

# 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

### Pentecost

*"When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1*

My Dear Parishioners,

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

Together, not long ago, we have celebrated, the **"Feasts of Feasts"** the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. Jesus' victory over death is the single most important event in human history! Christ has not only come to walk, heal and speak to us about His Father's love for His creation but to literally give His life for it. "I have come to seek and to save the lost" He has told us. Christ's words and actions lead Him to the Cross and also leads us to an empty tomb where all His promises are realized and where eternal life is made manifest.

Things did not end there for although Christ's victory over death and the Kingdom was revealed and proclaimed, still that early Church in Jerusalem remained fragile. The handful of frightened disciples, men and women, still had to overcome adversities beyond their strength. Nevertheless, Christ's words **burned** within them as did the promise that He would not leave them as orphans. The promise of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor and Advocate that came on Pentecost, transformed these men and women of flesh and blood into fiery witnesses that **no power** could contain. On that one day alone, thousands were converted, their eyes opened and hearts and minds grew as they came to experience the full knowledge of truth that is the foundation of our Christian faith. The Church was born and the **Gates of Hell** shall not prevent its existence despite the many assaults through time down to today.

My beloved brothers and sisters, Pentecost reminds us of the birth of the Church as the Spirit- **the Holy Spirit**- moves within it and within us as the Body of Christ. Externally, the many challenges within society and the failings and weaknesses of us all today as fellow Christians are all too obvious. Perhaps these deficiencies are no different than those faced by the frightened and vulnerable few of the infant Church in Jerusalem long ago. Yet we know what power came from them and may also lie dormant within us. Deep down within Christ's Church and yes, within us too, there lies the power of the **Holy Spirit**, waiting to be realized and actualized planted within us at our Baptism. Once that power becomes manifest and is discovered anew, the **unwaning light** we received on Pascha night can illumine and transform our lives and overcome all obstacles. Discover it and unbridle its awesome power!

That is what I wish for our beloved community, for you and your family as we approach the Great Feast of Pentecost!

With Love in the Lord,

Fr. Nick





## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### ENJOY THE SUMMER!

The St. Demetrios Building Committee wishes all our parishioners and their beloved families a happy and restful summer. Keep our project in your hearts and minds as you take a break from the hectic workaday life and experience the joy of summer. Perhaps during those quiet moments, you will

consider how you can help us advance the work we seek to conclude on our new church building and furnishings. As you are aware from our recent brochure mailed to your home's, several named gift opportunities still exist both large and small for those of us who haven't yet participated in this once in a lifetime opportunity to help prepare our church to serve our faith for generations to come.

For those who have already donated, consider that many months and even years have passed since your original pledge. If you feel you can do more with just a small sacrifice, please do. If you are among the more blessed and have experienced some recent successes, perhaps a new gift to the Building Fund is something you will consider.

God bless all our parishioners without whom our new church, our gift to the future of our faith and our grandchildren would not have been possible. Enjoy the summer!!

Peter Bassett



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**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, Diana Katsikaris**  
**JOY, Fr. Vincent Minucci**  
**Young Professionals, Samuel Johnson**





"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young..."



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all our teachers, parents and students who supported the efforts of the Church School program by actively participating in the many programs and activities throughout the year.

**June 5** Church School Classes; Graduation Sunday; Teachers' meeting

**June 12** Last Day of Church School Classes

**Sunday June 5th** - Scholarship Sunday (High School/College Seniors). If your child is graduating from High School this year, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible.

**Sunday, June 12th** - Last Day of Church School

We are looking for individuals who might be interested in teaching/assisting in the Church School program. If you have a love for children, patience and a strong understanding of our Faith, please contact Stavroula Gurguliatos, Church School Director, at [stdemetrioschurchschool@verizon.net](mailto:stdemetrioschurchschool@verizon.net)

## HOPE

This past month, we were very fortunate to be visited by Ms. Alexis El Massih from Theophany School. Along with Miss Diana, she lead a very excited and interesting session on Pascha. We played games and also planted a basil plant that we all took home to care for! We had an amazing few months with HOPE and look forward to September when we'll meet again! For more information about Theophany School visit [www.theophanyschool.org](http://www.theophanyschool.org)



### Summer Camp : MBC 2016

Family Camp: June 29-July 3

Session 2: July 4-10

Session 3: July 11-17

Session 4: July 18-24

Session 5: July 25-31

Session 6: August 1-7

Get excited for another amazing summer at MBC! MBC offers three different types of ministry through one camp! One to youth (ages 8-18), one to families (all ages) and the third to campers with special needs through our Embracing Children Program. More information to follow! To register and for more information, go to [www.mbcamp.org](http://www.mbcamp.org)!

## A Letter to My Graduate

I cannot buy you a set of morals; I cannot build you a sense of responsibility; I cannot manufacture for you concern and compassion; I cannot make you a compelling, faithful, loyal spirit; I cannot give you the ability to love. I have no fortune to will you the means by which to gain popularity, to make you a philanthropist, or help you leave memorials for charity. I have no secret for success nor have I formulated any new philosophy. I have never written a book of wisdom. I cannot send you away into the world on your own, with only beautiful pictures of me in your memory; for you have seen me cry faithless tears of despair; you have seen me shake my fist in anger; you have witnessed my ugliness in time of weakness. As you accept your diploma, severing your relations with school, you step into new relationships with parents, friends, and the world. The "apron strings" that have been lengthened as you matured, must soon be cut. You have proven yourself trustworthy, dependable, and mature enough to try your wings, but I will be "on call" throughout your life. You are fully accountable to God, your heavenly Father, who loves you far more than I, who has riches in store beyond your comprehension. As fire tests the gold, so your character will now be tested. I commit you into God's care as you graduate. I will be in prayer for you. —A Parent

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

# YOUTH

## GOYA

This month, GOYA came together on Good Friday to learn more about Holy Week and our faith. Following the retreat, several GOYAns helped out with a service project in the church- preparing our beautiful church for evening services. GOYA hosted coffee hour for Mother’s Day this year and handed out carnations to all the Mother’s of our parish.

June holds many great and exciting things. On **June 15**, we will have a game night from 6:30-8:30 pm! Wear your pajama’s and bring a boardgame and a snack! We will be hosting coffee hour for Father’s Day on **June 19**. Our end of the year BBQ will be held here at St. Demetrios on **June 25** from 12-3 pm.

## GOYA Game Night

**June 15, 6:30-8:30 pm**



**Come in Pajamas! Bring a Snack and Your Favorite Board Game!**

## GOYA End of the Year BBQ

**June 25, 12-3 pm  
At the Church**



## GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL

On Friday, May 20th, the Greek School held its graduation program. It was a joyous occasion celebrating our students and their accomplishments. Congratulations to our 6th grade graduates: Sophia Barris, Oceana Broome and Eleni Livingston. Have a wonderful summer!



## Greek Dance

The St. Demetrios Dancers and the Greek School presented a lively set of dances to mark Greek Independence Day. The first dance with the combined groups, Tsakonikos, has its roots in Ancient Greece, and recalls the hero Theseus’ time defeating the Minotaur in the labyrinth. The festive Kalamatianos drew claps from the audience and was followed by Sofka, a lively dance from Macedonia. The 5th and 6th grade Greek School students presented the energetic Baidoushka, from Thrace, with great enthusiasm.

The newly formed 1st -3rd grade Sunday Dancers presented Syrto Sta Tria to an appreciative audience, and were followed by the Junior Dancers, performing a spirited Tsamikos, depicting courage and strength through the steps of the dance. The Junior Dancers ended with the well known Kritikos Syrtos, from Crete. The Teen Dancers opened with Maviziotikos, a brisk and demanding dance of war, but also of freedom, from Crete. The popular Hasapikos or Butcher’s Dance (also Makellarikos) featured complex footwork admired by all. The program ended with Kotsari, from Pontus, a vigorous dance with stamps and slaps. The dancers truly enjoyed sharing their dances with the community, and marking the day that we remember the importance of freedom and liberty.

Many thanks to Alexandra Zouncourides-Lull and Andrea Katsenes for their dance instruction, as well as Avra Parpos and the Greek School teachers for their work with our children.





# PHOTOS

Greek School Graduation



Senior Guild



Mother's Day





# PHOTOS

## Holy Week and Pascha



## Peter J Condakes Memorial Golf Tournament





# CALENDAR

## JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Taverna Prep- Dolmathes, 8:30- 11:30 am	<b>2</b> Taverna Prep- Dolmathes, 8:30 am-3 pm	<b>3</b> Taverna Prep- Baklava, 8:30 am- 3 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b> Scholarship/ Graduate Sun- day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm	<b>9</b> <b>Holy Ascension</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Taverna Prep, 11 am- 3 pm	<b>10</b> Taverna Prep, 9 am- 3 pm	<b>11</b> St. Demetrios Tav- erna, 3-10 pm
<b>12</b> <b>Father's of the First Ecumenical Council</b> Last Day of Church School Metropolis Awards Banquet	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> GOYA Game Night, 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Saturday of the Souls</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am Nursing Home, 2 pm
<b>19</b> <b>Holy Pentecost</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> GOYA and Jr. GOYA End of Year BBQ, 1 pm
<b>26</b> <b>All Saints</b>  <b>July 3</b> <b>5th Sunday of Matthew</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>4</b> <b>Independence Day,</b> Offices Closed	<b>28</b>  <b>5</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am  <b>6</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>7</b>	<b>July 1</b>  <b>8</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>9</b>



# PHILOPTOCHOS



Dear Philoptochos Members,

Christ Has Risen! Truly He Has Risen!

It is indeed a pleasure and honor to serve as President of the Saint Christine Chapter of the Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. We have worked together very cooperatively and diligently to sustain the mission of the organization – helping those in need. This year, we have continued to expand our ministries, as well as look at new ways to build a dynamic, philanthropic organization by bringing in new members and innovative ideas to the forefront.

The following is a brief summary of activities from January 1 to May 11, 2016.

## **Ministries**

**Care Ministry.** Valerie Wiegel, Chair. The Care Ministry has continued its outreach mission by visiting homebound parishioners, planting and beautifying the Philoxenia House. Recently, the group delivered 28 Pascha baskets to parishioners. Members of the Care Ministry Team include: Helen Belitsos, Pam Brody, Cindi Dabrowski, Leigh Doukas, Dorothea Ocnos, Olga Kourniotis, Tilda Mitsakos, Helen Nayar, Dorothea Ocnos, Eleanor Spiliakos, Betty Titus, Elaine Ward and Valerie Wiegel. Thank you for your commitment to this very important ministry!

**Hellenic Nursing Home.** Pam Brody, Chair. Pam visits the nursing home every third Saturday of the month and plays Bingo with the residents.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.** Elaine Ward, Chair. This dedicated group of ladies lovingly makes shawls for those who are homebound.

**Quilt-A-Thon.** Debbie Morakis, Chair. The Quilt-A-Thon group continues to make the precious quilts that are distributed to many needy charities. A special thank you to Debbie and the group for their talents for this long-term ministry.

**Scholarship Committee.** Amy Nychis, Chair. The Scholarship Committee will award \$8000 to the winners on June 12, 2016 following the Divine Liturgy.

**Senior Guild.** Artemis Martakis, Chair. The Senior Guild meets during special Feast Days of the Church for liturgy, lunch and fellowship.

## **Events/Fundraisers**

**Vasilopita – Sunday, January 10, 2016.** Every year, Chris Tzellas, former Past President bakes the delicious bread for distribution during Vasilopita Sunday. We thank you for your labor of love and dedication.

**Saint Demetrios Fellowship Coffee Hour.** Pam Brody and Eugenia Kourlos, Co-Chairs. Thank you for your tireless efforts in organizing and facilitating this weekly Church ministry.

**Paint Night – Wednesday, January 20, 2016.** Jenn Brody, Chairperson. 65 parishioners and friends attended the fun evening of painting a Greek scene.

**Wine Tasting Event – Saturday, February 6, 2016.** Olga Calivas Newkirk and May Lau Georgakopoulos, Co-Chairs. Sponsored by the Wine House – Holliston, Massachusetts.

**Apokreatiko Glendi – Saturday, March 5, 2016.** Matina Pappas, Chair. Thank you for organizing a fun evening of Parish fellowship for families.

## **General Assembly Meeting – Wednesday, March 9, 2016.**

Following the Pre-Sanctified Service, Lenten Dinner and General Assembly Meeting, Father Christopher Metropoulos, President of Hellenic College/Holy Cross, updated the Members and Parishioners on the new developments at the School.

**Women's Lenten Retreat: Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center – April 1 – April 2, 2016.** 29 women attended the Lenten retreat, co-chaired by Presbyteria Elaine Krommydas and Nikki Stournaras. Father Nicholas Krommydas was the retreat leader and inspired us all!

**Saint Demetrios Cookbook.** Pam Brody, Chair.

**Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Sunday, April 24, 2016.** Jane Kourtis and Presbyteria Athanasia Papademetriou, Co-Chairs. Special thanks to Georgia Cosmopoulos (koulourakia team), Georgia Mavro (kourabiedes team), and Jilma Meimaridis (tsourekia donations).

**Lamb Raffle – Jenn Brody and Pam Brody, Co-Chairs.** Thanks to the mother/daughter team who successfully sold tickets and congratulations to the lucky winners of 7 legs of lamb.

**Easter Egg Dyeing/Wrapping.** Joanne Charpie, Chair. Joanne and her team have worked together for over ten years on Holy Thursday to prepare the beautiful Easter eggs for Anastasi. And to Debbie Morakis and her group that wrap the eggs in the tulle on Holy Friday. Thank you for your commitment.

**Loukoumades Sales** - You will see more loukoumades in the future!

## **Events – September-December 2015 (fiscal year activities in 2015)**

IOCC Refugee Donation (includes Loukoumades sale)  
Veterans Ministry – Veterans Day Tribute  
Saint Demetrios Christmas Card  
Saint Demetrios Christmas Ornament  
Christmas Bake Sale

**Philanthropy.** Jennifer Brody, Chair. A special thank you to Jennifer for her work in organizing the solicitations for donations this year. We are so proud of your efforts. You are the future of Philoptochos!

Thank you to Steve Damaskos for all of his help with the marketing of the Philoptochos events.

What a busy and exciting year! To the entire Philoptochos membership, I greatly appreciate your tireless efforts and support. Please continue to invite new members to join this Chapter. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to work with each and every one of you to help those who are less fortunate and in need of assistance.

Have a wonderful summer!



# STEWARDSHIP & NEWS & EVENTS

## STEWARDSHIP

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

As the school year rushes to a close and graduations abound I often reflect on what I had hoped to accomplish and what I did accomplish during the past year. At the top of my list every year is kindness and gratitude. These always seem like such simple goals: being kind and grateful each day. But far too often I find that life's circumstances try to get in the way, try to take away my peace. Someone cuts me off while I'm driving, or cuts in front of a line; someone doesn't return the respect we show them. It's all too easy to want to 'set the record straight.' And while I'm not perfect, I've found over the years with the help of God's wisdom through my family and friends the strength to always come back to my peace. Scripture is the source of all knowledge and all wisdom. If it were possible to capture in words all the Good that is God, scripture is the preeminent source for all that we need in order to weather life's challenges. But we must put scripture into practice. We must put into daily use the staff and rod of God's loving wisdom.

Stewardship needs this same kind of daily practice. Stewardship is defined by our Orthodox Church as threefold. In a real sense it is reflective of the threefold aspect of Divinity. We are asked to give our Time, our Talents, and our Treasure in the Lord's service. When reflecting on my stewardship commitment, too often I find myself having that internal conversation with myself and not the Lord. Too often I tell myself that I've done enough. I've done my part; and yes, we all have our parts to play; but when I stop to consider how that same conversation would go with God, I realize that I cannot be honest and say, "Well, Lord, I've done my part. I've done enough! I know I can't present that conversation to our Lord because when I look openly and honestly at my life, I know that God has never said to me, "John, I've done my part. I've done enough. You're own your own." No, God has never and will never say those words to us. If we take one step to Him, like the loving Father that He is, He will run a thousand steps to meet us. I ask you to consider having a stewardship conversation with Christ. I know many of you have had this conversation. Your generosity is reflective of your ongoing conversation that builds our eternal relationship with the Lord. But if you haven't had this conversation openly and honestly, I'm asking you today, to speak with the Lord and ask Him to come into your heart and guide you to do and become all the He means for you to be. I know and I believe that if we have this heart to heart conversation with Christ, He will change our lives from the ordinary days of existence, toward the extraordinary day of eternal life.

With love and best wishes in Christ,

John McVey  
Stewardship Committee

## ANNUAL MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET


This year's representative from St. Demetrios to the Annual Metropolis Awards Banquet is Chris and Eugenia Kourlos, beloved parishioners, friends and stewards of our parish. We thank Chris and Eugenia for all that they've done for our parish, most especially their integral involvement in Philoptochos and Altar Boys. Congratulations! The banquet will be held at Lombardo's (6 Billings Street, Randolph, MA) on Sunday, June 12. Reception is at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. \$75 per person. Please contact the church office to reserve/organize a table.




## CONDAKES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all who came out on May 23rd to participate and support the Annual Peter James Condakes Memorial Golf Tournament. We had a terrific turn out, beautiful weather and a lot of fun!

Special thanks to Anthony Marken, Gina and Jim Spencer Manny Makkas, Suzanne and James Polymeros and Perry Zois for their hard work and organization.



SAINT DEMETRIOS  
**GREEK TAVERNA**  
JUNE 11, 2016



Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church  
57 Brown Street • Weston, MA  
Saturday, 3pm - 10pm  
Free Admission • Food • Pastries  
Greek Music • Kids Activities



# NEWS & EVENTS

## PHILOPTOCHOS RECOGNIZES YOUTH WITH SCHOLARSHIPS ACROSS A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ACHIEVEMENT

On Sunday, June 5, following the Divine Liturgy, our parish will honor a number of its younger members who have excelled across a wide spectrum of achievements, including scholastic, leadership, service to community, devotion to our parish, love of the arts and beyond.

The scholarships are given by the families of some of our community's most treasured former members.

**Dr. Demetre/Ann Hoty Decaneas Scholarship ~ Leadership & Community Service**  
Kale Young, son of Stephen & Julie Young, Holliston ~ Univ. of Mass. Dartmouth

**Prof. Peter V. Nychis/Caylee Nychis-Florence Scholarship ~ Life, Arts & Social Justice**  
Alexa Marcasciano, daughter of Philip & Olga Marcasciano, Wellesley ~ Cornell University

**Harry & Betty Rodes Scholarship ~ Active Role in the Life of our Parish**  
Cassandra Cicalis, daughter of Charles & Myra Cicalis, Sudbury ~ Univ. of Connecticut

**James Salas/Maria Salas Papoulias Scholarship ~ Overall Academic Performance**  
Natalia Perez, daughter of Fernando & Denise Perez, Wayland ~ Univ. of Rhode Island

**Nicholas & Effe Voss Scholarship ~ Leadership & Scholastic Performance**  
Emil Adolphs, son of Marc & Konstantina Broome, Framingham ~ Univ. of Mass. Lowell  
Nikoletta Karayan, daughter of Jay & Toulia Karayan, Franklin ~ Bridgewater State Univ.

**Cynthia Speare Zervas Scholarship ~ Excellence in Academics & Extra-Curricular**  
Nicholas Camp, son of Thomas & Cynthia Camp, Weston ~ Tufts University  
Francesca Skedros, daughter of James & Stephanie Skedros, Sudbury ~ George Wash. Univ.

The Scholarship Committee is chaired by Amelia Nychis. Other current members include: Athena Kalyvas, ex officio, Jean Canellos, Philippa Condakes, Amalie George, Kathy Hamilton, Carol Loridas, Helen Papoulias O'Leary, emeritus, MaryAnn Papanikou, Nancy Agris Savage and Jenny Zannetos.



The Holy and Great Council  
Pentecost 2016  
"He called all to unity"

### Holy and Great Council to Convene in Crete

An historic gathering for the Orthodox Christian Churches, the first of its kind in 1200 years, is being supported with both digital communications and a multi-lingual team of experts.

A website, [www.orthodoxcouncil.org](http://www.orthodoxcouncil.org), provides background information on the Holy and Great Council, which will meet in Crete June 16-27 and gathers representatives from the 14 autocephalous (internally self-governing) Orthodox Churches to discuss issues ranging from the mission of the Orthodox Church in the modern world and its relations with other Christian

churches, to the importance of fasting and the sacrament of marriage.

The patriarchs of the 14 Churches, including the ancient churches of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem, as well as more recent churches of Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Lands and Slovakia, Georgia, Greece, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Poland, will also discuss how the Orthodox Church determine autonomy and matters related to the Orthodox diaspora. The Churches have been preparing for this unprecedented Council for almost a century.

## FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY



### Book of the Month: The Philokalia

The Philokalia is "a collection of texts written between the 4th and 15th centuries by spiritual masters" of the Eastern Orthodox hesychast tradition. They were originally written for the guidance and instruction of monks in the practice of the contemplative life. For English version check catalogue code Q. For Greek version check catalogue code FF.

We have set aside these books in our Recommendation Shelf. If you need to keep them longer than two weeks, please contact Cindi Dabrowski at 508-881-6598. Our books in Greek are under catalogue codes EE and FF.

## ST. DEMETRIOS BOOK-STORE

Are you looking for a special gift for a graduate? Why not try the St. Demetrios Bookstore! Come see our beautiful hand-made icons made by our very own parishioner Mr. Kyriakos Mavroudhi. Also, the bookstore has wonderful adult and children's books as well as St. Demetrios gold and silver crosses.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

### **May 8**

In memory of Mary  
Demos.

### **May 15**

The Genes Family  
in loving memory of  
George.

### **May 22**

The Prodrumou Chil-  
dren in loving memory  
of Loucas.  
The Koutoukis Family  
in loving memory of  
Sotirios

### **May 29**

Georgia Mavro in  
loving memory of her  
husband Othon.  
Helen and George  
in loving memory of  
their father Christos  
Tsiagras



## BAPTISMS

The son of Benjamin and Irene Jaques was baptized  
on Saturday, May 14th, and named Nicholas Scott.  
The sponsors were Dean Krommydas and Christina  
Nohos

The daughter of Bradford and Sarah Belin was bap-  
tized on Sunday, May 15th, and named Hannah. The  
sponsor was Cynthia O'Neil.


May God bless them with His Divine Grace!

## WEDDING

Christopher Radowicz and Elisabeth Gennis were  
united in marriage on Sunday, May 29th. The spon-  
sor was George Gennis.

## FUNERALS

Christina Y. Chicos, May 7  
Despina M. Hatzipetrou, May 10  
May their memory be eternal!



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