

# 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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## The Gift of Peace

**"Glory to God in the highest and on earth,  
peace, good will toward men."**



Dear Parishioners,



With each Christmas comes the hope of, "Peace on Earth" as God's promise of "tidings of great joy" reach down from heaven. (Luke 2:8-14). How wonderful our lives could be, how wonderful our world could be, if we really put into practice the blessing of "peace on earth, good will to men." As Christmas draws near, when our hearts grow a size or two larger, "maybe it is not impossible to accept the gift of peace?" Maybe the miracle of God's Son coming into the world could fill our hearts with love for Him and for one another to heal and bind our wounds. Maybe, just maybe, this next year, will be different than the last and that love will finally lead to everlasting and abiding peace.

It seems we look for peace, we long and pray for peace but the world does not offer the peace that we truly need for Christ alone can offer such peace. Listen to His words "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither be afraid." (John 14:27) and again, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:23)

Perhaps peace can be had, but not one sought in a fragmented world or within broken promises and hearts. The true peace that "surpasses all understanding" can be found this Christmas and "today" in a newborn child that enters into human history. The newborn child, Jesus, Emmanuel, brings with Him the peace that dispels all fear and tribulation for only God can offer such a peace. It cannot be bought but only freely received when we become "children" of the Most High for this is indeed His gift to us!

Such is the path toward realizing and acquiring a true and lasting peace. Yes, this Christmas and the coming year could bring the peace we seek and desire if we choose to accept Christ fully into our hearts and homes.

My prayer and hope is that you open your heart and outstretched arms to receive God's glorious "Gift of Peace" by receiving His Son, Jesus Christ. Then peace can begin to grow starting with ourselves.

That is my wish for you and your family this Christmas.

Yours in Our Incarnate Lord,  
Father Nick

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

December 7, 10th Sunday of Luke

December 14, 11th Sunday of Luke

December 21, Sunday Before Nativity

December 28, Sunday After Nativity

December 4, Sunday before Epiphany

January 11, Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 12th Sunday of Luke

January 25, 15th Sunday of Luke

### WEEKDAY SERVICES (AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES):

Friday, December 5, 6:30 pm

@ St. Nicholas, Lexington

Thursday, December 11, 7:00 pm

@ St. Spyridon, Worcester

Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 7, 9:00 am

@ St. John the Baptist, Boston

Saturday, January 17, 7:00 pm

@ St. Athanasios, Arlington

Saturday, January 24, 7:00 pm

@ St. Gregory, Mansfield

### WEEKDAY SERVICES (AT ST. DEMETRIOS):

Saturday, December 6, 9 & 9:30 am

St. Nicholas

Friday, December 12, 9 & 9:30 am

St. Spyridon

Wednesday, December 24, 6 pm

Eve of the Nativity Vespertal Liturgy

Thursday, December 25, 8:30 & 9:30 am

Holy Nativity

Wednesday, January 1, 8:30 & 9:30 am

Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil/

New Year's Day

Monday, January 5, 6 pm

Blessing of the Waters

Tuesday, January 6, 8:30 & 9:30 am

Theophany

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By ROBERT LOUS STEVENSON



*Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and the worship of the Wise Men.*

*Close the door of hate,  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift,  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which  
Christ brings, and teach us to be merry  
with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be Thy children,  
And the Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven.*

*For Jesus' Sake. Amen.*

## THEOPHANY: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



On January 6, as well as the Eve of Theophany on the 5th, Orthodox faithful attend a Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Water service to celebrate Theophany, also called Ton Photon ("Feast of Lights"), referring to the spiritual illumination of the Holy Spirit. The service commemorates the baptism of Christ and the manifestation of God in three persons. Large numbers of people attend church to be blessed and receive holy water, which they take home in small bottles provided by the church. Some parishioners bring their own bottles often made specifically for holy water. In most churches, the blessing is held indoors, and the water is contained in a large urn. Some communities hold outdoor celebrations by a body of water. In the end, through Theophany, we can participate in His baptism and invite the holy, rejuvenating waters of the Jordan into our homes and hearts.

## ST. SPYRIDON - Commemorated on December 12



Spyridon was born in Cyprus. He worked as a shepherd and was known for his great piety. He married and had one daughter, Irene. Upon the death of his wife, Spyridon entered a monastery, and their daughter, a convent. Spyridon eventually became Bishop of Trimythous, in the district of Larnaca. He took part in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325), where he was instrumental in countering the theological arguments of Arius and his followers. He converted a pagan philosopher to Christianity by using a piece of pottery to illustrate how one single entity could be composed of three unique entities (fire, water, and clay); a metaphor for the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. As soon as Spyridon finished speaking, the shard miraculously burst into flame, water dripped on the ground, and only dust remained in his hand. After the council, St. Spyridon returned to his diocese in Tremithous. He later fell into disfavor during the persecutions of Emperor Maximinus, but died peacefully in old age. His incorrupt relics may be found on the island of Corfu today.



## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Here is a brief summary of the report of the Building Committee to the November General Assembly. This will serve both those parishioners who were unable to attend as well as those who did attend.

The Building Capital Campaign has received 414 pledges totaling \$7,780,000 of which St. Demetrios has received \$5,886,000. As you may recall, the General Assembly had approved a total budget of \$8,450,000.

Consequently we must still seek pledges in the amount of \$670,000. If you have not yet pledged to the building campaign, we would sincerely appreciate your doing so especially before the end of 2014. If you have, consider increasing your pledge as so many of your fellow parishioners have done.

The mortgage balance is \$2,862,000 which is associated with an annual interest payment of \$87,000. Because this amount, now that the project construction is complete, is being paid out of our St. Demetrios Church operating budget, it is imperative that we continue to honor the pledges that we have made and even seriously consider accelerating payment to our Church in order to reduce this interest burden. Each dollar paid to our bank, is a dollar not going to the growing missions of St. Demetrios. Please make an early payment against your pledge as soon as you can. Let's begin to reduce our debt!

The Seating Capital Campaign has so far resulted in 375 seats pledged yielding \$186,650 received towards a total cost of the seating of \$227,389 resulting in a \$40,739 deficit. Because each seat pledged is \$500, it is our hope that those that have not yet made the commitment to buy a seat will do so now. We only need 80 more!

The Interior Furnishings Capital Campaign has received pledges in the amount of \$653,000 allowing the Committee to place the order for the furnishings and we anticipate installation in the first quarter of 2015. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$541,000. There are a number of both large and small fixtures still available for named gift donations. Please contact Fr. Nick, Peter Condakes or me to discuss this once in generations opportunity.

Thank you, St. Demetrios!

—Peter Bassett



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A Suitable Image, Nancy Savage  
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St. Demetrios Inner-City Outreach, Peter Mitsakos  
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Hospitality/Fellowship Hour, St. Demetrios Philoptochos  
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Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody  
Prayer-Shawl, Tilda Mitsakos  
Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis  
Visitations, Valerie Wiegel

Prosfora Ministry, Christina Booth  
Senior Guild, Artemis Martakis  
Stewardship, John McVey

#### YOUTH

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

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



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season fill you with love and happiness.

December	Fourth grade bulletin board display
December 7	Church School Classes; Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
December 14	Christmas Pageant Program
December 21	Church School Classes
December 28	No Church School Classes
January	Fifth grade bulletin board display
January 5	Church School Classes; Church School Staff Mtg.
January 11	Church School Classes
January 18	Church School Classes
January 25	Church School Classes

### 2014 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Saint Demetrios Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 14 after the Divine Liturgy. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

#### Sunday, December 7

Church School classes will be held as usual. Christmas Pageant rehearsal will begin immediately after Liturgy until 12:15 pm. Pick up at 12:15 pm in the Church.

#### Saturday, December 13

Rehearsal for 4th grade students, readers, and other children actively involved in the Nativity (Time to be determined).

#### Sunday, December 14 - Christmas Pageant Sunday

- Drop off at 9:30 am for grades 2 -8
- 4th graders report to the 3rd grade classroom
- Grades 2 and 3 and 5 to 12 to the Middle School area for practice.
- After Communion, K and 1st grade to respective classes.

#### Christmas Pageant Attire:

##### GIRLS (Grades 2, 3 and 5 to 8):

- White blouses or tops
- Black or dark skirts
- Red ribbons in hair (optional)

##### BOYS (Grades 2, 3 and 5 to 8):

- White shirts
- Red or festive ties
- Black or dark pants
- Black or dark jackets

**Kindergarten and 1st Grade** students will wear Angel costumes provided by the Church School.

**Fourth Grade students and speakers** will wear costumes and choir robes provided by the Church School.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL



The St. Demetrios Basketball program is off to another great year. The turnout in our Parish has been so strong, that we have entered a record six teams in the League and are contemplating adding a seventh. The kids have been practicing for the last three weeks at our Parish Gym in preparation for the start of the season. While we had originally anticipated a kick-off weekend on the 15th of November, the League delayed the start until December 6th to allow more time for coordination of the schedules and Gym time.

Games will be held on Saturdays at St. Demetrios for the Elementary (Jr. JOY) and Middle School (JOY) divisions. The High school teams (GOYA boys and girls) will play Sunday afternoons at Hellenic College Holy Cross.

We look forward to the season and the continuation of fellowship and friendship this ministry creates.



## GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



*Ελατε παιδακια, παιδακια καλα,  
Κοντα σε μια φατνη στην αγια σπηλια  
και δειτε τι στελνει μια τετοια βραδια,  
ο Πλαστης με αγαπη σε σας τα παιδια.*

The St. Demetrios Greek School students will celebrate the Christmas season with our annual Christmas Party. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join the festivities.

#### Tuesday, December 9

Snow Date: Tuesday, December 16

5-6 pm

Church Hall

We will decorate a Christmas tree, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy tasty Christmas treats. A light dinner will be served.

## GOYA

By Francesca Skedros

This month, GOYA did many fun things. We hosted our first ever Game Night, which took place at St. Demetrios on November 15. The GOYA got together and played, "Apples to Apples" and salad bowl. It was a great time to relax and have some fun at the same time. To go along with the giving spirit of Thanksgiving, GOYA helped put together food bags for veteran families. These bags consisted of canned foods that could be used for Thanksgiving dinner.

Next month, we have a few big events planned. December 5 is the annual Gingerbread House Decorating night and Christmas tree lighting, where GOYA will decorate houses and sing Christmas carols together. December 13 is the annual GOYA Christmas dance, where the Weston GOYA along with GOYAs from the surrounding area will come together to have fun and meet new people. Finally, December 29 is the GOYA New Years party, which will be hosted at the Cicalis home.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and encourage anyone of GOYA age to come and be a part of our group!



## Scholarship Corner

### PanHellenic Scholarship

Undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all 50 states are eligible to apply to the Foundation's scholarships and educational programs. The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation provides recognition, grants financial assistance, and offers life-changing cultural and leadership programs. The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce that it will again offer \$250,000 in Awards to eligible Greek American undergraduate students, and is currently accepting applications.

The Awards of \$250,000 are offered at two levels:

- Twenty (20) Awards of \$10,000 based on academic achievement and financial need
- Twenty (20) Awards of \$2,500 based solely on academic achievement

To apply or learn more go to:

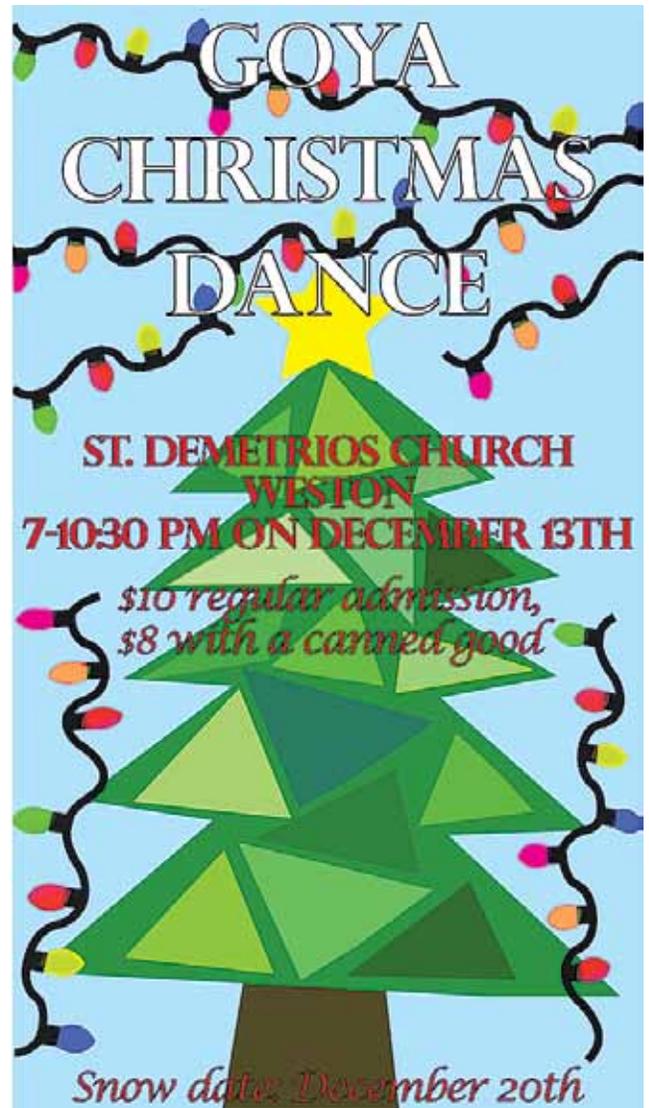
[www.panhellenicscholarships.org](http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org)

### Teddy K Classic Scholarship

Each year we give out our Teddy K Classic Scholarship to a graduating High School student heading into college. The scholarship amount is \$2,000.

To apply or learn more go to:

[www.teddykclassic.com/scholarship](http://www.teddykclassic.com/scholarship)





# PHOTOS

## Jr. Goya Bowling



## GOYA Game Night



## Philoptochos General Assembly



## Hope Candyland Night





# PHOTOS

## Turkey Drive



## Wine Tasting



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



## Senior Guild



# CALENDAR

## DEC 2014 - JAN 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Receiving Christ in Our Lives Part One, 7 pm	<b>2</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>3</b> - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm Parish Council, 7 pm Philop. Wreath Making, 7 pm	<b>4</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Family Night, Gingerbread House Making, 6 pm	<b>6 - St. Nicholas</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am St. Demetrios Dinner-Dance, 6 pm
<b>7</b> <b>10th Sunday of Luke</b> Pageant Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Receiving Christ in Our Lives Part Two, 7 pm	<b>9</b> Greek School Christmas Party	<b>10</b> Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	<b>11</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>12 -St. Spyridon</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon	<b>13</b> Learning Program, 8:30 am GOYA Dance, 7:30 pm
<b>14 - 11th Sunday of Luke</b> Christmas Pageant Stewardship Pastry Breakfast Bake Sale	<b>15</b> Receiving Christ in Our Lives Part Three, 7 pm	<b>16</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>17</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm	<b>18</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2:30 pm
<b>21</b> <b>Sunday before Nativity</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> Vesperal Liturgy, 6 pm Reception	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Sunday after Nativity</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>January 1</b> <b>New Year's Day/ St. Basil</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Sunday before Epiphany</b> Church School Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> Blessing of the Waters, Liturgy and Agiasmo, 6 pm	<b>6 - Theophany</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am Greek School Vasilopita	<b>7</b> Parish Council Board Mtg, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	<b>8</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Learning Program, 8:30 am
<b>11</b> <b>Sunday after Epiphany</b> Vasilopita Sunday Greek Dancing, 11:45	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2:30 pm
<b>18</b> <b>12th Sunday of Luke</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>15th Sunday of Luke</b> Greek Dancing, 11:45	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Members,

On behalf of the Saint Christine Chapter of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society, I extend joyful greetings to you and your loved ones during this Christmas season. We are thankful for the blessings that we all share with our families but also grateful for all the acts of charity that this organization continues to provide to those in need. Thank you again for your genuine commitment.

Please note the following upcoming events during the Christmas season.

### **Saint Demetrios Christmas Card**

Contact Pat Liacopulos at (508) 481-8025 to send your greetings through the annual Christmas card. Deadline date: December 5, 2014. Donation: \$25.00.

### **Christmas Wreath Making Social – Wednesday, December 3**

Join us for an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer while we decorate wreaths for our homes on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm. Open to all Parishioners and friends. \$30.00 per person. Please RSVP to Amalie George at (781) 953-2493 or [amalie@ageorgecpa.com](mailto:amalie@ageorgecpa.com).

### **Christmas Bake Sale – Sunday, December 14**

Contact Gena Liacopulos at (774) 249-0540 or [genalia@comcast.net](mailto:genalia@comcast.net) if you are available to prepare baked goods for this special event. Christmas cookies, Greek pastries and other Christmas treats will be sold. We are baking on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 4: Baklava & Kourabiethes, 9:30 am
- Monday, December 8: Koulourakia, 9:30 am

### **Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament**

The Philoptochos is selling the Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament for \$20.00. Contact Stephanie Skedros at (978) 760-3347 or [sskedros@gmail.com](mailto:sskedros@gmail.com) for more information. What a perfect Christmas gift for family and friends!

### **Christmas Eve Reception-Wednesday, December 24**

Please contact Eugenia Kourlos at [kourkat@comcast.net](mailto:kourkat@comcast.net) or (508) 735-8866 if you are able to prepare pastries/desserts for the reception.

### **Vasilopita Sunday – Sunday, January 11, 2015**

If you are able to bake a Vasilopita or any other baked goods for the Sunday coffee hour, please contact Athena Kalyvas at (781) 718-5264 or [adkalyvas@gmail.com](mailto:adkalyvas@gmail.com).

May you and your families enjoy this Christmas season and the New Year 2015, filled with good health and happiness as we continue to work together to help those less fortunate and all of the Philoptochos ministries.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Athena Kalyvas  
President

## STEWARDSHIP 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings. Christmas has always been my favorite time of the year. We can feel the love of Christ filling the hearts of every girl and boy, young and old. For it was during this time 2,000 years ago that the greatest gift to mankind was given by God himself, His son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May the spirit of Christmas fill each and every heart to overflowing with love and gratitude for the boundless gift of Salvation and Redemption that Christ has bestowed upon each and every one of us. Let it fill our hearts so full that we give and give and give in gratitude so that we may fully realize that:

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

Let us remember that the son of God expects us to give and to give in good measure with a joyful heart. As we prepare to celebrate His birth let us also remember the needs of our Church as well as those around us whom we know and don't know.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Finally, please join us on December 14th after the Christmas Pageant for the Stewardship Sunday Pastry Reception.

With love and best wishes for a Joy-filled Christmas,

**The Stewardship Committee**



## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS EVE RECEPTION

December 24, 2014, hosted by Philoptochos. Please contact Eugenia Kourlos with your baked good offerings at 508-735-8866.

### SEASONAL PASTORAL VISITS

Throughout the Christmas and Theophany season, our clergy make a special effort to visit parishioners who may be in the hospital, at a rehab or nursing center, or homebound. To arrange a visit for yourself or a family member, please contact Father Nick at 781.237.5561.

### SENIOR GUILD

The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be December 12, 2014 (St. Spyridon the Wonderworker). We will have our event after The Divine Liturgy at the Dolphin Restaurant in Natick, MA at 11:30 am. We will have a gift grab of \$5.00. The menu is two choices of fish. Please send your payment to:

Artemis Martakis  
2 Riga Road  
Dover, MA 02030

If you have any questions please contact me at (508)785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there.



### FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

#### Book of the Month:

*Secrets of Mount Sinai*

By James Bentley



Treasure from our library that tells the story of how St. Catherine's Monastery came to be and how the Codex was found there. This manuscript represents one of the oldest surviving texts of the Bible in existence. This book has been set aside on our Recommendation Shelf.

Important! 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. For the library to function successfully, we need everyone's cooperation.

The Library is opened 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**.

### ST. DEMETRIOS BOOKSTORE

The new bookstore has many gift selections for the Christmas season. Here are a few suggestions:

*The Bible for Young People*

Stories from both the Old and the New Testament for young readers, ages 4-12.

*Introduction to St. Gregory Palamas*

By our own Fr. George Papademetriou

*Presbytera: The Life, Mission and Service of a Priest's Wife*

By Presbytera Athanasia Papademetriou

Also available are beautiful St. Demetrios crosses, hand-made crosses from Greece, prayer bracelets, Byzantine icons, prosfora pans and many more items.

## THE CHRISTMAS FAST

November 15 marks the beginning of the Christmas Fast according to our Orthodox Tradition. Orthodox Christians the world over prepare themselves through prayer and fasting to receive the Savior of all mankind, our Lord Jesus Christ. The spirit of this holy period of preparation is revealed through the epistle and gospel lessons of the day. Orthodox faithful throughout the world are reminded:

*"build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of His mighty power. Put on all the armor that God gives you, so that you will be able to stand up against the Devil's evil tricks. For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, the authorities and cosmic powers of the dark age. So, put on God's armor now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attack, and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground. So, stand ready, with*

*truth as a belt tight around your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, and as your shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace. At all times carry faith as a shield; for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. And accept salvation as a helmet and the Word of God as the sword which the spirit gives you." ~Ephesians 6:10-17*

As we approach the glorious birth of our beloved Savior, Jesus, let each of us, in their own way, be well-pleasing to God and have a good conscience. Rid of the evils such as anger, malice, slander, hate, blasphemy, vanity, gossip etc. All of these and more are poison and always distort truth. The word "diavolos" means the one that distorts truth. May God bless you all and may He bring to our distorted world peace and love. Those who believe in Him, those who faithfully receive Him, He will give them the power to become sons of the Most High.





# RECEIVING CHRIST INTO OUR LIVES

**December 1, 8, 15**      **7pm-8:30pm**

St. Demetrios Church  
57 Brown St.  
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As we enter the Christmas season we would like to offer a series of talks on receiving Christ into our lives. Join us as we explore this important

topic. Dr. Bruce Beck, Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies will be speaking on December 1 and 8 and our Pastoral Assistant Vinnie Minucci will be

speaking on December 15. For any questions please contact Vinnie at [vminucci@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:vminucci@stdemetriosweston.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BAPTISMS

The daughter of Vasileios Zikopis and Joanna Andreadis was baptized on Sunday, November 2, and named Katerina. The sponsor was Tania Skenderidis.

The son of Vaios and Lauren Theodorakos was baptized on Sunday, November 30, and named Stefanos Vaios. The sponsors were Cassandra Soffron and Dimitri Kontakos.

*May God bless them with His divine grace!*

## CHRISMATION

Joaquin Lull on November 28.

*May God bless him with His divine grace!*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

**November 16**  
Amalie George, in loving memory of her father, George George.



## WEDDINGS



Brandon Dillman and Jacqueline Handlin were united in marriage on Saturday, November 1. The sponsor was Anastasia Handlin.

Patrick Keaveney and Melissa Geftas were united in marriage on Saturday, November 1. The sponsor was Eleni Thomas.

## FUNERALS

Norman Mancuso of Natick, November 10.

*May his memory be eternal!*



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