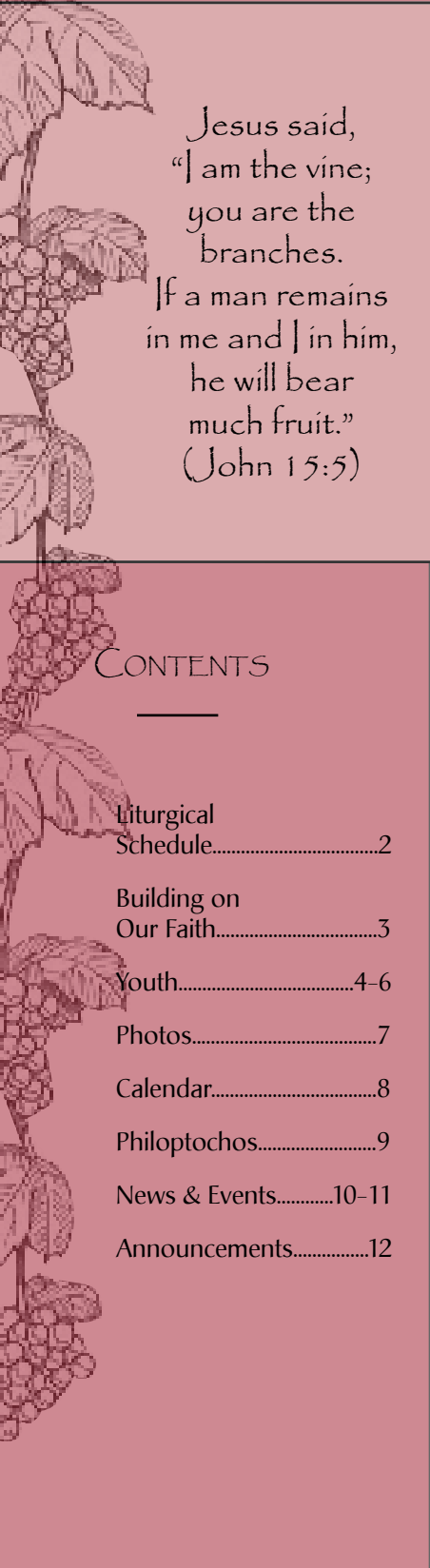




# THE VINE

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

#### God's Story in His Own Words

Dear Parishioners,

October is an important month in the life of our St. Demetrios Community. Every month is significant in that it marks the ebb and flow of our life writing our story that ultimately accompanies the story of our Lord. This month we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, Saint Demetrios. It is important for us to reflect on his life, the life of the many saints and how their life was transformed when Christ came to truly live in their hearts.

Last month, an invitation was offered to us to undertake a spiritual journey and to discover an “authentic spirituality”. Such a path in today’s world is difficult but not impossible. We stated the dangers that exist especially when so many voices say “follow me” and do “this” or “that” and you will be happy and fulfilled. Yet to attain “the fullness of the knowledge of truth” we ought to begin or begin again looking at God’s Word- Scripture. This is where the story- His Story- is told. This is where we can begin our formation, our return and begin our journey anew.

If most of us are honest with ourselves we could admit that reading the Bible has not been a priority. Many of us may even admit we have spent little time with His Word and that our only exposure is hearing some reference to it or, in part, at Church. In our competitive, skeptical and sophisticated society, reading Scripture is already biased as our approach in reading it is inhibited in many ways.

How can one read the Bible and let the true message of God- His Story- reach us, as it did myriads of Saints such as St. Demetrios, when our approach to it is with scrutiny and analysis alone? How can Christ’s love for us be truly seen and felt when we read His word as we read any other source, such as the newspaper, the internet or other book?

God’s word cannot speak to us- really speak to us- unless it is approached with reverence and love. What is God saying to me is a good question to ask ourselves while reading it. God’s word reveals His Story and how that Story impacts and intersects with our story and where the two meet. As in any relationship, the one between God and me cannot fully develop unless there is desire and openness. His Spirit cannot speak to my heart unless I believe that He is speaking directly to me- His beloved. His words cannot penetrate my heart and mind unless I read them as an invitation to join Him and be present before and with Him. Scripture – God’s word, cannot be effective unless it is approached reverently, attentively and with faith as I seek to discern His will for me in my life. Let’s begin right here, right now!

St. Demetrios and the many Saints before us discovered the transformative power of knowing God and His Son and His Spirit by approaching Him this way and so can we!

With Love in the Lord,

Fr. Nick

Next Time: more on the Word of God, how to allow it to speak and penetrate our hearts and grow our faith.

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

October 4

*2nd Sunday of Luke*

October 11

*7th Ecumenical Council*

October 18

*St. Luke the Evangelist*

October 25

*6th Sunday of Luke*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

Tuesday, October 6

*Orthros & Divine Liturgy- St. Thomas the Apostle*

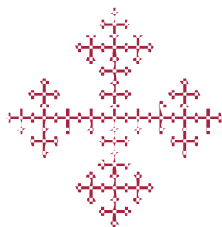
Sunday, October 25

*Vespers, 6 pm*

Monday, October 26

*Orthros & Divine Liturgy- St. Demetrios*

## ACTS OF KINDNESS



*What did Christ teach us about this?*

*In Matthew 25:35, Christ tells us: "I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in..."*

*Doing acts of kindness is the Christian way of life. We do them because this is how we follow His example.*

*Don't let a day go by without doing something for someone else. Truly the world will be a better place if we do.*



### ST. DEMETRIOS THE GREAT MARTYR: TRULY GREAT

St. Demetrios is, of course, the patron saint of our church. Throughout the year we gather together as a Church family and, encouraged by his inspirational story, we strive to live a Christ centered life, just as he did.

Only a small number of saints are called "Great" in our Orthodox Church. Even fewer are

known as "Great Martyrs." St. Demetrios is one of those few given this honor and distinction by the Church. While many know about his life, to draw closer to him and what he means to us all, it is important to relive and remember his life.

*St. Demetrios died for his faith during the violent persecutions of the Emperor Diocletian in the year 306. Demetrios was a soldier in the Roman Army and was also a skilled orator and leader. More important, he was a Christian in a time when those who believed in Christ were hounded by pagan rulers and killed for their faith. Demetrios was named to a governmental position as consul of Thessalonika, but instead of persecuting Christians there, he preached to them and guided them.*

*It wasn't long before the emperor heard of strong faith and commitment to ministry, and he ordered him arrested and imprisoned. While there, he urged a young christian named Nestor to engage in combat with a famous gladiator who had murdered many a believer in the amphitheater over the years. This time, the gladiator was overwhelmed by the much smaller Nestor, who prayed with St. Demetrios who called upon God for strength in battle.*

*Humiliated over Nestor's spiritual and physical victory, the emperor soon after ordered Nestor and Demetrios executed.*

*A church was built over the remains of St. Demetrios at Thessalonika and devotion to him spread far and wide. This early church was destroyed by fire in the 7th century and was replaced by another edifice, adorned with Byzantine-style mosaics.*

*Icons of St. Demetrios depict the saint in a number of ways: often as a young soldier with a lance and shield; a victorious soldier upon a horse; as a deacon; and other times as a protector of children. He is profoundly revered in Europe and his feastday is commemorated with great festivity in Thessalonika, where he is considered the patron saint of that city.*

As his feast approaches on October 26, we pray that the faithful of our parish are inspired by his holy life—his strong faith, compassion, courage and fortitude. A blessed feast to our entire St. Demetrios family!

## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### NAMED GIFTS

The last two Vine articles in this space called upon our extraordinary parishioners who have yet to consider the lasting joy of a named gift to our Building on our Faith project to seek out Fr. Nick or myself to learn what gifts are still

available, both large and small, and to discuss with their families the commitment to a gift that will serve us today and many future generations in our St. Demetrios.

The donation of these important gifts, provides a significant second benefit to our church and most especially to its ministries: the possibility of additional pay downs of our construction financing. The balances that remain, although very much in line with all our plans and reports, are nonetheless a drain on our church budget of funds that can be used to expand our work as Christians.

Here are some examples of what you can consider giving. These range from large gifts to small. Each and every gift is of equal significance especially when donated sacrificially.

- Plaza Garden Seating
- Procession Lantern
- South Vestibule
- Altar Boy's Robe (s)
- Skylight Gallery
- Chanter's Robe (s)
- Sanctuary Plaza
- Sanctuary Chair (s)
- Altar Seating
- Infant Room Furnishings
- Royal Gates
- Bride Room Furnishings
- Icon Stand
- Bookstore Furnishings
- Sacrament Table
- Ambulatory
- Pulpit
- St. Demetrios Bookstore

These are just a sample of opportunities still available for named gift donations. Although many others have been taken by our faithful, please consider these wonderful named gift opportunities!

~ Peter Bassett



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**Bookstore, Carol Loridas**  
**Choir, Genie Leussis, Chris Tzellas, Athena Kalyvas**  
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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, Fr. Vincent Minucci**

**OCF, Fr. Vincent Minucci**

**Young Professionals, Samuel Johnson**



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to St Demetrios 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 art, music, reading, writing, discussing, outreach and stewardship, we learn about our Christian faith. We welcome you to our school!

Please take an interest in what your child is being taught in Church School. Ask and discuss with him/her what he/she learned. Try to incorporate the lesson into your family time. Always feel free to contact your child's teachers with any issues or even to help clarify a particular lesson.

It was wonderful to meet so many of you during the Ministry Fair. If you have not registered your child for classes, please stop by the Church Office for a registration form.

### Upcoming Dates:

October	Pre-Kindergarten Bulletin Board Display
October 4	Church School Classes; Open House; CS Staff Mtg.
October 11	Family Worship
October 18	Church School Classes
October 25	Church School Classes

## Halloween: Not the Day, but the Way

By Fr. John Vlahos

While I was studying at the Seminary, it struck me that half of my friends had participated in Halloween throughout their childhood. They looked at Halloween as the one day of the year where they dress up in their favorite costumes and embark on a candy-gathering adventure throughout their neighborhoods. The other half of my friends had never went trick or treating because their parents would not allow it. They felt that no matter how universal and supposedly harmless Halloween appeared, it has unholy and dark origins and should therefore be avoided.

Ultimately, I believe that to what extent someone participates in Halloween should be determined in consultation with one's parents and their parish priest.

If one were to participate in Halloween, caution should be used to not trivialize and play down the serious reality of the devil, demons and evil. Throughout the Bible, Jesus confronted demons and those who were workers of iniquity. In fact, whenever Jesus appeared the demons would cry out: Why are you here? Why are you ruining things for us? Why are you tormenting us before our time? As the Truth and the Light, Christ is always victorious over all evil and darkness.

Thus, costumes that lend themselves towards wickedness and darkness such as witches, demons, mummies, monsters and the like should be avoided. We are to in no way align ourselves with the powers of evil and sin.

Costumes that promote a more wholesome and joyful feel like angels, saints, princesses, superheroes and cartoon characters are much more appropriate. The challenge is to use our God-given creativity and celebrate both the light and life He brought into this world and His victory over evil!

Youth groups within our parishes can create a wide variety of wholesome parties for our children. For those parents that accompany and supervise their children as they canvass the neighborhood, they can perhaps have their children add "God bless you" to their thanks for treats. Faith-filled joy and not fear should permeate all that we do as Christians.

*Fr. John is the Proistamenos of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New York City.*



## GOYA

This month GOYA has been busy with kicking off the year! The annual car wash was a success and was a great way to get the GOYA members back together after the summer. GOYA also had a welcome back dinner graciously hosted by the Argyropole family. This event was for GOYA and Jr. GOYA members along with parents, so it was a great way to get everyone together. Next month GOYA is going apple picking on October 17 at Honey Pot Orchard. Can't wait to see everyone there!

## ST DEMETRIOS GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL

Our school year began with the Agiasmos Service. It was wonderful to welcome back our students and their families as well as to meet new faces in many of our classrooms. We look forward to creating many wonderful memories together.



## SAINTLY LIVES

### St. Luke, COMMEMORATED OCTOBER 18



Saint Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician and writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke became a close companion of St. Paul and accompanied him on his missionary journeys. In the Gospel of Luke he emphasizes Christ's compassion for sinners and for those who suffer. We can also find in Luke's account of the gospel, a strong emphasis on the role women played in Christ's ministry. Luke's Christian ministry can be followed in the book of Acts. It is believed that Luke lived a long life and died c. 74 in Greece. He was the first Christian physician and is venerated especially by physicians and surgeons. Saint Luke is also considered the patron saint of painters because according to tradition, he had painted images of the Theotokos and of Jesus Christ.

## Basketball



This year, parents can register their children online. To do so, please visit this link: [boston.goarch.org](http://boston.goarch.org). There is a tab in the upper right corner of the website. The fee to play will be no more than \$125.00 per player (payable to St. Demetrios). The Season will begin in November and end in March. Practices will be at our gym most likely on Tuesday or Thursday nights.

### There are three Divisions; JOY Jr., JOY and GOYA:

**Jr. JOY** is a co-ed developmental league for grade school age kids (usually around 8 to 10 years of age). Games will be on Saturdays at Hellenic College and/or our Gym.

**JOY** is a co-ed competitive league for Middle School age kids (under age 14 as of September 1st). Most kids are around ages 11-13. Games will be on Saturdays at Hellenic College and/or our Gym.

**GOYA** has separate boys and girls divisions. It is a competitive league limited to kids still in high school and under age 18. Games are at Hellenic College on Sunday afternoons/evenings.

We hope your children will be able to participate. Beyond the athletic completion, this ministry serves as a great opportunity for our kids to get to know each other, become friends and meet other kids in the greater Metropolis. For more information please contact Jack Markis at [ejmarkis@markislaw.com](mailto:ejmarkis@markislaw.com).

## Greek Dance Troop

Welcome to another terrific year of Greek dancing at St. Demetrios! Below is the fall schedule.

Sept. 27	Oct. 4 (no teens)
Oct. 18	Nov. 1
Nov. 15	Dec. 6

Feel free to contact us with questions. We are looking forward to a wonderful year. ~Margaret Talmers  
([margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com))



# PHOTOS

## GOYA Car Wash & Welcome Back BBQ



### *The Reason for the Season...*

*This year, our parish proudly marks  
the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the*

## **St. Nicholas Giving Tree Ministry**

For more than a decade, our community has brought the miracle  
of the most holy season of Christ's birth  
to 35,000 children under the care of the Dept. of Children and Families.  
These foster children have been removed from their homes  
through no fault of their own.

They are often separated from their parents, siblings and grandparents  
~ something hard for us to fathom ~ particularly during the holidays.

This year, the names and "wish lists" of these children  
will be available in the parish hall on three successive  
**Sundays ~ November 15, 22 & 29.**

Come visit our booth and join together with your family  
to sponsor one or more children for whom  
you can personally deliver the joy of Christmas!

**Questions? Nancy Agris Savage 508-652-9020**  
**or [nancyasavage@gmail.com](mailto:nancyasavage@gmail.com)**



# PHOTOS

## District 9 Seminar



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



## Sonia's Run



## Senior Guild Luncheon



# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Metropolis Clergy Laity
4 <b>2nd Sunday of Luke</b> Church School Greek Dance	5	6 <b>St. Thomas</b> Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 Senior Guild Luncheon, 11 am Greek School, 4-6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	7 Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry, 1-3 pm	8 Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm	9	10
11 <b>7th Ecumenical Council</b>	12 <b>Columbus Day- Offices Closed</b>	13 Greek School, 4-6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	14 Parish Council, 7 pm  Philoptochos General Assembly, 7 pm	15	16	17 Pam's Run, 9:30 am GOYA Apple Picking, 11 am
18 <b>3rd Sunday of Luke</b> Arcadian Society Artoclasia Greek Dance Parish Fall General Assembly Pam's Run	19	20 Greek School, 4-6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	21 Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry, 1-3 pm	22 Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm	23	24 Learning Program, 8:30 am
25 <b>6th Sunday of Luke</b> Feast Day Luncheon <b>Great Vespers, 6 pm</b> Philoptochos Reception	26 <b>St. Demetrios</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30	27 Greek School, 4-6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	28	29	30	31



# STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

## PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Members,

October is a very special month at Saint Demetrios. Parishioners have returned from summer holiday and are now participating in the ministries of the Church. We look forward to celebrating the Feast Day of our Parish on Monday, October 26 with various services. Please see the schedule below of upcoming events for October and November.

### 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 in the Program of 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.

### Saturday, October 17, 2015 – The 21st Annual Philoptochos Quilt-A-Thon

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Ladies of the Philoptochos meet one day each year to make baby quilts. In the past twenty years, we have made 1,800 baby quilts for needy and less fortunate children. We have helped HIV drug afflicted children, the Shriners Hospital Burn Center, the Philoxenia House, the Hellenic Unit at Children's Hospital, Children of Uganda and Rumania, Hurricane Katrina to name a few.

How can you help? By donating a few hours (or all day) on Saturday, October 17. There is something for everyone to do. We need help in sewing, machine or hand pinning, tying and folding. All material is pre-cut. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring with you on that day.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Please call Demetra Morakis at (781) 891-8722 if you are able to participate. This is an excellent opportunity for our community to meet and work together to help unfortunate children. With these quilts we can reach out and do a little of God's work.

### Saint Demetrios Vesper Service – Sunday, October 25

As in the past, the Philoptochos will host the reception immediately following the Vesper Service for the name day of our Church. Contact Presbytera Elaine Krommydas at (508) 359-7492 or ekrommydas@verizon.net if you are able to prepare desserts for this special evening.

### Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon

Saturday, October 31, 2015- Join us for 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.

The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon was established in 1989 and is hosted on a biennial basis rotating between the Direct Archdiocesan District and the eight Metropolises of the Archdiocese. Since its inception, the National Philoptochos has raised nearly \$3 million for the Children's Medical Fund, and has awarded over \$2.6 million in grants to hospitals and organizations. The remaining funds have been disbursed for children in need through grants handled by the Social Services department at the National Philoptochos office. Many of the funds raised for this event will benefit children's hospitals, research and special programs throughout the Metropolis of Boston including Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and parts of Connecticut. The remaining funds will be distributed to programs throughout the United States at the 2016 National Philoptochos Biennial.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Matina Pappas at mpappas@paphome.com or (617) 335-5593.

### Veterans Day Tribute

The National Philoptochos and Metropolis of Boston have requested that we honor Veterans in November. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos is seeking donations in memory of 2nd Lt. Ian Thomas McVey, USMC. Eugenia and Chris Kourlos will again expand their annual ministry to include two opportunities to assist Veterans in need. Please see the flier on the next page for more information!

**Coffee Fellowship Hour** - Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a coffee hour in the past! For those interested, please consider joining with a friend or a family member to host this year. The church provides the coffee, milk and paper products. Please remember that the refreshments do not need to be fancy or costly.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Philoptochos table during Coffee Fellowship Hour. Otherwise, please contact Pam Brody at (781) 864-5327 or Eugenia Kourlos at (508) 735-8866.

If you are interested in helping or being part of any activity or program, please contact me at adkalyvas@gmail.com - (781) 718-5264.

We hope you are able to attend some of these interesting events!

With love in Christ,

Athena Kalyvas, President

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the season changes from summer to fall I begin to reflect back upon my year. Where am I now? How much closer or further am I from my goal of making our Lord and Savior first place in my life? How is my prayer life? I ask these and many other questions regarding my faith-life. What I often find is time flies and my progress might be stalled; therefore, I ask that we help one another through prayer and action and by joining together in making this year at our beloved St. Demetrios even more special by volunteering a greater percentage of our time, by sharing more of our talents, and and by supporting our ministries with a greater portion of our treasure. In this way we will ensure that the faith we all love will continue to bear the fruit of Christ's salvation.

Love in our Lord and Savior,

John R McVey

Stewardship Chair

## PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Coming together to make decisions about our parish is a vital aspect of community life- we are all challenged to be good stewards of St. Demetrios! In this spirit, we invite you to join us for our fall assembly on October 18th, immediately following Divine Liturgy in St. Demetrios Hall.

At our October 18, 2015, Parish Assembly we will review for approval amended and restated by-laws, which incorporate the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (as is required) and include additional provisions to meet the local needs of our parish. Copies of the amended and restated By-Laws, the Regulations, and our current By-Laws will be available for review on our parish website ([www.stdemetriosweston.org](http://www.stdemetriosweston.org)), at our church office, and at the Parish Assembly.

### EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENIOR GUILD.

Dear Senior Guild Members,  
First of all I would like to Thank the ladies who cook for us, and made a very delicious meal. Secondly I would like to Thank the volunteers who set the tables, served the meal, and did the clean-up. The Senior Guild appreciates your help. The next meeting of the Senior Guild is on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 (St. Thomas) when we will discuss the Event for December. We will also discuss the Survey for the gatherings each month. If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis at (508) 785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there.

#### USHERING GUIDELINES

As the Church School year comes to a start, we ask that everyone assist us by waiting patiently in your seats for the children to receive Holy Communion first so that they may get to their classes. In order to facilitate this process as efficiently as possible, we ask that Church School Teachers, Children and their parents be dismissed first for communion. All other parishioners are asked to stay in their seats and wait for the ushers to dismiss their row. We appreciate your patience and your support!

#### AGENDA:

Meeting called to order with Opening Prayer

1. Election of Chairperson
2. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
3. Father Nick's Report
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Stewardship Report
7. Building Committee Update
  - a. Church Furnishings Update
8. Update of By-Laws
9. Old/New Business
10. Closing Prayer

Please make every effort to attend. We will begin the meeting promptly.



### ST. DEMETRIOS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION!

Our celebration for St. Demetrios will begin on Sunday October 25 following Divine Liturgy with our annual parish luncheon. On the evening of the 25th, join us at 6pm for Great Vespers in our Church. Clergy from throughout the Metropolis will be joining us. There will be a reception sponsored by our Philoptochos to follow. On Monday October 26, we will celebrate the memory of our beloved Patron Saint, St. Demetrios, please join us for Orthros and Divine Liturgy beginning at 8:30 am. It will be a joyous celebration!

### ORTHODOX LIFE SERIES



Do you have questions about the Orthodox Faith? Looking to learn more about Join us as we examine our Orthodox Faith through the book *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris. We will meet October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3 from 7 pm till 8:30 pm in the small Social Hall. We look forward to seeing you then! If you have any questions

please contact Fr. Vinnie at [frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org).

# NEWS & EVENTS

## BAKERS NEEDED FOR ST. DEMETRIOS

### VESPERS RECEPTION.

We will be hosting a reception following the St. Demetrios Feast Day vespers Sunday, October 25. If you are able to bake something for this event, please contact Presbytera Elaine at [ekrommydas@verizon.net](mailto:ekrommydas@verizon.net).

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE



### Books of the Month:

Apollo's Legacy by Effie  
Lascarides

A celebration of modern-day Hellenism in the United States. Sixteen successful and prominent Greek-American discuss their lives, professional careers, involvement in Hellenic issues, and the role of their Greek identity through them all.

Like a Pelican in the Wilderness:  
Reflections on the Sayings of the  
Desert Fathers by Stelios Ramfos

A dialogue with the teachings of the desert fathers, to see what they say on the meaning of eschatological time and the nature of personhood as the goal of human existence.

To read more you can find these books in our Recommendation Shelf.

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. 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.



*In memory of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ian Thomas McVey, USMC*  
**Philoptochos Seeks Donations for Veterans**  
**November to Remember Veterans**

**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."**  
**Psalms 46:1**

This year our November Drive will continue to include two opportunities to assist Veterans in need. We ask for your continued generosity to expand this annual ministry of helping our Veterans.

The Thanksgiving for Veterans drive provides a complete Thanksgiving meal to a Veteran family.

### Veteran Thanksgiving Meal

- 50 turkeys, frozen or fresh
- 200 canned/non-perishable sides: cranberry sauce, squash, vegetables, stuffing, boxed potatoes.

The Operation Housewarming Project , provides housewarming baskets to those veterans transitioning to independent living.

### Housewarming Baskets; All new – No used items PLEASE

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| • Broom/Dustpan                        | Mop                      |
| • Bucket                               | Toilet brush & holder    |
| • Shower curtain                       | Shower rings             |
| • Dishpan                              | Dish rack/tray           |
| • Dish Cloth/Towel                     | Cleaning sponge          |
| • Flashlight/Batteries                 | Toothpaste               |
| • Dish Soap                            | Liquid hand soap         |
| • Bar soap (pkg. of 4)                 | Paper towels (pkg. of 4) |
| • Toilet paper (pkg. of 4)             | Trash container/bags     |
| • Bath towel/ wash cloths (2 to start) | Laundry detergent        |
| • Small bathroom trash container       | All purpose cleaner      |

*\*Gift cards to local supermarkets and monetary donations to purchase items*  
*are also welcome. Checks payable to: St. Demetrios Philoptochos.\**

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**Please submit contributions during the social hour by November 22nd.**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

### August 23

Elizabeth Aoun, in loving memory of her son, Panagiotis.

### September 6

Cynthia Dabrowski, in loving memory of her husband, Joseph.

### September 20

The Canellos and Triant Families, 25 year memorial for Mrs. George (Athena) Speare.

### September 27

Jane Bouyoukas, in loving memory of her husband, Pete.

## WEDDINGS

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*Harry Vlachos and Anastasia Agretelis were united in marriage on Sunday, September 13th. The sponsor was Vasiliki Efstratoudakis.*

*Jonathan J. Gomez and Christina A. Hanzis were united in marriage on Sunday September 27th. The sponsor was Anastasia Hanzis*



## BAPTISMS

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The son of Theresa Nibi was baptized on Sunday, September 27th, and named Luke. The sponsors were Maria and John Tomvakologos.

## FUNERALS

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Ilene Cosmas of Shrewsbury, August 29th  
Jean Polley of Canton, September 9th  
Cleopatra Ohannesian, September 21st.

*May their memory be eternal!*



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