MAY 2017

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 57 BROWN STREET, WESTON, MA 02493

Jesus said, "] am the vine; you are the branches.]f a man remains in me and] in him, he will bear much fruit." (John 1 5:5)

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Fr. Nick's Message

Dear Parishioners, Christos Anesti!

How quickly Pascha arrived this year bringing with it a longer spring season that we have not experienced in a long time. June 4th we will celebrate another important event, Pentecost. What does Pentecost mean to us and why should we celebrate it? What does scripture say about this and why is the Holy Spirit so intricately woven into this Feast Day? Here are some important facts to keep in mind about Pentecost.

Pentecost was determined by counting the fifty days after Passover. "And you shall count from the morrow after the Sabbath... seven full weeks" (Lev. 23:15). For the Jews, the harvest theme was the predominant element in this feast. For the Christians, however, the harvest feast does not enter the observance. According to the Acts of the Apostles (2:1), the Holy Spirit was given to the new church on the very day of Pentecost.

Today, Pentecost also celebrates the truth that the Holy Spirit is now living in the Church. He is now actively shaping the whole humanity into the Kingdom of God. St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Romans, "... the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness. We do not even know how we ought to pray, but through our inarticulate groans, the Spirit himself is pleading for us and God who searches our inmost being knows what the Spirit means because He pleads for God's people in God's own way and in everything, as we know, He cooperates for good with those who love God and are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:26-28).

It is the Spirit that gives life. The Spirit of Jesus sent into our hearts that allows us to know His presence. "...you know Him because He is with you, He is in you" (Jn. 14:17). With the help of the Spirit, we realize we are God's beloved children, that God loves us. "The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and is this that makes you a son. You are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir" (Gal. 4: 6-7).

I hope we will celebrate this important day together this year on Sunday, June 4th. May the Holy Spirit guide, protect, be and inspire us all to live as true sons and daughters cognizant of the Spirit that dwells within us.

Yours in God's Holy Spirit, Fr. Nick

LITURGICALSCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

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

May 7- Sunday of the Paralytic

May 14- Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Mother's Day

May 21- Sunday of the Blind Man

May 28- Fathers of the First Ecummenical Council

June 4- Holy Pentecost

MIDWEEK SERVICES Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

May 25- Holy Ascension June 3- Saturday of Souls

In case you were wondering how others from around the world say Christ is Risen:

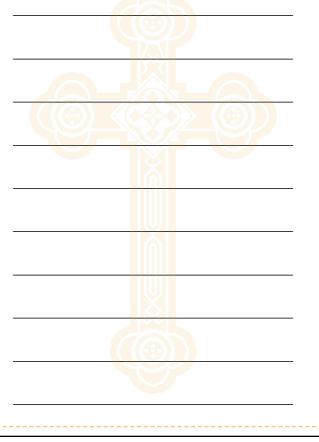
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Lent and Holy Week are the climax of our ecclesiastical year, ending with the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We would be remiss not to say thank you to all who made this joyous season more meaningful through their participation and generous gift of time and talent. Ushers, choir members, chanters, readers, youth, decorating committees, servers, mailing committee, cleaning crews and so many others who worked tirelessly to make sure that all who came found our Church ready for worship during this Holy season. We say thank you to all who made this year's Lent and Holy Week services memorable

NAMES OF DECEASED ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ ΑΠΟΘΑΝΟΝΤΩΝ

These names will be read at the Saturday of the Souls Service on June 3, 2017. Please <u>PRINT</u> clearly the first names of departed family and friends that you wish to be remembered at these services.



PENTECOST



This unique icon for the feast of Pentecost has traditional elements that teach the spiritual structure of the Christian church. Against the background of a temple, itself made around the huge central dome, the Apostles are depicted in a circular form giving the impression of unity.

But if the icon is a representation of the Church, then it must have more than Apostles depicted. And this is the case. Among the twelve, are a number who were not of the original Twelve. There is St. Paul and there are the Evangelists, Luke and Mark (who hold Gospels). The Apostles bear scrolls for they are essentially teachers of the Good News.





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The Acts, describing the historic Descent of the Spirit, speaks of the multitude present on that occasion. Ancient icons did, in fact, depict multitudes in the lower central portion of the icon. This has been replaced by strange symbolic figure of a king. The man is in a dark place for the world before Christ was without faith; he is depicted aged for the sin of Adam has aged him; the crown signifies sin, which ruled the world; the cloth he holds, with the twelve scrolls, signifies the Twelve Apostles who brought light to the world through their proclamation of the news of Jesus Christ.

Because Pentecost was the baptism of the Church by fire, we see the rays and tongues of fire descending upon the gathered group. And so we have, finally, the fulfillment of the revelation of the Holy Trinity: the Father as Creator, the Son as Savior, and now the Holy Spirit, come as Comforter, as Sanctifier, as Indweller of the Church.



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



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in the many Holy Week activities sponsored by the Church School.

May 7	Church School Classes; Church
	School Staff Mtg.
May 14	Church School Classes
May 21	Church School Classes
May 28	Family Worship

Oratorical Festival - The Junior/Senior Oratorical Festival was held on Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you to the Oratorical Chairperson, Stacey Kourtis, for organizing the event. Congratulations to Faith Cardozza and John Markis (Senior Division) and Elli Gurguliatos and Erik Sakkas (Junior Division) who took top place at the Parish level and represented St. Demetrios at the District Level Festival on Saturday, April 30th.



ALTAR SERVERS

This year's Holy Week was another memorable one. We are thankful to our servers for their time, effort and dedication from Saturday of Lazarus all the way through Agape Sunday. We also wish to thank Mr. Spiro Loukos for once again providing our "Agape Feast." For more information on how to get in-



volved with being an altar server please email Chris Kourlos at kourkat@comcast.net.



GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



This year, the Greek School Graduation Celebration will be held on Friday, May 19 at 7 pm in the Large Church Hall. Parents, grandparents, and families are invited to attend and help us celebrate the many accomplishments of our Greek School students.

Before we splash into the summer season, our staff and teachers would like to thank all for helping to make this a successful school year. In particular, we appreciate the commitment our families, both parents and students, made to coming week-after-week to experience the richness our Greek heritage has to offer through its language and customs.

"The year has come to an end and it is time to say good-bye for now. We watched our children learn and grow and change from day to day. We hope that all the things we've done have helped in some small way. We hope to see you back in the fall as we leap into another exciting year of learning."

Kalo Kalokairi!

GREEK DANCERS INSPIRE WITH DANCES CELEBRATING GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY



Music and dances from the mainland of Greece, including Attica, Peloponnesos and Thrace, as well as the islands of Salamina in the Sardonic Gulf, Crete in the Mediterranean Sea, Ikaria in the Aegean Sea and Lefkada in the Ionian Sea were joyfully presented by the Sunday Greek Dance Program, together with Greek School students in grades 3 - 6 on Sunday, March 26th. Each of the three Sunday Greek Dance Program classes, the 1st- 3rd grade class, the 4th- 5th grade class, and the teen class presented dances, as well as the 5th/6th grade Greek School class, and the combined Sunday Dancers and Greek School students. The dances told stories from mythology and Greek history, and captivated the packed Social Hall. Many thanks to instructors Alexandra Zouncourides-Lull, Andrea Katsenes and Thalia Papageorgiou!

-Margaret Talmers, Director

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

GOYA

This month in GOYA we had our annual lock-in on Lazarus Saturday that focused on Holy Week and preparation for Pascha. We had a great time playing basketball and enjoying fellowship with each other as well as discussing the importance of Holy Confession. Several GOYAn's even went to confession with Fr. Vinnie. This month is Mother's Day, and the GOYAns are looking forward to offering flowers to all the mothers in our parish. Stay tuned for more information about our end of year BBQ! If you have any questions, email susanathkourtisib@verizon.net.

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METROPOLIS OF BOSTON 2017 SUMMER CAMP



Family Camp: June 29-July 2 Session 2: July 3-9 Session 3: July 10-16 Session 4: July 17-23 Session 5: July 24-August 6 ***SOLD OUT***

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!

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD- MAY 25

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

FAMILY FIRST FRIDAY

Christ is Risen!

We had a great Family First Friday in April! With Holy Week just 2 days away, we talked about the important events that happen concerning Jesus and His life as well as the beautiful church services and some special things that we were going to see. After a delicious potluck dinner, we had a fun and interesting activity. We made Lazarakia, a special Lazarus bread that's wrapped in the shape of a man who was entombed, just like St. Lazarus!



Family First Friday meets on the first Friday of every month. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome to join us. Please join us on May 5th for our next FFF. Email Presbytera Nadia at presnadia@gmail.com.





Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday













Philoptochos Koulourakia Baking







Senior Guild





THE VINE: May 2017



Holy Week & Pascha



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CALENDAR

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Greek School, 4 pm	3 Prayer Shawl Minis- try, 1 pm	4 Senior Guild New York Trip Choir Practice, 7 pm	5 Family First Friday, 6:30 pm	6 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am
7- Sunday of the Paralytic Church School Church School Staff Meeting	8	9 Greek School, 4 pm	10 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	11	12	13
14- Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Mother's Day Church School	15	16 Greek School, 4 pm	17 Prayer Shawl Minis- try, 1 pm Philoptochos General Assembly, 6 pm	18 Choir Practice, 7 pm	19 Greek School Graduation, 7 pm	20 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am Hellenic Nursing Home, 2 pm
21- Sunday of the Blind Man Church School	22 Peter James Condakes Memorial Golf Tournament	23	24	25- Holy Ascen- sion Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Lun- cheon	26	27
28- Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Family Worship	29	30	31	1	2 Choir Practice, 7 pm	3- Saturday of Souls Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am

STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Members,

Christ has Risen! Truly He has Risen! I hope that you had a blessed Pascha.

Thank you to the following for their tireless efforts in preparation of Holy Week services.

• Palm Sunday Bake Sale - The annual bake sale was a great success! Thank you to Jane Kourtis and to all of the bakers, volunteers and parishioners for their support. A very special thank you to Georgia Cosmopoulos and her group who baked the koulourakia, Georgia Mavro and team for the kourabiedes and to Jilma Meimaridis and Christina Booth who baked the tsourekia. We have such wonderful talent in our Parish!

• **Easter Egg Dyeing** – Thank you to Joanne Charpie and her team members who worked together in preparing the beautiful Easter eggs for Anastasi. Thank you to Debbie Morakis and the ladies who wrapped the Easter eggs with the tulle on Holy Friday.

• Thank you to Olga Bassett, Dorothy Sophocles and Ally Spilios and all who assisted in decorating our Epitaphio so beautifully for the Holy Friday services.

• **Care Ministry** - Thank you to Valerie Wiegel and all who visited the homebound parishioners with Pascha baskets. It is so important to remember those who are not able to attend Church services.

• **Easter Lamb Raffle** – Pam and Jenn Brody for their diligence in selling the lamb raffle chances and congratulations to the lucky winners!

• **Palm Sunday Luncheon** – Thank you to all who attended the Palm Sunday Luncheon. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our donors and the joint efforts of the Parish Council and Philoptochos to make this luncheon a successful event!

Upcoming Events

General Assembly Meeting – Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Please attend this important meeting to vote on the charitable disbursements and the election of board members. In order to participate, you will be required to have your 2017 membership dues paid. Refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you at the General Assembly meeting. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Philoptochos charities.

With love in Christ,

Athena Kalyvas President

STEWARDSHIP

Sixty minutes is the time we spend watching some genuinely good, interesting and educational programs on TV. Sixty minutes is the time we spend watching one half or one third of a football or baseball game on TV. Sixty minutes is the time we spend watching our favorite detective, comedy, drama, or variety show.

Sixty minutes is the time some spend commuting to and from work. It's less than the time we take to go shopping for something we really need or want.

Sixty minutes is less than the time it takes us to read a good book. Sixty minutes is more than the time most of us take (in one day, in one week, in one month, in one year?) to read the Holy Bible. Sixty minutes is the time it takes to write a letter to the editor or write a lengthy comment on an internet article about something which concerns us. Sixty minutes is the time we spend being mad and frustrated about something which concerns us but about which we do nothing except get mad and frustrated.

Sixty minutes is the time it takes to visit a sick or shut-in friend or acquaintance. Sixty minutes of peace and quiet in the form of silent prayer and meditation each week provide strength, guidance, insights and a measure of peace. Sixty minutes spent doing something for someone else helps us feel like a million dollars.

Sixty minutes is a long, long time for a hungry child awaiting dinner. Sixty minutes is a short, short time in the years of life. And yet, we only have so many periods of sixty minutes allotted to each of us. So our use of them becomes in question language a question of stewardship.

Sixty minutes worth of income, one fortieth of one's average weekly income, is more than many people give to the church with which they are associated with. Sixty minutes worth of time each week is more than most people give to the congregation of which they are members.

Imagine what could be done if everyone gave at least sixty minutes of weekly income and sixty minutes time out of the weeks 10,080 minutes to the church that they belong to.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

We recommend:

Hellenic College Holy Cross, Transforming Lives, Now and Forever



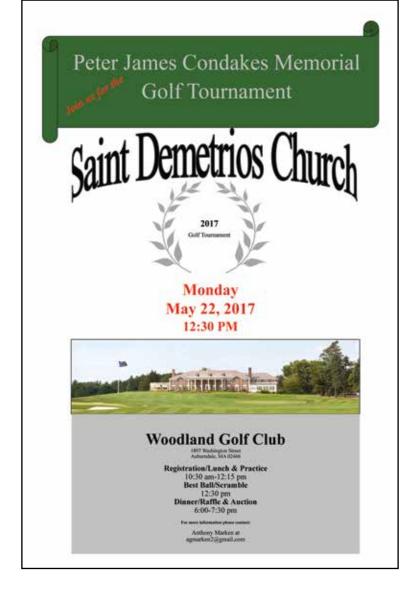
Upon the Holy Hill overlooking the Boston skyline sits HCHC, a one-ofa-kind educational co

a-kind educational community where Orthodox Christian leaders are formed. From dynamic undergraduate programs to the formation of a parish priest, from intensive Greek language learning to Byzantine chant, we invite you to explore the haven of spirituality and scholarship that is this vital educational institution.

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

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.



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ST. DEMETRIOS RECYCLES!

We are pleased and excited to announce that our community has started a paper recycling program. Hosted by American Paper Recycling of New England, we have placed a bin in the parking lot. We are able to recycle paper, magazines, newspaper, and cardboard boxes. If you are moved to do so, please feel free to bring your PAPER BASED recyclables and deposit them in the bin. PLEASE do not put any plastic products, aluminum products, paper plates with food residue or pizza boxes in the bin. Thank you in advance.

In an effort to preserve our planet and answer God's call to care for His most beautiful creation, we are excited to participate in this program. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Fr. Vinnie at frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org.



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GREEK FESTIVAL

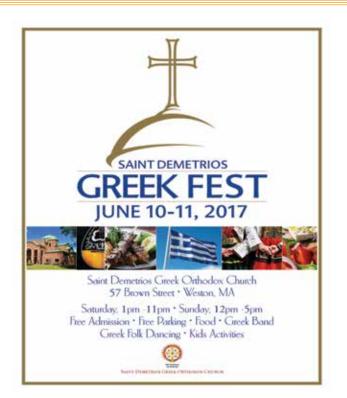


It's festival time again! This year a 2 day event and twice the opportunity to make new friends and work with old ones to showcase our amazing community. Your participation is essential to our success.

Cooking workshops will be held in May- a chance to learn from the best and give your best making and baking our finest food and pastry Event activities will include Greek Dancing, lots of food, live music and children's activities (including a video game truck). This is a perfect chance to set back and relax so be sure to bring along your friends, neighbors, and relatives.

To volunteer or for further information contact Georgia Gefteas at 781-431-7479 or gaghome1@gmail.com

Festival Dates and Hours: Saturday, June 10th, 1-11 pm & Sunday, June 11th, 12-4 pm



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR GUILD

I would like to thank the ladies who cook for us, and all of the volunteers who help with the smooth functioning of each Senior Guild meeting.

The next meeting will be on the 25th of May (The Ascension). I will be speaking about the June Event of attending the production of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. The dates are June 8, 15 (Thursday's) at 3:00 pm, and June 11, 18 (Sundays') at 2:00 pm. We need 10 people to get the group discount rate. Tickets are \$41.00 for the B-Section, \$34.00 for the C, and \$54..00 for the A-Section. The deadline of ticket payment is May 12, 2017 (Friday). Please leave your payment at St. Demetrios or send it to my address:

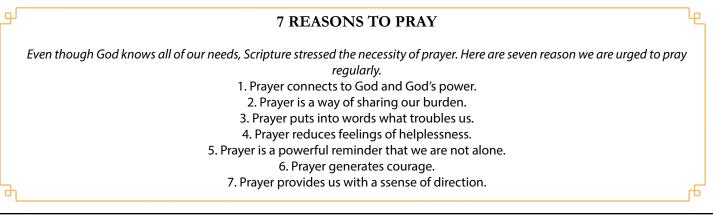
Artemis Martakis 2 Riga Road Dover, MA 02030 If you would like to attend the play or have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis at (508) 785- 0045. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, Artemis Martakis Coordinator of The Senior Guild

CAROLINE KYRIAKOU-

THANK YOU

On April 2, 2017 Caroline Kyriakou lead Team Kaliope in Boston's Walk MS. She would like to thank all that donated to her efforts to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, after being diagnosed in 2006. Caroline raised and her team raised \$4,450! All funds go to the National MS Society.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

April 2-In memory of Loucas Prodromou from his family. From the family of George Gatzunis.

April 16-

In loving memory of husband Thomas, from his wife Anita Hatzis.



BAPTISMS

The son of Brendan Wrigley and Lauren Krone was baptized on Saturday, April 22, and named Heath. The sponsors were Athena Davos and Stephen Davlantes.

FUNERAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicholas A. Abraham of Weston, April 9

May his memory be eternal!

WEDDING

Rance Carli and Nancy Voudouris were united in marriage on Sunday, April 30th. Their sponsor was Pam Brody.

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