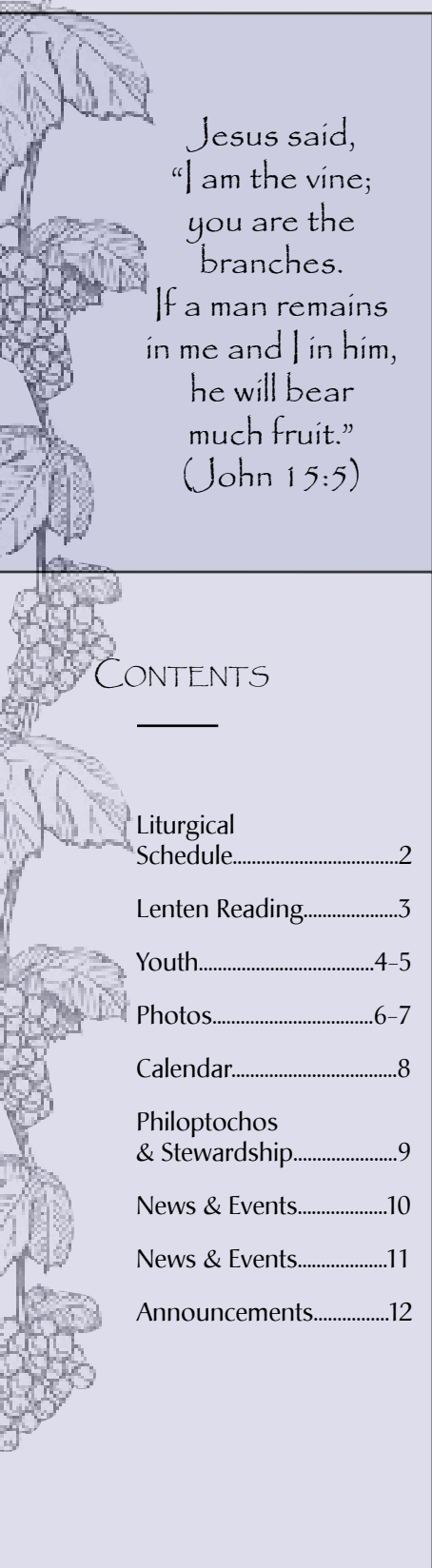


# THE VINE

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. VINCENT'S MESSAGE

Great Lent is upon us! We have embarked on our journey, a journey that will end with the glorious Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ. The next forty or so days will be rigorous and challenging but if we approach it with the right mindset, we will be prepared to participate in this most special and blessed feast. Lent is an opportunity to rededicate ourselves and focus on getting closer to Christ. It is easy to become overwhelmed with the many duties and responsibilities that come with Lent so I'd like to offer a few suggestions to make Lent more approachable:

1) **DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!** Remember, the overall goal of Holy and Great Lent is that we and our family members cleanse our souls, simplify our lives, exercise and practice a greater degree of love and self-sacrifice, and prepare for the Feast of Pascha. Don't stress about monitoring every single ingredient label for proper fasting items, or panic when we realize that we accidentally ate dairy or oil. Let's not set up standards of perfection that will quickly fall (and fail) to the practical realities of day to day life.

2) Prepare yourself! Setting ourselves up for success is often the key to a strong start (and stronger finish!). Create a Lent-friendly kitchen and plan meals ahead. Remember that prayer before and after meals are truly important. "A family that prays together, stays together!"

3) Eat together as a family and try to have conversations about church and the fast! Ask, "why do we fast?" Discuss the importance of the Sunday's of Lent

4) At the very least, pick one service a week to go to. We are offering Compline on Monday, Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday and Salutations to the Theotokos on Friday. Pick one of these beautiful week day services and attend with your whole family. Following the service, enjoy a Lenten meal together at a local restaurant and talk about the service.

5) Find a church task during Lent and Holy Week for everyone to participate with. Bake prosphora (the Holy offering bread for Liturgy), egg dyeing, decorate the church during Holy Week etc.

The harder and more diligently we prepare for Lent, the more joyous and rewarding the feast will be. Join Fr. Nick and myself on this most blessed journey of Holy and Great Lent. We are here for you and want to serve and assist you and your family as best as we can. Good strength my brothers and sisters!

With love in the Lord,

Fr. Vinnie

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

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### SUNDAY SERVICES ORTHOS, 8:30; DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30

- March 5- *Sunday of Orthodoxy*
- March 12- *Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas*
- March 19- *Sunday of the Holy Cross*
- March 26- *Sunday of St. John Climacus*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES (AT ST. DEMETRIOS)

- March 1- *Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6 pm*
- March 3- *Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm*
- March 4- *Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy, 9 am*
- March 6- *Great Compline, 6 pm*
- March 10- *Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm*
- March 13- *Great Compline, 6 pm*
- March 15- *Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6 pm*
- March 17- *Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm*
- March 20- *Great Compline, 6 pm*
- March 24- *Salutations to the Theotokos, 6 pm*
- March 27- *Great Compline, 6 pm*
- March 29- *Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 10 am*
- March 31- *Akathist Hymn, 7 pm*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES (AT NEIGHBORING CHURCHES)

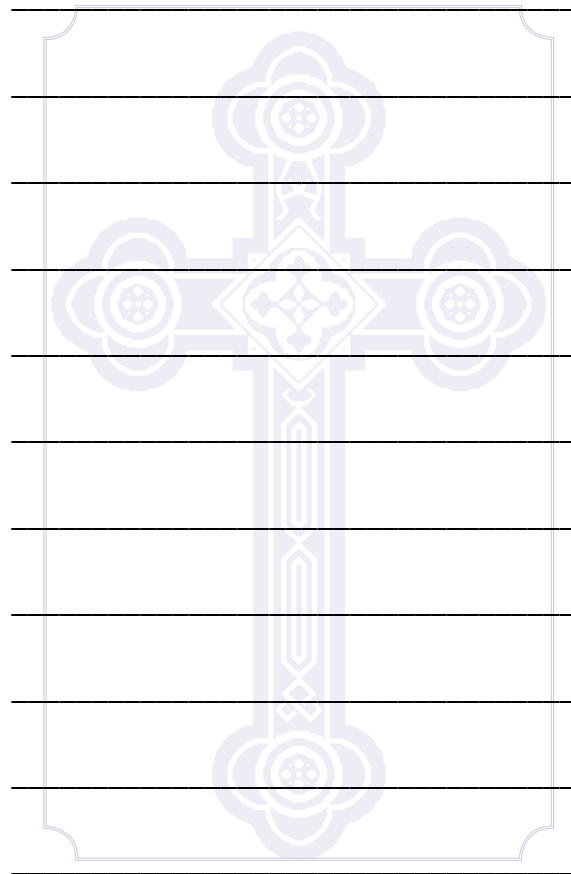
- March 8- *Presanctified Divine Liturgy AT Cathedral Chapel in Brookline*

## SATURDAY OF THE SOULS MARCH 4

All parishioners are invited to submit the names of departed loved ones to our clergy or the office, with the form below offered for your convenience. These vital days encourage our families to gather in holy remembrance; they remind us of the power of prayer. Please note that lists need only be submitted once and will be read at all three services.

### NAMES OF DECEASED ONOMATA ΑΠΟΘΑΝΟΝΤΩΝ

These names will be read at each Saturday of the Souls Service this year. Please PRINT clearly the first names of departed family and friends that you wish to be remembered at these services.



## ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS- MARCH 25



*O Champion General, I your city now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. But since you have the dominion unsurpassable, from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you, I may cry aloud: rejoice, O Bride unwedded. —Kontakion of the Annunciation*

# LENTEN READING



## A GUIDE TO SERVICES OF GREAT LENT

### **Monday Evening**

The Compline service is largely dedicated to the reading of Psalms and the chanting of hymns that relate to the combating of sins during the night and sleep. In the Typikon, or the order of services of the Church, this service falls between Vespers and the Midnight service. During Great Lent, when the liturgical and prayer life of individuals and parishes are intensified, the Church celebrates the Great Compline service with the intent of opening the eyes of Her faithful to the realities of the struggles of living our life in Christ.

### **Wednesday Evening- The Presanctified Liturgy**

By the time the Church had fully developed the Lenten fast and integrated it into Her calendar, the people of God were faced with a distinct problem. How were they to celebrate the feasts of weekday liturgies while maintaining the spirit of the great fast? The answer came with the adoption of the Presanctified Liturgy well before the 7th century.

There is no consecration of gifts in the Presanctified Liturgy. Two gifts are prepared and sanctified during the Liturgy on the preceding Sunday. Thus the body of Christ is presanctified on Sunday. The service on Wednesday evening is primarily a Vespers service with the obvious addition of the Eucharist. These Presanctified Liturgies are generally celebrated in the evening, reflecting their vespereal characteristics.

Some ancient elements of the Divine Liturgy are retained in the Presanctified Liturgy, including petitions for catechumens, those preparing to enter the Orthodox faith. The prolific reading of the Psalms is another key component of this liturgical celebration. Readings from Genesis and Proverbs also dominate this service. The Presanctified Liturgy is only celebrated during Great Lent.

### *Preparing for Holy Communion*

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion during Presanctified Liturgy should prepare themselves by following the customary guidelines prescribed by the Church for Great Lent and partake of a light Lenten lunch followed by no food or drink until after partaking of the Eucharist. The exception is for those who are under a doctor's care and having received permission from their Spiritual Father.

### **Friday Evening- The Service of Salutations**

The Salutations services help form what is also known as the Akathist Hymn. The Salutation service is a poetic canon dedicated to the Theotokos that is sung on the first four Fridays of Lent. On the fifth Friday, the entire canon is chanted and this is the Akathist Hymn.

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



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- March 5** Church School Classes; Sunday of Orthodoxy; Church School Staff Mtg.
- March 12** Church School Classes
- March 19** Church School Classes
- March 26** Church School Classes

**ICON PROCESSION-** March 5th - Our entire church school will participate in this moving procession. Please have your child bring an icon with them to Church.

**SALUTATION SERVICES-** The Salutation service is a beautiful Lenten service in honor of the Virgin Mary. We invite all students to attend. On Friday, March 3rd, our Church School students will be chanting during the service. All our students are encouraged to attend and participate.

**ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - The Oratorical Festival for the Junior (grades 7-9) Division and Senior (grades 10-12) Division will take place on Sunday, April 2nd, during their scheduled class time. Students have already received information regarding the festival topics. Please encourage your child to participate.



## GREEK DANCING

### Greek dancing Winter/Spring 2017 Schedule

- March 5 (Alexandra and Margaret's classes only)
- March 12 (Andrea's class only)
- March 19
- March 26 Greek Independence Day performance- immediately after church
- April 30 End of Year Dance Party (tentative)

*The Greek Independence Day performance will be on Sunday, March 26th, immediately after church in the St. Demetrios Social Hall.*

## ALTAR SERVERS

If you are 13 years old or older and would like to join the altar servers, please contact Fr. Nick at: [frnick@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:frnick@stdemetriosweston.org).



## GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL & GREEK DANCE

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Greek School students will commemorate the Annunciation of the Theotokos and celebrate Greek Independence Day. The short program includes both the Greek School students, as well as the church Greek Dancing group. Students should be dressed in blue and white or wear a traditional Greek costume if they own one.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

SOCIAL HALL

IMMEDIATELY AFTER LITURGY

Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and provide baked goods.

To volunteer, contact Avra Parpos (508) 875-2103



**Ζήτω η 25η Μαρτίου...  
Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου...**

**Για να ξέρουμε τι γιορτάζουμε  
και να μην τό ξεχνάμε.....**

## MAKING LOUKOUMADES FOR BASKETBALL GAMES



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

# YOUTH



## BASKETBALL

The 2016-2017 Metropolis Basketball season is coming to a close and the playoffs are fast approaching. Our Parish has strong teams in each of the three divisions (JOY, boys GOYA & girls GOYA) and we are looking forward to the chance to compete and hopefully bring home the title.

Over the President's day weekend, more than 40 kids and parents of our Parish basketball program enjoyed a Division 1 college basketball at Northeastern University. They were welcomed to the game as the guests of George Makris, a legendary multi varsity sport athlete at Northeastern and strong supporter of our youth.

After the game, the Stournaras family generously hosted everyone for a party at their restaurant, Morse Tavern.

A special thanks to Steve Damaskos for organizing the event and a great evening



## HOPE

We are so excited for our upcoming event on Sunday, March 12th right after Church School. Join Miss Diana for a light lunch and great activity and lesson on Lent.

HOPE is a youth ministry for our children ages 3-8. If you are interested in attending please email, call or text Mina Johnson at (774)-279-2159 or [m\\_koukos@yahoo.com](mailto:m_koukos@yahoo.com)



## GOYA

We have had a great month in GOYA! At the beginning of the month, we held our annual Wing-a-thon which was a huge success - we raised \$500 for IOCC! To mark the beginning of Lent, we will be holding a Game Night and Discussion on Saturday, March 4 from 5:30-7:30pm at the church. Come and enjoy dinner and discussion with friends! Join us the night before, on Friday, March 3, at 6:30pm for Family First Friday and the Salutation Service, where the church school will be singing as a group as well.



We will be holding our annual lock-in on Friday, April 7 to Saturday, April 8, and it will conclude with Divine Liturgy and Palm Cross Making on Saturday morning. We will hope you will all join us as we prepare for Holy Week through reflection and prayer.

If you have any questions, email [susanathkourtisib@verizon.net](mailto:susanathkourtisib@verizon.net). Make sure to RSVP to this email address for any events! Hope to see you there!



# PHOTOS

## Swearing in of Parish Council



## MBC Winter Camp



## Senior Guild Bingo



# PHOTOS



## Apokriatiko Glendi



## Prayer Shawl Ministry





# CALENDAR

## MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6 pm	2 GOYA Girls Basketball Practice, 6 pm GOYA Boys Basketball Practice, 7:30 pm	3 Family First Friday, 6:15 pm Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm	4 Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy, 9 am GOYA Game Night and Discussion, 5:30 pm
<b>5 Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> Church School Greek Dancing	6 Great Compline, 6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	7 Greek School, 4 pm Joy Basketball Practice, 6 pm	8 Presanctified Divine Liturgy AT Cathedral Chapel in Brookline, 6 pm Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	9 GOYA Girls Basketball Practice, 6 pm GOYA Boys Basketball Practice, 7:30 pm	10 Women's Winter Retreat in NH Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm	11 Women's Winter Retreat in NH Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am
<b>12 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</b> Church School HOPE, 11:45 am	13 Great Compline, 6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	14 Greek School, 4 pm Joy Basketball Practice, 6 pm	15 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6 pm	16 GOYA Girls Basketball Practice, 6 pm GOYA Boys Basketball Practice, 7:30 pm	17 Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm	18 Hellenic Nursing Home Visit, 2 pm
<b>19 Sunday of the Holy Cross</b> Church School Greek Dancing Metropolis Basketball Banquet	20 Great Compline, 6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	21 Greek School, 4 pm Joy Basketball Practice, 6 pm	22 Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6 pm Lenten Dinner with Neighboring Parishes, 7 pm	23 GOYA Girls Basketball Practice, 6 pm GOYA Boys Basketball Practice, 7:30 pm Choir Practice, 7 pm	24 Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm	<b>25 Annunciation</b> Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation of the Theotokos, 9 am
<b>26 Sunday of St. John Climacus</b> Church School Greek Dancing	27 Great Compline, 6 pm Orthodox Life, 7 pm	28 Greek School, 4 pm Joy Basketball Practice, 6 pm	29 Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 10 am Senior Guild Luncheon	30 GOYA Girls Basketball Practice, 6 pm GOYA Boys Basketball Practice, 7:30 pm	31 Akathist Hymn, 7 pm	



# STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS



## PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Members,

As March begins, we look forward to the period of Great Lent preparing us for the greatest feast of the Church year, Pascha and also with hope that Spring is on the way! The following are upcoming events scheduled in March and April.

### Upcoming Events

**Women's Winter Retreat-** The St. Demetrios annual retreat is scheduled for Friday, March 10- Saturday, March 11 at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center. Fr. Nick will lead the discussion on the topic: *"From Repentance to Forgiveness."* Donation: \$125. For more information, contact Nikki Stournaras at [nstournaras@gmail.com](mailto:nstournaras@gmail.com) or 508-667-8252, or Presbyteria Elaine Krommydas at [ekrommydas@verizon.net](mailto:ekrommydas@verizon.net) or 508-359-7492.

**An Evening of Greek Song in Concert** – Saturday, April 29, 2017. Join the St. Demetrios Philoptochos for An Evening of Greek Song in Concert. A musical journey through Popular Songs, Rebetika, Laika and Traditional Folk Music featuring the Penny Muse Band. Tickets: \$50.00 per person. Reception: 7:00 p.m. Performance: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. For more information, contact Matina Pappas at [mpappas@paphome.com](mailto:mpappas@paphome.com) or (508) 435-6408. All Proceeds Benefit the St. Demetrios Philoptochos charities.

**Philoptochos Annual Membership Drive** – Renew your 2017 membership! Whether you are already very involved or do not have the time to volunteer, please consider joining the second largest Christian, philanthropic women's organization with approximately 27,000 members nationwide. For more information, contact Eugenia Kourlos at [ekourlos@gmail.com](mailto:ekourlos@gmail.com) or Athena Kalyvas at [adkalyvas@gmail.com](mailto:adkalyvas@gmail.com).

**Hosting Fellowship Coffee Hour** – Please contact the Church office if you wish to host coffee hour with your family and friends. Contact Pam Brody, 781-864-5327, [Brodster52@yahoo.com](mailto:Brodster52@yahoo.com) and/or Eugenia Kourlos, 508-735-8866, [ekourlos@gmail.com](mailto:ekourlos@gmail.com) who will provide step-by-step information on the process. What a great opportunity to meet and greet other Parishioners and assist with this very important Fellowship Hour!

**Philoptochos Supports the Mission Projects** - Please remember Philoptochos is here to help the St. Demetrios Community members participating in any mission or service trip! Contact Jenn Brody at [Brody.Jenn@gmail.com](mailto:Brody.Jenn@gmail.com) or 781-864-5032 with any questions or inquiries.

## STEWARDSHIP

What is stewardship? The Christian definition of stewardship involves man's responsibility to God for his time, talents, possessions and self. The faithful and wise steward is the one who knows that his Master has set him in charge of His household and gives him his portion of food at the proper time (Luke 12:42).

Stewardship embraces every area of life. It calls on us to realize that we are not owners of our time and talents. We are stewards, called to manage these gifts for a brief time, always responsible to God Who entrusts them to us.

Often we give God and His Church a minimum of our time, talents and money. The rest is ours to do as we please. By doing so God remains on the fringe of life and there is no joy in our giving.

Stewardship aims to move God from the fringe to the center of life. It endeavors to do this by implementing the words of Jesus: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If we place God first in our lives and invest our treasure in Him, our heart will follow our treasure. Even more, our lives will overflow with joy.

We do not give because the Church needs our money to carry on its work only. We do not give because the Church needs a new roof or a new boiler. This approach amounts to nothing but to place the Church in the position of begging! It is simply not proper for God's church to beg for the institution which represents His Body.

We give because we need to give. We give because we need to express to God our gratitude for His countless blessings to us. We give because we need to acknowledge practically in our lives with such concrete things as our time, talents, and possessions that God does indeed come first; that He deserves the first and the best portion of all that I am and I possess.

More important than what the Church needs is the need of the giver to give.

**Hellenic Nursing Home Visits** – Pam Brody visits the Hellenic Nursing Home the third Saturday of every month. The residents are always happy to see new faces. Contact Pam if you are available at (781) 864-5327 or [brodster52@yahoo.com](mailto:brodster52@yahoo.com).

Wishing you a very Blessed Lent.

With love in Christ,

Athena Kalyvas  
President



## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,

The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be on March 29, 2017. The meeting will be after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. All Senior Guild Members are invited to the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and our Luncheon Meeting. We will discuss our schedule for March, April, May and June. Please contact Artemis Martakis with any questions which you may have @ (508) 785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there!  
Artemis Martakis

### FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

We recommend:  
*Repentance and Confession*,  
St. Nektarios



St. Nektarios is not only well-known for his countless miracles but also for his brilliant writings. This literary work is a small sample. Confession is described as the life-saving medicine for society because it is capable of saving many souls from destruction.

We have set aside this book in our Recommendation Shelf. For similar books check out catalog I (The Sacraments).

The Library is opened every Sunday after Divine Liturgy as well as Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. As outlined in the Library Policies and Procedures, please fill out both cards and leave the orange card in the metal box (located in the Recommendation Shelf). This will help us to keep track of these books.

We invite you to come and visit the library. Remember, this library is for you and your family. Check us out.

### LENTEN RESOURCES

For more information about Lent, the services and articles on fasting, prayer and spirituality visit our library for terrific selections and also check out these websites that offer video, podcasts, articles and photos:

#### Greek Orthodox Archdiocese :

[www.lent.goarch.org](http://www.lent.goarch.org)

#### Orthodox Christian Network:

[www.myocn.net](http://www.myocn.net)

#### John Sandiopoulos' Blog

[www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2011/03/great-lent-resource-page.html](http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2011/03/great-lent-resource-page.html)

#### Ancient Faith Radio

[www.ancientfaithradio.com](http://www.ancientfaithradio.com)

**AN EVENING OF GREEK SONGS**

A musical journey through popular Rebetika, Laika, and Traditional Folk Songs featuring the **Penny Muse Band**

Saturday, April 29, 2017  
Reception: 7:00 p.m.  
Performance: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Saint Demetrios Church Hall  
Tickets: \$50.00

For reservations contact, Matina Pappas at  
(617) 335-5593 or [mpappas@paphome.com](mailto:mpappas@paphome.com)

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### THE NEW YORK TRIP

The New York trip is very happy to report that the Trip is SOLD OUT. Thank you to all 50 who responded. If there is still an interest there is a waitlist. Please call Portia at 617-633-0802 to be added to the list. Thank you again.



## ***A Guide to Services of Great Lent continued...***

Akathist literally means without sitting, for this service was first prayed without sitting in the year 626 in the Church of the Theotokos of Vlachernae in Constantinople, on the occasion of the deliverance of the "Queen City" from the siege of the barbarians.

This hymnological masterpiece of the Orthodox Church reminds us of the important role the Theotokos has in our hope for salvation. As we look to her for intercession before the Judgment Seat of her Son, there is no better articulation of this than the Akathist Hymn. This service is not to be missed

## **CAROLINE KYRIAKOU WALKS FOR A CURE**

Caroline Kyriakou is a lifelong member and former pre-k teacher of St. Demetrios. In 2006 she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. For the 9th year in a row, she is leading "Team Kaliopé" for the Boston walk on April 2nd. She is asking for your help in raising funds for the 2017 walk.

Please help her in her endeavor by making a tax deductible donation of ANY amount by going to her personal homepage: [main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/Kaliopé2017](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/Kaliopé2017) or by sending a check to the National MS Society directly to her: Caroline Kyriakou, 1940 Commonwealth Ave #23, Brighton, MA 02135. We hope to see a cure in her lifetime! Every dollar counts, so please make any donation you can! Thank you!

**SAINT DEMETRIOS  
GREEK FEST**  
**JUNE 10-11, 2017**

Free Admission • Food • Pastries  
Greek Music • Kids Activities

## **SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS MARCH 26 (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)**



The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic

polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIPS**

***Recognizing our youth for dedication to parish, service to others, academic achievement & more- Deadline: Friday, April 21***

As you contemplate undergraduate or graduate school, plan to apply for the Philoptochos Scholarships which are offered each spring to honor young people throughout our community. Criteria reach across a broad spectrum of involvement from dedication to parish, love of the arts, academic achievement, service to others and more. For almost four decades, young people have been recognized with awards given in memory of some of our parish's most beloved former members.

Applications may be obtained: 1) on the Philoptochos page of the parish website at: <http://www.stdemetriosweston.org/philoptochos/> by going to Resources & Scholarships; 2) by email request to Kathy Hamilton at [vlahakes@comcast.net](mailto:vlahakes@comcast.net) or 3) by calling the church office to have one mailed to you. Questions may be directed to Nancy Agris Savage at [NancyASavage@gmail.com](mailto:NancyASavage@gmail.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS



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

**February 5-** In memory of Harry and Betty Rodes from their three daughters.

Linda in loving memory of Bradner Littlehale Jr.

**February 12-** In loving memory of Aristides "Ted" Tzellas.

In loving memory of Athanasios Tsamtsouris.

**February 19-** In loving memory of Angelo Pappanikou from his wife Mary Anne.

## FUNERALS

Athina Grontzos Ziogas of Framingham, February 8  
Frances Hatzopoulos Petrakos of Westwood, February 11  
Andrew Diamond of Yarmouth Port, February 12  
Andre Pappas Condos of Wellesley, February 20

**May their memory be eternal!**



## BAPTISMS

The daughter of Chad and Stephanie Murphy was baptized on Saturday, February 4th, and named Alexandra. The sponsors were Carol and George Stathas.

## WEDDINGS

Nicholas George Mandonas and Melanie Lynn Bunke were united in marriage on Saturday, February 11th. The sponsors were Taslene and Tom Gatzunis.

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