

THE VINE

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Jesus said,
"I am the vine;
you are the
branches.

If a man remains
in me and I in him,
he will bear
much fruit."
(John 15:5)

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Jesus' Birth Brings True Change

Dear Parishioners,

When Jesus Christ was born into the world, the course of human history was forever changed. And yet, the actual event of that birth was almost completely unnoticed. The power and the majesty and the love of God came into the world quietly and without the blare of trumpets.



Christ was born in a stable, and was placed in a manger so that we might understand from the beginning that He came to us to give rather than to take. He wanted us to see Him not as a mighty king and ruler, but as a servant and a humble teacher. He came to forgive, to comfort, and to reconcile us once again to God; to bring peace where there is strife, warmth where there is indifference, love where there is hate and animosity. Through His birth, He showed us that the glory of His life was to be found in the fact that it was lived for the sake of others.

Lest we forget this wonderful lesson, therefore, Christmas comes to us again each year, and we are all invited to come and behold the Savior. We are invited to marvel at the humility of His coming, and the simplicity of His life; we are taught that the grace of God works in silence and ministers to our deepest needs and yearning without fanfare.

But when Christmas Day is over, we too, like the shepherds and wise men of old, return to our daily routines and concerns. We must do so, however, with the vivid reminder that Christ called us to be His presence in the world of today, and entrusted much of His work to our care.

Those of us who choose to be faithful to that task, shall carry with them this message of Christmas; we shall work and live in the same humility and simplicity that marked the birth and life of the Lord. We shall seek our joy and fulfillment, even our glory, not as the world teaches us to find them, but in the way Christmas teaches us – in a life lived for the sake of others.

That is the essence and message of Christmas that God cared enough to send His very best into a world in need of a Savior. His beloved Son comes to announce the Good News of God's transformative love for the world yes, but also for each of us who choose to imitate His humility and compassion.

Let us not lose the meaning of Christmas nor store it away till next Christmas. Embrace the truth and the power of Christ's birth for it changed the course of human history and can very well change our own personal history too.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Yours in Our Incarnate Lord,
Father Nick



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

December 6, *10th Sunday of Luke, St. Nicholas*

December 13, *11th Sunday of Luke*

December 20, *Sunday Before Nativity*

December 27, *Sunday After Nativity*

January 3, *Sunday before Epiphany*

January 10, *Sunday after Epiphany*

January 17, *12th Sunday of Luke*

January 24, *14th Sunday of Luke*

WEEKDAY SERVICES (AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES):

Saturday, December 5, 6:00 pm
@ *St. Nicholas, Lexington*

Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 12, 8:30 am
@ *St. Spyridon, Worcester*

Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 7, 9:00 am
@ *St. John the Baptist, Boston*

Sunday, January 17, 6:30 pm
@ *St. Athanasios, Arlington*

Sunday, January 24, 6:00 pm
@ *St. Gregory, Mansfield*

WEEKDAY SERVICES (AT ST. DEMETRIOS):

Thursday, December 24, 6 pm
Eve of the Nativity Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 25, 8:30 & 9:30 am
Holy Nativity

Thursday, January 1, 9:00 am
*Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil/
New Year's Day*

Tuesday, January 5, 6 pm
Blessing of the Waters

Wednesday, January 6, 9:00 am
Theophany

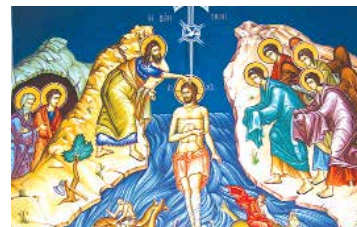
A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

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

BUILDING UPDATE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As you can see from the photo, the Iconostasion

steel skeleton has been erected and soon the marble that has also arrived will be in place. It is an exciting time for us as the interior of our Church nears

completion. Soon you will be receiving a visual update of all that has been completed thanks to you, our beloved Stewards. As well, there are some giving opportunities left that individuals, families or group may wish to consider that will bring the Capital Campaign, Furnishings, and Seating Project closer to completion. A final thought and gentle reminder that your outstanding pledge balances will greatly help in retiring our loan and saving the interest payments on carrying this balance.

We appreciate your generosity, prayers and support. Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes for the New Year!



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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

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

December	First Grade Bulletin Board Display
December 6	Church School Classes; Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
December 13	Christmas Pageant Program
December 20	Church School Classes

Please join us on Sunday, December 13th, for our Christmas Pageant Program. All of our Church School students are invited to participate. The Pageant will begin after the Divine Liturgy.

The Saint Demetrios Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 13th after Divine Liturgy.

A Rehearsal for students, grades kindergarten through 12th, will be on on Sunday, December 6th. The rehearsal will be from 11:40am until 12:15pm. Parents of young students, please pick up your children in the Church since they cannot be released otherwise.

A special rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 10am-12pm for Nativity participants and readers only. This is mandatory for all children unless otherwise discussed.

Christmas Pageant Clothing Attire for students grades 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 is:

Girls wear white blouses or tops with dark skirts. Red ribbons in hair are welcome and Boys wear white shirts, dark pants and festive ties.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a special guest appearance in the Church Hall to greet our children.

Should the Christmas Pageant be postponed due to inclement weather, the Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 20th.

Please contact Georgia Argyrople with questions at Georgia-Argyrople@Comcast.net.

YOUTH BASKETBALL



The 2015-2016 Metropolis Basketball began on November 14th. The Metropolis sponsored a youth (grade school) skills clinic that morning, followed by the JOY league games (middle school). The day's games included a rematch of last year's JOY championship between our Parish and a combined team from the Annunciation Church (Brockton) and St. Catherine's (Braintree). In an exciting game, our kid's emerged victorious – a great start to the season.

Both of our Boys GOYA (high school) Teams played on Sunday the 15th. Our Royal Blue Team played Brockton/Braintree and our Navy Blue Team played the Lynn Parish. Despite great hustle and effort by our boys, neither Team won their game. However, they enjoyed the competition nonetheless.

We have not yet fielded a Girls GOYA Team for this year, but hope that enough girls will sign up to enable us to do so. Although the season has begun, the rosters are not yet closed. If your son or daughter is interested in joining this Ministry, please contact the Church office



St. Demetrios Greek Language and Cultural School

The students will celebrate the holiday season with our annual Christmas party. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join the festivities.

Tuesday, December 8, 2015
5:00 – 6:00 PM
In the church hall

Snow date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015

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

Ελάτε παιδιάκια,
παιδιάκια καλά
κοντά σε μια φάνη
στην άγια σπηλιά
και δείτε τι στέλνει
μια τέτοια βραδιά
ο Πλάστης μ' αγάπη
σε σας τα παιδιά.

GOYA

By Natalia Perez

This past November for the GOYA and Jr. GOYA from the 13th to the 14th, was a nice and relaxing retreat to the Metropolis of Boston Camp (MBC) in New Hampshire. Besides the fun ride up there, we kicked off the night with a nice and cozy bonfire with marshmallows for our s'mores! The next day was especially nice. For the people that like winter, you will be jealous to hear that we got a few flurries of snow in the morning. We had an appetizing breakfast consisting of waffles, and after we took a nice and beautiful hike by the lake. This trip brought us all closer together with the many deep talks, and riddle telling discussions we had at around 1 in the morning!

We also had a beach themed MBC reunion dance at St. Demetrios on November 21st! Over 60 people from different parishes in the area attended! It was a great evening had by all!



Scholarship Corner

St. Demetrios Philoptochos Scholarships

Each spring for over thirty years, the Philoptochos Society has awarded scholarships to our community's best and brightest young people to recognize their accomplishments across a broad spectrum of involvement. The scholarship funds were established in recognition of several of our community's most treasured former members by their families.

For more information about the scholarships and for applications please email Kathy Hamilton- vlahakes@comcast.net or call the church office 781-237-5561.

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



GOYA/ Jr. GOYA Retreat



Senior Guild— Happy 90th Tina!



GOYA Dance





PHOTOS

Turkey Donations



Youth Basketball



Philoptochos Gala



Prosphoro Baking



CALENDAR



DEC 2015 - JAN 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Greek School, 4-6 pm	2- Prayer Shawl Minis- try, 1 pm	3 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm	4 Family Night, Gingerbread House Making, 6 pm	5 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am Vespers AT St. Nicholas, Lexing- ton, 6 pm
6 10th Sunday of Luke, St. Nicholas Pageant Rehearsal	7 Philoptochos Koulourakia Bak- ing, 9:30 am	8 Greek School Christmas Party	9 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	10 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm	11 Vespers AT St. Spyridon, Worcester, 7 pm	12- St. Spyridon Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am Orthros & Di- vine Liturgy AT Worcester, 9 am
13 - 11th Sunday of Luke Christmas Pageant Stewardship Pastry Breakfast Bake Sale	14	15 Greek School, 4-6 pm	16 Prayer Shawl Minis- try, 1 pm	17 Senior Guild Lun- cheon, 1 pm Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm	18 Agape Prayer Group, 5:30 pm	19 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2 pm
20 Sunday before Nativity	21	22 Greek School, 4-6 pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy, 6 pm Reception	25- Office Closed Christmas Day Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	26
27 Sunday after Nativity	28	29	30	31	1 - Office Closed New Year's Day/ St. Basil Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	2
3 Sunday before Epiphany	4	5 Blessing of the Waters, Liturgy and Agiasmo, 6 pm	6- Theophany Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	7	8	9 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am
10 Sunday after Epiphany Vasilopita Sunday	11	12 Greek School, 4-6 pm	13 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	14	15	16 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2 pm
17 12th Sunday of Luke Vespers AT St. Athanasius, Ar- lington, 6:30 pm	18- MLK Day, Office Closed Orthros & Divine Liturgy AT Arling- ton 9 am	19 Greek School, 4-6 pm	20 Philoptochos Paint Night, 7 pm	21	22 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am	22
24 14th Sunday of Luke Vespers AT St. Gregory, Mans- field, 6 pm	25	26 Greek School, 4-6 pm	27	28	29	30 Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am

STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

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 activities/events.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Card

Contact Pat Liacopulos at (508) 481-8025 to send your greetings through the annual Christmas card. Deadline date: December 5, 2015. Donation: \$25.00.

Christmas Bake Sale – Sunday, December 13

Contact Gena Liacopulos at (774) 249-0540 or genalia@comcast.net if you are able to prepare baked goods for this special event. Christmas cookies, Greek pastries and other Christmas treats will be sold. For advanced pre-orders, contact Francesca Callas at (978) 562-5117 or Gena at (774) 249-0540.

We will bake Koulourakia on Monday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Georgia Cosmopoulos at (508) 872-6827, if you are available to assist.

Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament

The Philoptochos is offering the Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament for \$10.00. Contact Stephanie Skedros at (978) 760-3347 or sskedros@gmail.com for more information. What a perfect Christmas gift for family and friends!

Christmas Eve Reception- Thursday, December 24

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

Vasilopita Sunday – Sunday, January 10. 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.

Greek Paint Night with Art by Katerina – Wednesday, January 20

at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a night of painting by instruction with Katerina. <http://artbykaterina.com>. Reception to follow. Donation: \$35.00. Contact

Jenn Brody for more information at (781) 864-5032 or brody.jenn@gmail.com. All Parishioners are invited to participate in this fun event!

Wine Tasting – Saturday, February 6. Details to follow.

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

Athena Kalyvas
President

STEWARDSHIP 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many, Thanksgiving and Christmas are truly two of the most blessed times of the year. We look upon the season of Thanksgiving with gratitude, and with anticipation and joy we await the celebration of the blessed birth of our Lord and Savior.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and all who work in the vineyards of Christ, I want to thank each and everyone of you, for without your continued and generous support of our Ministries at Saint Demetrios the Holy Word of God would lie dormant and unscattered. I take this opportunity to remind us of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians,

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

My prayer is that our hearts are filled with the love of God, the promise of His kingdom, joy in His resurrection, and gratitude for all of His gifts in our lives. Trust in the Lord for, "He will multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

With love and best wishes,
John R. McVey
Stewardship Chair

NEWS AND EVENTS



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE RECEPTION

December 24, 2015, 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 and Fr. Vincent at 781.237.5561.

SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,
The Senior Guild will be having a Christmas Luncheon at the Morse Tavern in Natick, MA on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. If you would like to come to the Luncheon please contact Artemis Martakis at (508) 785-0045 by the 29th of November, 2015. We will have an exchange of gifts worth \$5.00. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange please bring a gift. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there!



FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

Book of the Month:

Jesus: Who Do You Say I Am? published by Life Books



In this book, in words and pictures, is the story of Jesus of Nazareth, presented with historical context: what came before, what Jesus meant in His time, what He means in ours today. It's a story that has been related a million times and many more than that. It has been called the greatest story ever told.

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.

ST. DEMETRIOS BOOKSTORE

The 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

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.





Below you will find excerpts from Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan Methodios' encyclicals on the rebuilding of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center in NYC. For more information, including a live stream camera of the building progress, please go to www.stnicholaswtc.org

On behalf of the members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of our Holy Archdiocese I am writing to you concerning the progress in the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Church at Ground Zero in New York City. As you have heard and read, construction is proceeding on the beautiful Naos that will be a national shrine and a place of prayer, remembrance, and hope. From the ashes of destruction is rising an edifice for the communion of God and humanity. From the remnants of a violent act of hatred comes a holy place that affirms the power of love and faith.

The National Shrine will also be a vibrant and beautiful witness of Orthodox Christianity and our Hellenic heritage. Inspired by the architecture of Hagia Sophia and the Church of our Savior in Chora, built with marble from the same vein in Greece used for the Parthenon, and incorporating very modern elements and features, the Shrine will engage the attention of the millions of visitors to Ground Zero. The church will invite all of their senses to encounter a faith and tradition that connects human and divine, celebrates life and goodness, and shows the path to salvation and eternal peace.

The Saint Nicholas National Shrine will also be a witness to this nation and to the world of the power of faith and love in response to great tragedy and loss. In the aftermath of a horrific and evil act, Ground Zero became a place of sacrifice and compassion.

To complete this sacred task for the glory of God and this powerful witness, your support is needed. We give thanks to Almighty God for the many benefactors who have contributed generously and for the gifts both large and small that have been offered in faith and love.

As you give prayerfully and for His glory, may we follow the example of our Holy Father among the Saints, Nicholas the Wonderworker, who gave everything for the spiritual riches and blessings from above, gifts of God that will last for eternity.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS

Archbishop of America

My brothers and sisters in the household of God,

The Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is overseeing the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Church which was destroyed in the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

The new Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Ground Zero will be far more than a rebuilt parish. It will be a National Shrine of our Holy Archdiocese. It is destined to be a place of pilgrimage for our Nation and the whole world. In the next ten years, it is estimated that more than fifty million people will see this National Shrine of our Church. It represents a living embodiment of our Greek Orthodox Christian faith.

Every Priest and Parish Council are encouraged to invite their fellow Parishioners, to make a one year commitment of \$100 or more to raise the necessary funds to assist with the rebuilding of this National Shrine by 2016. I sincerely hope that all parishes in the Metropolis of Boston will participate.

The new Saint Nicholas will be a perpetual Sacred Shrine to the never-ending glory of God as fulfilled in our Holy Orthodox Christian Faith.

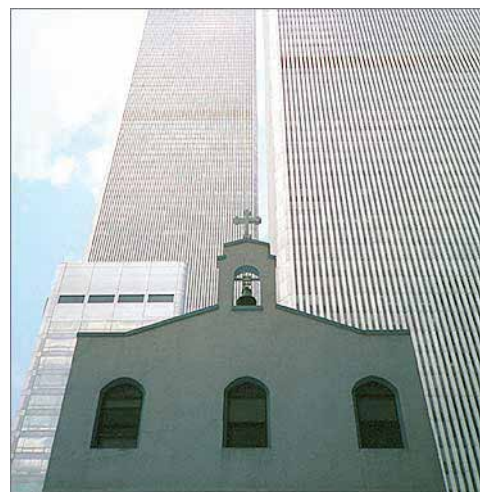
It will be a demonstration of the bonding to our heritage. Saint Nicholas, our National Shrine, will live forever.

Praying that the blessings, peace and joy of the our Lord be always with you,

With Archpastoral love

METHODIOS

Metropolitan of Boston





ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS

The daughter of George and Mary Daskalakis was baptized on Saturday, November 7th, and named Thespina. The sponsors were Jason and Sultana Gulbinas.

The daughter of Kin Lee and Sue Cheung was baptized on Tuesday, November 10th, and named Sarah. The sponsor was Constance Spiros.

The daughter of Timothy and Erica Marken was baptized on Saturday, November 14th, and named Georgia. The sponsors were Anthony and Kristen Marken.

The daughter of Gregory and Mary Mislak was baptized on Sunday, November 22nd, and named Alexandra. The sponsors were Yianno and Donna Pantazelos.

May God bless them with His divine grace!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

November 15
Presbytera Maritsa Andrews, in loving memory of her daughter, Zoe.

November 22
Patti Dukakis, in loving memory of her sister, Toula, who entered her heavenly home on August 16th.

Anita Koulopoulos, in loving memory of her husband, Michael.



FUNERALS


Joanna Trakadas of Natick, October 30th.

Katerina Chakalis of Newton, November 3rd.

Antonia Kokoros of Brookline, November 4th.

Ekaterini Zografidou of Needham, November 5th.

May their memory be eternal!



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