same yesterday, today and forever."*

*Fr. Anthony Coniaris describes what being "plugged in" should be for us as Christians, especially when we regularly attend the Divine Liturgy:*

**"Each one of us, as the image of God, is like a lamp that needs to be plugged in Jesus, even as the branch remains "plugged in" to the tree. When that happens through baptism, repentance, and the Eucharist, then the greatest miracle of all happens: union with Christ. His life, His power, and His grace flow into our lives. Christ comes to dwell in us. Eternal life flows in our veins. We are infused with the life of God. We come to know Him personally and existentially from within. The light goes on, and the image of God in us shines in all its beauty, glorifying God.**

**"So it is that through the Liturgy, we come not only to know God but to be united with Him, to become one with Him in the Eucharist (Read John 6:52-59). It is interesting that on the road to Emmaus following the resurrection, the disciples had been walking and conversing with a stranger. They came to recognize this stranger to be Jesus in the breaking of bread, i.e., the Eucharist (Luke 24:13-35)."**

*As we begin this New Year of our Lord, let us not miss the opportunity to be "plugged in" by making the commitment to be present at each Liturgy and thus experiencing the power and presence of Christ in our lives.*

*With Love in our Lord,  
Fr. Nick*



# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**September 7**

*Sunday Before the Holy Cross*

**September 14**

*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**September 21**

*Sunday After the Holy Cross*

**September 28**

*1st Sunday of Luke*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

**September 8**

*The Nativity of the Theotokos*

*Orthos and Divine Liturgy, 9 am*



## NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS



We hope you will join us on September 8, as we commemorate this truly joyous feast of our Church. The birth of the Virgin Mary marks a special moment in our spiritual history: the coming into the world- through her parents Joachim and Anna- of the amazing woman who would play such a vital role in Christ coming into the

world. She is our greatest saint, and her life reminds us of the importance of being obedient to the Holy Spirit and our own consciences. Despite her personal worries and concerns, it was her willingness to trust in God's plan that led to the birth of Christ, the great key to our salvation.

## THE CROSS

For over 1900 years the cross has been a beloved symbol for the believing Christian. We view the cross in two ways. It is, first of all, a sign of Christ's love for us, for it reveals the extent of his suffering and the stark reality of death for our sakes. St Paul speaks of Jesus humbling himself: "...and (He) became obedient



unto death, even the death of the cross." This is to say, Christ accepted the most extreme form of suffering and death. Could there be a greater display of love and sacrifice than to live for man and then die for him by Crucifixion?

In the ancient world, crucifixion was the most horrible form of capital punishment; it was used only for the worst criminals. Who can describe the physical pain of hanging on the cross? Who can describe the spiritual pain in those darkest hours? It is no wonder that, upon the cross, He cried out to His Father, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

The Cross is, secondly, intimately connected to our own lives. Orthodox Christians must never associate the cross only with Christ, for there is a cross for every believer in the Lord. "Who-soever will come after Me," Christ said, "let him take up his cross, and deny himself and follow Me." So, there is a cross for each of us.

Now it is one thing to glorify and praise the cross as a symbol of Christ's great love and devotion, but it is another thing to accept the cross as central to our daily lives. This is precisely what the cross must be for us — a way of life. For us, to come into the world and be baptized is to become a cross-bearer.

*"Save, O Lord Your people and bless Your inheritance;  
grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith.  
And protect your people, by the power of Your Cross."*

—Hymn of the Elevation of the Holy Cross





## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### WELCOME HOME!

Welcome back from your summer activities. All your fellow parishioners on the building committee are hoping you had a restful and happy summer full of enjoyable activities and perhaps even some exciting travel!

It has been over five years since the historic vote of the General Assembly to authorize the construction of our new church. In that time much has been attained and each time we visit St. Demetrios, we have ample evidence just by allowing ourselves some quiet time for the beauty of our new building to be appreciated.

Of the \$8.3 million budget, \$7.8 million has been pledged from over 400 donors. There are still a number of named gifts available, so the Committee would like to ask those parishioners who have yet to make their pledge to do so this autumn prior to the next General Assembly meeting. Let's wrap up that last half million dollars in pledges this year if at all possible!

One way to achieve this result is for donors to increase their pledges. Many pledged early in the process during very difficult economic times, measuring carefully their response to the St. Demetrios appeal. Please, take a few moments to review your gift giving capabilities, especially as we approach the final quarter of the 2014 as many of us have done. Your church is the most worthy beneficiary of all!

As you will recall, we have raised adequate funds to exceed the requirements established by the General Assembly allowing us to enter into a contract to produce our much anticipated church fixtures including the Iconostasio, Pulpit, Baptismal Font and much more. Although this required money has been raised, many named gift opportunities are still available both in the category of larger fixtures as well as many smaller gifts remain uncommitted. Please consider a gift of sacred fixtures.

—Peter Bassett



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#### YOUTH

Altar Service, Chris Kourlos  
Basketball, Jack Markis  
Church School, Stavroula Gurguliatos  
Church School Music Director, Jane Kourtis

GOYA, Vincent Minucci  
JR. GOYA, Vincent Minucci  
Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers  
Greek Language School, Avra Parpos  
HOPE, Donna Markis  
JOY, Jill Kovatsis  
OCF, Vincent Minucci



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We look forward to the upcoming Church School year. Classes begin on Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 am with the start of the Divine Liturgy. A productive Church School program must incorporate the Divine Liturgy and so we pray and ask that all our students make every effort to arrive by the start of the Liturgy.

During the Ministry Fair, there will be an opportunity to register any new student(s) and/or update parent/student contact information. Please stop by so we can meet. There will be a calendar of events and information to take home.

We would like to thank our teachers for their devotion and commitment to our youth and to the parents for their continued support. We look forward to a wonderful academic year together.

September 7	First Day of Church School
September 14	Church School Classes
September 21	Church School Classes
September 28	Church School Classes

## SAINTLY LIVES

### EUPHROSYNOS THE COOK, COMMEMORATED SEPT. 11



St. Euphrosynos lived as an ordinary monk in the 9th century and was very simple and faithful, humbly serving as the cook of the monastery in which he lived. One night the spiritual father of that monastery dreamt that he was in Paradise where he was surprised to see St. Euphrosynos, who gave him three beautiful apples from a tree there. When he awoke, he saw the three apples lying on his pillow much to his amazement. They were very

fragrant. Rushing to St. Euphrosynos, he asked him where he had been last night, and the saint said, "where you were, Father." Before this, no one had paid attention or given respect to the cook in that monastery, but often the opposite. When the spiritual father told the other monks about the holiness of St. Euphrosynos, which he had just discovered, St. Euphrosynos fled the monastery into the desert for the rest of his life, fearing the praise of men. May this humble servant of God teach us by his example and by his prayers to seek the Heavenly Kingdom first, and live humbly serving our brothers or sisters gladly, until Heavenly fruit grows in us. St. Euphrosynos is the patron saint of chefs and cooks.

## A PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of children.

Please watch over him/her (name) as they go back to school this year.

Keep them safe every day.

Help them to remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classroom.

Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear.

Help them treat others with kindness and respect and to guard their hearts with the armor of Your Word.

Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you.

Amen.



## GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL

Father Nick and the staff are enthusiastic about welcoming students and parents back to another school year full of educational lessons and enriching activities for children in grades Pre-K-6.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

**Sunday, September 7**  
Registration following Liturgy  
Church Hall

**Tuesday, September 9**  
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Registration will also be available each Tuesday in September.

School year begins with Registration, Agiasmos Service, and Open House.

For additional information, please contact Avra Parpos at 508-875-2103.



## GOYA

### Ionian Village Reflection



This summer I was very privileged to go to Ionian Village. For those who do not know what IV is, it is a camp owned and operated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is located right on the Ionian sea, in the western Peloponnese, in Greece. I was able to go with many other GOYAns from Saint Demetrios and I think we would all agree that this experience was one of the best in our lives.

We stayed for three weeks and got to see and do some amazing things. Every morning we would wake up and go to chapel as a camp and every night we would go to chapel. We also ate amazing Greek foods cooked by their talented chef. At the camp, we were able to go to the beach, which was right next to the camp or we could go swimming in the amazing pool that they had just renovated. We also played basketball, soccer, volleyball and so many more games. We had fun dances and parties every night, including a neon party, a Glendi, and so many more.

On top of all these fun activities, we learned Greek, learned about our Greek history and culture, and participated in Orthodox Life, where each cabin would go sit in a circle and talk to a priest, learning more about our

faith. Here each day, there would be a new topic about family, what Orthodoxy means to you, how to be a better Christian, etc.

We also got to travel and see amazing places. We saw Ancient Olympia where the first Olympics were held. We went to Patras and visit the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, which is one of the largest churches in all of Greece. We stayed two nights in Athens and also visited the islands of Zakynthos, Kefalonia and Kerkyra. On these islands we saw the full body relics of three walking saints. Walking saints are saints that are still seen walking and performing miracles and we were able to see their bodies which were still intact. Even though these bodies were hundreds of years old, you could still see their skin and faces.

IV really helped strengthen me as an Orthodox Christian and also has made me a better person. I was able to see Greece and meet Orthodox Christians from all around the United States. The friends I made at IV will be my friends forever and I would recommend anyone interested in going to Ionian Village to go, because it will be the best summer of their life.

**William Luzaitis**  
**GOYA President**



### Orthodox Christian Fellowship

OCF is a campus ministry program that reaches out to our college students throughout the nation. Over 40,000 Orthodox students are enrolled in colleges and universities and it is OCF's goal to keep them connected and active in Christ's Holy Church. Priests, lay leaders and students work together to assist new college students in making the transition from high school to college through fruitful fellowship, community events, group discussions, and the sacramental and liturgical life they have known from home. For more information on OCF's mission and ministries, please visit their website [www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net).

If you know of any college students new to the area, or of any college students abroad from our community, please assist us by sending their contact info (email address, phone number, campus mail address etc.) to Vincent Minucci by email: [vminucci@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:vminucci@stdemetriosweston.org). Thank you!



### Social Media

If you are interested in writing content or contributing to our social media presence at St. Demetrios Weston, be sure to follow us on Instagram: [@StDemetriosWeston](https://www.instagram.com/StDemetriosWeston), follow us on Twitter: [@SaintDemetrios](https://twitter.com/SaintDemetrios) and like our Facebook page: "St. Demetrios Church, Weston". If you would like to write content for these pages email Vincent Minucci at [vminucci@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:vminucci@stdemetriosweston.org) for more information!



**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN METHODIOS INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE**

# **The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross and MBC Summer Camp Reunion**

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13**



**AT THE ST. METHODIOS  
FAITH AND HERITAGE  
CENTER**

***HOME OF THE  
METROPOLIS OF BOSTON  
CAMP***

**FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**8:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY**

**FOLLOWED BY:**

**THE “BLESSING OF THE WATERS” SERVICE &  
DIVING FOR THE CROSS AT THE LAKEFRONT**

**BARBEQUE LUNCH**

**FUN AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL  
AGES**

**CANOE RIDES, BASKETBALL, AND MUCH  
MORE!!**



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## MBC Summer 2014





## SEPTEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Church offices closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Sunday Before the Holy Cross</b> Church School begins First GOYA Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 Senior Guild Luncheon	<b>9</b> Greek School Registration 4-6 pm	<b>10</b> Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	<b>11</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Learning Program, 8:30 am MBC Summer Camp Reunion
<b>14</b> <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Hellenic Nursing Home, 2:30 pm
<b>21</b> <b>Sunday After the Holy Cross</b> Welcome Back BBQ and GOYA Car Wash	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>1st Sunday of Luke</b> Philoptochos Fall Luncheon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm				





## PHILOPTOCHOS

Welcome back to all of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Members! I hope that you had an enjoyable summer. We greatly appreciate the continued support from our membership, which enables the organization to continue the mission of helping the vulnerable and disadvantaged. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos is involved in many philanthropic causes including some of the following charities: for the National Philoptochos - St. Basil's Academy and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), for the Metropolis of Boston - the Philoxenia House and Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center, for the local community providing assistance to the Neighborhood Brigade, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network and Second Step of Newton. Here are a few of the events scheduled this fall.

### Annual Fall Luncheon – Sunday, September 28

The Annual Fall Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 28 immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Church Social Hall. Barbara Waterhouse, Executive Director of Circle of Hope Boston, a non-profit organization based in Needham whose mission is dedicated to serving people in need will address the group. The organization relies on generous contributions of goods, services and monetary gifts. We ask that each attendee bring two pairs of new socks to the event. (Mens, womens or children.) All women of our Parish are invited to attend. New members are welcome. RSVP: Pam Brody brodster52@yahoo.com/ (781)864-5327 or Eleni Condakes ekcondakes@gmail.com / (781) 235-8429.

### General Assembly Meeting – Wednesday, November 12

As part of a National Philoptochos obligation, the Saint Demetrios Philoptochos will honor Veterans in November. You will be hearing more information about a special program for our Veterans as part of the General Assembly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12. All women of the Parish are welcomed to attend and learn more about this very important issue.

### Metropolis of Boston Fashion Show – Saturday, November 15

Save the Date: Lombardo's – Randolph, Massachusetts. Details to follow.

### Wreath Making Social – Wednesday, December 3

Plan an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer while we decorate wreaths for our homes.

### Christmas Bake Sale – Sunday, December 7, 2014

Gena Liacopoulos, Christina Booth and Francesca Callas to Co-Chair.

With the start of the new Ecclesiastical year, we invite all the women of the Parish to become a member of this vibrant, philanthropic organization of Saint Demetrios. For membership information, contact Gina Spencer at gspencer@stdemetriosweston.org. If you are interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned events, please contact Athena Kalyvas at adkayvas@gmail.com/(781) 718-5264 or any Board member.

Let us continue to demonstrate the love and compassion for those in need.

With love in Christ,  
Athena Kalyvas, President



## ICONOGRAPHY IN THE CHURCH

As mentioned in last month's Vine, there will be an updated version of the Furnishing Program Booklet. There are still available items in both Sections One and Two- keep an eye out for the updated booklet!

We are also in the stages of planning the iconography for our magnificent church. One of the most distinctive features of the Orthodox Church is the rich iconography that adorn the walls of the sanctuary and altar. Iconography is one of the ways the Church expresses Her faith in the Incarnation. Icons are not merely helpful "illustrations," they witness to the fact that the invisible God has become man. Icons are the visual equivalents of the Divine Scriptures. Just as the Bible is not simply a book, so icons are not simply pictures; they are vehicles of revelation, sacraments of God's presence.

More information will follow regarding plans for iconography of our church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Fr. Nick or John Morakis at the church office.

## 2014-15 PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERS

The following members are currently serving on the Board and/or Standing Committees for the Saint Christine Chapter 2014-2015:

President	Athena Kalyvas
Vice President	Evangeline Calivas
Corresponding Secretary	Gena Liacopoulos
Recording Secretary	Pam Brody
Treasurer	Kathy Damaskos
Assistant Treasurer	Gina Spencer
Advisor	Joanna Krasinski
Board Member	Jennifer Brody
Board Member	Eugenia Kourlos
Board Member	Matina Pappas
Board Member	Stephanie Skedros

### Standing Committee Members

Care Ministry	Valerie Wiegel
Hellenic Nursing Home	Pam Brody
Senior Guild	Artemis Martakis
Philanthropy	Jennifer Brody
	Presbytera Cory Katinas
Scholarship	Mary Ann Pappanikou
Spiritual Renewal	Presbytera Elaine Krommydas
	Nikki Stounaras

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!



Have you heard? Our community is now on Instagram! Follow us @StDemetriosWeston for pictures of our beautiful church building, vibrant community, and fruitful spiritual life! If you're Instagramming about @StDemetriosWeston be sure to tag us or use the hashtag #StDemetriosWeston.

### SENIOR GUILD

The first meeting of the Senior Guild will be on September 8, 2014 (The Nativity of the Theotokos) following The Divine Liturgy. We will discuss the December Trip. If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis at (508) 785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you soon.



### WELCOME BACK BBQ

Our Parish Council invites us all to this much anticipated yearly event. The BBQ will take place following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 21. Bring family, friends and fellow parishioners for terrific food and excellent company. Our children are encouraged to bring frisbees, balls, and other outdoor toys. While you eat, support our GOYAns by letting them spruce up your car or truck with their annual car wash. Spread the word and see you on the 21st!

### "WE ARE MOVING..."

That was the heading in columns and e-mails back in the spring of 2011. We were moving out of our old church, offices and storage areas to make room for our new construction. Well, we are moving back and we are looking for help. On Saturday morning, September 6, 8:30 am, we need to empty all the storage containers that are in the rear parking lot. Some items will go back, some will find a new home, and others will be thrown away. We can use your help. A light breakfast will be provided. Please call the church office- 781-237-5561 or email: jmorakis@stdemetriosweston.org.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR?

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1 as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with autumn was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year.

Many of the hymns for the first day of the Church year state that the coming year is God's to give and God's to bless- a "Year of the Lord." These hymns take their theme from Psalm 65, an inspirational psalm of praise to the Creator, the Holy Lord who richly sustains the earth with His abundant goodness.

The goodness of the Lord is His love, mercy and grace. The Church's prayer is that the coming year will be a year of grace, a year blessed by God. Each year can be a year of grace, a year blessed by God. These thoughts are well-reflected in this Vespers hymn of September 1: "O faithful, having learned true prayer from the very words and divine teachings of Christ, let us cry out to the Creator each day: Our Father, who dwells in heaven, give us always daily bread, and forgive us our transgressions."

## ORTHO-TAXI

Do you ever not come to St. Demetrios because you are no longer driving or are temporarily unable to drive or are without wheels? As a Eucharistic community, we need everybody's participation. When you are not in church a piece of us is missing.

We are trying to organize a car service in which parishioners in various locales would provide rides to people who need them. We need to know if this is something people would like to see happen.

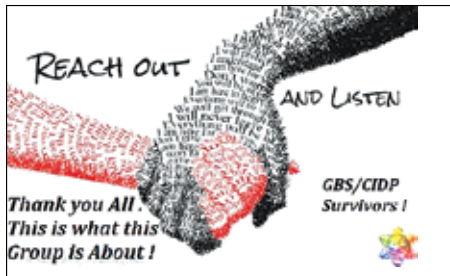
Would you please contact us and let us know whether:

- You would be interested in making use of such a service, OR
- You would be interested in playing a role in planning such a service or in volunteering to drive.

Please contact: Candace Hetzner at 508-653-4380 or [hetzner@verizon.net](mailto:hetzner@verizon.net).



## Chris' Crusaders



In October 2012 our very own Chris Kourlos was diagnosed with an autoimmune chronic illness called Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP). Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a

neurological disorder characterized by progressive weakness and impaired sensory function in the legs and arms. The illness which is sometimes called chronic relapsing polyneuropathy, is caused by damage to the myelin sheath (the fatty covering that protects nerve fibers) of the peripheral nerves. It often presents with symptoms that include tingling or numbness (beginning in the toes and fingers), weakness of the arms and legs, loss of deep tendon reflexes (areflexia), fatigue, and abnormal sensations. Chris currently receives IVIG treatments every four weeks (one of the only treatments) to hopefully prevent the illness from progressing.

On September 20, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Francis William Bird Park, Walpole, MA, Chris will be participating in the GBS/CIDP Foundation International Walk and Roll. This walk is designed to increase awareness and to raise funds for research and the correct diagnosis of GBS/CIDP. Please consider making a donation to GBS/CIDP Foundation through Chris' team page, "Chris' Crusaders," or by joining him on September 20th as a member of Chris' Crusaders to walk together on behalf of all who are afflicted and those yet diagnosed. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Kourlos.

## Event to Celebrate Longtime Parishioner Pam Manikas Washek Slated for October 18



Pam's Run, a road race and walk to honor the memory and legacy of Neighbor Brigade co-founder Pam Manikas Washek, will take place on Saturday, October 18, in Wayland. Pam was a long-time parishioner of St. Demetrios and the daughter of our former priest, Nicholas Manikas. The money raised from the event will support the organization's programs and expansion to meet the demand for its services. To register for the walk/run, please visit [www.pamsrun.com](http://www.pamsrun.com). Once you register, a fundraising page will be

created for you automatically. So, please consider forming a team. If you are interested in corporate or private sponsorship opportunities, please contact Stephanie Lawrence at [Stephanie@neighborbrigade.org](mailto:Stephanie@neighborbrigade.org) or Joanna Manikas at [jmanikas@verizon.net](mailto:jmanikas@verizon.net).



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

### BOOKS OF THE MONTH:

#### *Faith for a Lifetime*

by Archbishop Iakovos  
Catalogue Code R

Sharing his personal observations and experiences on the inner way of the Christian life, Archbishop Iakovos explores the steps each of us must take in our journey to God. Here is the Private Way, the private roads of spiritual development that include personal prayer and meditation; the exploration of the meaning of faith; the search for the place of adoration and worship during the spiritual journey; and the study of the Bible as the cornerstone of faith, especially the centrality of the Cross of Christ.

#### *The Mystery of Fidelity*

by Joseph Allen

The experience of *The Mystery of Fidelity* begins with violence and abandonment and takes the reader, again by a total impression, through the ways that culminate in discovering God. The book is written for the layperson who wishes to unfold the mystery for himself.

### A Reminder on Library Protocol...

If you need a book longer than two weeks, please contact Cindi Dabrowski at 508-881-6598 or [cindid2@verizon.net](mailto:cindid2@verizon.net). Also, 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. The Library is open every Sunday after Divine Liturgy as well as Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. As outlined in the Library Policies and Procedures, please fill out both cards and leave the orange card in the metal box (located in the Recommendation Shelf). This will help us keep track of these books. Remember, this library is for you and your family.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

### August 3

Jo-Ann Rosen, in loving memory of her parents, Charles and Andronikie Gavrilles, and her grandmother, Elizabeth Marasides.

### August 15

The family of Patti Dukakis in remembrance of their sister, Mary.

### August 17

Elizabeth Aoun, in loving memory of her son, John Panayotis.

### August 24

The family of Ekaterine Razis.



## WEDDINGS

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*Sammy Hawilla and Sophia Papadogiannis were united in marriage on Saturday, July 26. The sponsor was George Papadogiannis.*

*Adam Mavrikos and Catherine Fair were united in marriage on Saturday, July 26. The sponsor was Andrew Mavrikos.*

*Dimitrios Spiliakos and Caitrin Allen were united in marriage on Saturday, August 23. The sponsor was William Triant.*

*Ryan Joyce and Pamela Charpie were united in marriage on Saturday, August 30. The sponsor was Robert Charpie.*



## FUNERALS



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Paraskevi Antoniou of Newton, August 4.

Stowe Carr of Brookline, August 5.

Koula Alevizos of Weston, August 9.

*May their memory be eternal!*



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