

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

An Invitation

Dear Parishioners,

As a new ecclesiastical year begins I welcome you back from a well deserved respite where hopefully you have spent some quality time with family and friends. It is during such quieter and less hectic times that we also reflect on the purpose and meaning of our lives i.e. our spiritual journey. Much is made these days about being spiritual as if spirituality is a condition foreign to our everyday life. It is not! If we only look closely at the life of Christ we will see that the spiritual life is not to be found somewhere else but here and now in the place where we live and interact with everyday existence. Christ did that by encountering the joys and sorrows in His life and in the lives of others that he met along the way as we also must.

I believe that we have the notion today that spirituality is highly personal and individual and therefore should be pursued independent of anything and everything else. Being spiritual is such a lofty goal that those who undertake the journey do not realize that the very good things we wish to taste and see, also have destructive elements that often cannot be discerned without direction and help. The great spiritual sages and saints from all traditions but especially our Orthodox Christian roots warn us about going it alone and advise us to look to those who humbly have traveled the path before us.

Just citing one example that of prayer. We know this is a central way to develop a relationship with God. Yet the many movements, groups, self help books and yes even well meaning "gurus" of our day prove that such experimentation can sometimes do more harm than good. Spiritual direction and formation is about preparation, discipline, listening, among others, that is informed by faith. If prayer, for instance, is to be that authentic encounter with the living God we must first realize how ill prepared we are to undertake the journey within as God's Spirit is a powerful force that asks for all our undivided attention. On the other hand those who avoid entering into such a place and a meaningful relationship with God or any relationship will not experience the fullness and fruits of the spiritual life but are destined to only live externally, superficially and rather boring lives.

My hope and prayer is to invite you to participate more fully in the life of Christ and His Church. We always look for ways to make your church experience at St. Demetrios more comfortable and perhaps even easy. I am not sure that this is in your best interest for the way to live fully and authentically, the Christian Life is simply not easy. Christ spoke of that journey being difficult and the gate being narrow and certainly perilous as we have seen from His sacred life. The question is how much do we desire to know God, to be with Him and if so how open are we to do His Will and even be led to places and circumstances we would rather not go? (John 21:18)

Join us and let's make the commitment together to see where the Spirit of God will lead us on this spiritual awesome journey.

With Love in the Lord,

Fr. Nick

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

September 6

14th Sunday of Matthew

September 13

Sunday Before Holy Cross

September 20

Sunday After the Holy Cross

September 27

1st Sunday of Luke

MIDWEEK SERVICES

ORTHOS AND DIVINE LITURGY, 9 AM

September 8

The Nativity of the Theotokos

September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 17

Sts. Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

We hope you will join us on September 8, as we commemo-



rate 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

BUILDING ON OUR FAITH PROJECT UPDATED

Many parishioners missed this summertime update, so under the principal of, if something is worth saying once, it bears repeating, here goes: Many of us are learning something quite remarkable about our new church. Greek

Orthodox Christians even in locations remote from Boston are aware of and remark very positively on our new St. Demetrios Church. Often their knowledge is detailed with comments on beauty of design, success of fundraising,

functionality of space, acoustics, and effectiveness of value. The statement that seems to be most common and most significant is that our parish is harmonious. We operate selflessly for the good of the church and its Christian ministries. Wow!

Obviously good reviews are not our motivation for being St. Demetrios, we just do what must be done. But, unsolicited recognition is a pleasant surprise. Let us keep the faith. Let us keep our project moving along. There are many giving opportunities still available. Even though our success in pledges made and honored is remarkable, we still have \$665,000 uncommitted new pledges. This amount will allow us to complete fundraising for the Building part of our project. New donors, increased pledges of existing donors, small donors and large named gift donors are all needed.

AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

Building Capital Campaign

Cost of building: \$8,450,000

Pledges: 412

Pledged Amount: \$7,785,000

Paid to Date: \$6,500,000

Pledge Amount Sought: \$665,000



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Faith and Works Ministries

Brown Bag Sunday, Lydia Santangelo
St. Demetrios Inner-City Outreach, Peter Mitsakos
St. Nicholas Angel Tree, Nancy Savage

Hospitality/Fellowship Hour, St. Demetrios Philoptochos Library, Cindi Dabrowski

Orthodox Life Series, James Skedros
Outreach and Evangelism, Stacey Kalivas
Philoptochos Care Ministries

Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody
Prayer-Shawl, Elaine Ward
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, Fr. Vincent Minucci
JR. GOYA, Jill Kovatsis
Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers
Greek Language School, Avra Parpos
HOPE, Donna Markis
JOY, Jill Kovatsis
OCF, Fr. Vincent Minucci
Young Professionals, Samuel Johnson

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We look forward to the upcoming Church School year. Classes begin on Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

September 13	First Day of Church School
September 20	Church School Classes
September 27	Church School Classes

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.

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.



GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL

"Let's join together as the new year begins ... We'll share and be kind as we work and play, and our friendships will grow with each passing day."

What a wonderful feeling, the first day of school is just around the corner! Father Nick, Father Vincent, and the staff of the St. Demetrios Greek Language & Cultural School are excited to welcome you back to school and an academic year full of exciting and enriching lessons and activities.

Please mark your calendar with these important dates:

Sunday, 9/13 Registration, following Liturgy in the Church Hall

Tuesday, 9/15 Registration, Agiasmos Service, Open House, and Social, 4 – 6 pm

In addition, registration will also be held the remaining Sundays in September following Liturgy.

All are welcome. Please note, we welcome 4-year old children to participate in the Pre-Kindergarten program. For additional information about our Greek School program, please call the Church Office at 781-237-5561 or Avra Parpos at 508-875-2103.

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

YOUTH

GOYA- Getting Ready for the New Year!



Welcome back GOYAns! Hope you had a fun, relaxing, and safe summer. My name is Cassie Cicalis and I am a co-president of GOYA with Francesca Skedros. We are so excited for this upcoming year. We already have some great events planned, and can't wait to see new and old faces this fall!

This year as a GOYA we would like to do as many service events as possible. Our hope is to give back to the community all together as a group while having fun at the same time. There will be many opportunities and events planned for this year!

There will be a general assembly on **Sunday, September 13th** right after church in the high school classroom for any 8th-12th graders who are look-

ing to join GOYA this year. We hope everyone can make it as we'd like to hear the opinions of our members regarding future events (and there will even be cupcakes!). GOYA will have the annual car wash on **Sunday, September 20th**. We could use all the help we can get so definitely come join us on this day! We would also like to go apple picking together sometime this fall at Honey Pot Hill Orchards in Stow. Additionally, we hope to return to the St. Methodios Retreat Center where MBC is held for an overnight retreat. During our time at MBC, our GOYA members get to know one another. We travel up there as a group and play games once we get there just like at MBC in the summer. It will be a very fun weekend! Stay tuned for more details!



2015-2016 GOYA Executive Board

Co-Presidents:
Cassie Cicalis
Francesca Skedros

Catherine Argyrople
Alex Luzaitis
Natalia Perez
Costa Razis
Kosta Stavridis



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.

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 Fr. Vincent by email: frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org. Thank you!



GOYA/JR. GOYA Kick Off Event

In an effort to kick off the year, the Argyrople Family has graciously offered to host all GOYAns, Jr. GOYAns and PARENTS for an evening of fellowship at their home on September 25th at 6:30 pm at 25 Hubbard Rd. Weston, MA.

We ask that you RSVP by September 20th.

Please email Georgia at Georgia-Argyrople@comcast.net.

Fr. Vincent's Ordination



Philoechochos Board Oath of Office



Sonia's Run 5K run/walk & Fall Fair

Crafts, Games, Activities, Food,
and Fun for the entire family!

Sat, Sept 19, 2015

Kids Fun Run Start: 8:30 am

5K walk/run: 9am

Fall Fair: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Join us for the 7th Annual Sonia's Run & Fall Fair to benefit
the "Building on a Dream" Fund for Theophany School!

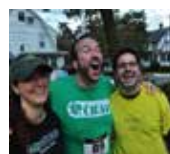
Here's how you and your family can get involved:

- Register to run/walk
- Be a sponsor or a vendor
- Volunteer
- Enjoy a day full of wonderful people, crafts,
food, and fun activities for all ages!

Visit www.soniasrun.org for more information and to pre-register.

We hope to see you on Sat, Sept 19, 2015 beginning at 8:30am at:

St. George Orthodox Church
55 Emmonsedale Rd
West Roxbury, MA 02132



PHOTOS

MBC Summer 2015



Youth Paraklesis



MBC Basketball Court Dedication

We would like to thank the Condakes family for the very generous donation of the basketball court at the St. Methodios Retreat Center in New Hampshire in memory of our beloved Peter James Condakes. The court was blessed and dedicated on August 2nd by Metropolitan Methodios. The court will be used for many years to come for our children, our camp and parishes!





SEPTEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 14th Sunday of Matthew	7 Labor Day Church offices closed	8 Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 9:30	9 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	10 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	11	12 Agape Prayer Group, 8 am
13 Sunday Before the Holy Cross First Day of Church School Ministry Fair	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 9:30	15 Greek School Registration 4-6 pm	16	17 Sts. Sophia, Hope, Faith and Love Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 Senior Guild Luncheon, 11 am Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	18	19 Hellenic Nursing Home, 2:30 pm
20 Sunday After the Holy Cross Ministry Fair GOYA General Assembly Welcome Back BBQ and GOYA Car Wash	21	22 Greek School, 4-6 pm	23 Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry, 1 pm District 9 Leadership Seminar, 9 pm	24 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	25	26 Learning Program, 8:30 am
27 1st Sunday of Luke Ministry Fair	28	29 Greek School, 4-6 pm	30			

STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

PHILOPTOCHOS

Welcome back to all of the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Members! We look forward to the new ecclesiastical year so that we can begin our ministries and 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, to the local community providing assistance to the Neighborhood Brigade, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network and Second Step of Newton. Please contact Eugenia Kourlos at kourkat@comcast.net or (508) 735-8866 if you are interested in membership information.

Here are a few of the events scheduled this fall.

General Assembly Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Please join us for the first General Assembly meeting of the new ecclesiastical year followed with a discussion from Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou. Visiting Associate Professor, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution, The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University. Dr. Prodromou will address the group on the "Humanitarian Action and the Orthodox Church: Responding to the Needs of Christians in the Middle East." (A broad brush-stroke of Orthodoxy and humanitarianism, followed by a focused discussion of the plight and urgent humanitarian needs of Middle East Christians.)

General Assembly meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Discussion at 7:30 p.m. Reception to follow. All Parishioners are welcome to attend and learn more about these very important issues.

Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon 2015

Under the High Patronage of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, we invite you to attend a very special event hosted by the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos: the National Philoptochos Society Children's Medical Fund Luncheon 2015 on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Reception: 11:00 a.m. Luncheon: 12:00 Noon. Donation: 125.00. For more information, please contact Matina Pappas at mpappas@paphome.com or (617) 335-5593.

We are grateful for your continued love and compassion for those in need and look forward to seeing you soon.

With love in Christ,

Athena Kalyvas
President

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Stewardship Committee, hope that you are all well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer with your families and friends. As September comes upon us, I ask that each of us spend some time thinking about our commitment to our faith and our beloved St. Demetrios. September brings about many opportunities to volunteer and practice Stewardship in meaningful ways: GOYA, JOY, Church School, basketball, Philoptochos, Greeters, Ushers to just name a few opportunities. A life that is filled with purposeful commitment to the betterment of others is a life worthy in all regards. Each of us seeks deeper meaning in our lives beyond our daily cares and mundane chores. Each of us wants to be assured that we are living well. And what is to live well? Our Lord and Savior's guidance is eternal and his message is simple: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Stewardship is the fulfillment of our Christian duty. Our faith is unlike any other for we are saved through Love and through the practice of love we are known as Christians. Please join with your fellow Stewards and commit to practicing stewardship in a new and more purposeful manner this year. I pray that our Lord and Savior continues to bless and care for each and everyone of us, in Jesus' name.

John R McVey
Stewardship Chair

2015-16 PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERS

The following members are currently serving on the Board and/or Standing Committees for the Saint Christine Chapter 2015-2016:

OFFICERS

President	Athena Kalyvas
Vice President	Matina Pappas
Corresponding Secretary	Gena Liacopoulos
Recording Secretary	Susan Denn
Treasurer	Kathy Damaskos

BOARD MEMBERS

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a coffee hour in the past! Coffee Fellowship will begin on Sunday, September 13th. For those who are interested, please consider joining with a friend or other family to host. The church provides the coffee, milk and paper products. Please remember that the refreshments do not need to be fancy or costly.

There will be a sign up sheet during the ministry fair Sundays at the Philoptochos table or please contact Pam Brody at 781-864-5327 or Eugenia Kourlos at 508-735-8866. THANK YOU!!

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 20. 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 20th!

AGAPE PRAYER GROUP

We are a group of women who meet at St. Demetrios Church on Saturday mornings to further understand the love of God through a practice that goes beyond the bounds of Sunday services. We try to lift those in spiritual need and to serve in the best way we can as children of God.

We will hold our first meeting of the new ecclesiastical year promptly at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12th**, and will be happy to welcome all ladies who wish to participate and learn how we see God's love in our families and neighbors.

We call ourselves the Agape Prayer Group because we surround ourselves exclusively with the thought that our gracious Lord's love is ever present. You can help us further by joining, participating and learning how to see His love in our families, neighbors and adversaries. Our meetings are for those who wish to further study and embrace the Lord's mercy and compassion, as well as to receive extra prayers for our loved ones.

We hope to see you all on September 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Stournaris at nstournaris@hchc.edu

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Interior Furnishings

Cost of Furnishings \$1,024,000

Pledges: 13
Pledged Amount: \$680,000
Paid to Date: \$597,028
Pledge Amount Sought: \$344,000

Available for donations are: Pulpit, Altar Throne, the Chanter's Stand and Royal Gates

Seating Capital Campaign

Total seats: 450

Total cost of seats: \$225,000

Seats Pledged: 377.5
Amount Pledged: \$188,750
Amount Paid: \$188,820
Remaining Seats: 72.5
Remaining Amount Seats: \$36,250

Parishioners have noticed that our interior furnishing have begun to arrive. Just last week, we installed the Altar Throne along with the seating for our altar servers. Very soon we shall also be installing our new Iconostasis and the pulpit is currently being designed. These are indeed very exciting times for St. Demetrios. These and more new furnishings are still available to pledge. Named gifts both large and small totaling \$344,000 are still seeking donors.

Although we have accomplished much, there is still a lot to do and more to plan. Please contact Fr. Nick (781-237-5561) or Peter Bassett (617-266-9200). Thank you.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry

Greetings from the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The first Greek Orthodox Prayer Shawl Ministry began here at St. Demetrios. The faithful women at the Shrine of St. Anna, in California received this ministry from us and are now in turn sharing their work with us.

"Prayer Shawls console in times of illness, grief, and stress. They comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those who are in despair. They remind us that God's love is with us always and that each of us also remains in the hearts and prayers of others."

Our women witnessed this joyfulness when we delivered shawls to the Philoxenia house last spring. Please join us for coffee on **Wednesday, September 23rd** from 1 to 3pm to learn about this wonderful Ministry as practiced both here at St. Demetrios and at St. Anna. And in the American tradition of women gathering together to do handwork, enjoy the camaraderie of other parishioners. Returning members please bring your knitting needles and yarn.



CIDP WALK

As you may know Chris Kourlos is being treated for CIDP and again this year will be walking and raising money for the GBS|CIDP Foundation. We invite you to donate and walk with Chris' Team - Chris' Crusaders on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 at Francis William Bird Park in Walpole, MA . Registration opens at 9:00 AM. We walk at 10:00 AM.

The Walk & Roll for GBS|CIDP helps to raise vital dollars for research and build a community of caring. This year, thousands of individuals, teams and our caring sponsors will participate at one of our twelve nationwide walks.

To donate or register to walk:

Visit your personal page at <http://walkandroll.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1137707&supId=411353025>

Visit your team page at <http://walkandroll.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=12&i=1137707&g=6450304>

For more information or questions please contact Chris Kourlos, 508-380-8220 or kourkat@comcast.net

PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our October General Assembly meeting on Sunday, October 18 following Divine Liturgy. This General Assembly will focus on updating the St. Demetrios Parish By-Laws as well as updating everyone on our community and parish's progress. Please join us for this very important meeting. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Council President, Gina Pagonis.

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 Sunday, 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.

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 or Joanna Manikas at jmanikas@verizon.net.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

Book of the Month:

God Can Heal You Now by Emily Gardiner Neal

"Jesus came to bring God to us—to save our souls. As the Son of Man, He also knew the importance of our bodies. He then, as now, often began His saving work with a physical healing which would result in spiritual change. Time after time then, as it does today, the visible sign of the living God, turned those healed to their Lord"

To read more you can find this book in our Recommendation Shelf.

During the Ministry Fair do not forget to see us in the library. We invite you to come and visit the parish library and see how much we have grown thanks to the recent donations from our parishioners. The library is staffed every Sunday after Liturgy and Thursday mornings. However, you are welcomed to visit the library when the Church office is opened. As outlined in the Library Policies and Procedures please fill out both cards and leave the orange card in the metal box. Date is the month and year when you borrow the book. This will help us to keep track of our books.

Remember, this library is for you and your family.



SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,

I would like to Welcome you back to the Senior Guild. The first meeting of the Senior Guild will be held on Thursday, the 17th of August, 2015 following The Divine Liturgy.

Please come and visit the Senior Guild Booth at the Ministry Fair. We will have a survey to see how many of you can attend the meeting. The Senior Guild hopes that you can make it to the Ministry Fair and to the Meeting in September.

If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis @ (508) 785-0045. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

August 2

Martha Afentakis and Harold Chakiris in loving memory of their parents, Efkratia and Peter Chakiris.

The family of Bradner Littlehale.



BAPTISMS

The daughter of Richard Drevland and Kathryn Stamoulis was baptized on Saturday, August 15th, and named Evangeline Alexa. The sponsors were Nicholas and Tatiana Stamoulis.

The daughter of Samuel Johnson and Asimina Koukos was baptized on Sunday August 23, and named Eli-anna. The sponsors were Fr. Timothy and Presbyteria Nijmeh Curren

FUNERALS

Athena Mastras of Wellesley, August 13

May her memory be eternal!

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