

FR. NICK'S MESSAGE

Living Our Call

Dear Parishioners,

We have recently lived through several devastating natural disasters that have claimed lives and caused enormous damage for millions. The hurricanes, Harvey and Irma, with more to come we are told, have brought us together as we responded to the suffering and need of others. It is interesting that as human beings we have the capacity to be so giving, so loving, so compassionate and yet often we can become so divided about other matters, such as politics. We all know of incidents when our anger and resentment gets the best of us and our judgement becomes less than clear as we navigate the world around us.

How can we maintain a spiritual equilibrium and remember that we are **called** to something higher when we live in a world of suffering, tension and falsehood? How do we make sense of our own existence and actions against the backdrop of things we cannot control nor fully comprehend?

Perhaps we may wish to shift our perspective asking what is our **call** in the midst of such storms? This is not possible without God's help. It is too great a burden for us to figure out alone. Our vocation as Christians is to remember our **call** to follow Christ and to remain steadfast in relationship with Him. St. Paul emphasizes this in **Ephesians 4:1** and again **4:4-6** asking us to be worthy of such a **calling** because it is within "*one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism...*" that "*we become **one body and one Spirit** with God*". We are never alone especially when the Lord has called us to be His disciples- His hands, feet and mouth. This can help us know that we are not here alone to save the world, solve all of life's problems, and help everyone. Rather, He has planted certain gifts and abilities within us that constitute a unique **call**-a personal call- that we are asked to bring to our families, our workplace and to a broken world.

We are therefore challenged to live a call-a **Holy call**- that needs constant vigilance and tending to. We must keep asking God for His help to see clearly what truly belongs to Him and is within His control and what is in ours. We can then ask for strength to live out that **call** trusting in God to guide our decisions and direction. We will then, I believe, discover that by remaining faithful to Him and to our **call** will be the most healing response to the challenges and illnesses of our time.

With Love in the Lord,  
Fr. Nick

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## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

October 1- *2nd Sunday of Luke*

October 8- *3rd Sunday of Luke*

October 15- *Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council*

October 22- *6th Sunday of Luke*

October 29- *7th Sunday of Luke- Metropolitan Methodios presiding*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

October 11- *Paraklesis, 6 pm*

October 18- *St. Luke the Evangelist, 9 am Orthros, 9:30 am Liturgy*

October 25- *Great Vespers for St. Demetrios, 6pm*

October 26- *St. Demetrios- Patron Saint of our Church, 8:30 am Orthros, 9:30 am Liturgy*

### ALTAR SERVERS MEETING



Following liturgy and church school on October 15, there will be a mandatory altar servers meeting for all altar servers (new and old). We will be discussing the service as well as preparing for Metropolitan Methodios' visit at the end of the month. Please email Chris Kourlos at [kourkat@comcast.net](mailto:kourkat@comcast.net) to RSVP.



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

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

Only a small number of saints are called "Great" in our Orthodox Church. Even fewer are known as "Great Martyrs." St. Demetrios is one of those few given this honor and distinction by the Church. While many know about his life, to draw closer to him and what he means to us all, it is important to relive and remember his life.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Join Fr. Nick on May 8th-17th for a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Visit sites such as the Church of the Nativity, Mount Tabor, the area where the Transfiguration happened, the Holy Sepulcher, and much more! If you are interested in this truly incredible opportunity contact Fr. Nick at [frnick@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:frnick@stdemetriosweston.org) or by calling the church office: 781-237-5561. There are pamphlets in the church lobby with additional information. Space is limited so be sure to make your reservation soon.

## ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

St. Luke came from the city of Antioch, probably of a pagan family. From his youth he applied himself to seek after wisdom and to study the arts and sciences. He traveled all over the world to quench his thirst for knowledge, and had particular

skill as a physician and in painting. There is a tradition that Luke was one of the Seventy Disciples that the Lord Jesus Christ sent before Him, two by two, to announce salvation in the towns and villages. Luke was in Jerusalem at the time of the life-giving Passion and, on Easter morning, walked with Cleopas towards the village of Emmaus, distraught at the loss of the Master. But sadness was turned into unspeakable joy when Christ revealed Himself to them in the breaking of bread. After Pentecost, Luke remained for a time in Jerusalem where there were already disciples. But another tradition says that Luke did not know the Lord during His earthly sojourn, and that he met St. Paul while working as a physician at Thebes in Boeotia during the reign of Claudius (c. 42 AD). The Apostle's fiery words convinced him of the Truth that he had vainly sought in the wisdom of this world for so many years. Without hesitation, he gave up all that he had and his profession in physical medicine to follow Paul and become the beloved physician (Colossians 4:14) of souls.

He went with the Apostle in his journeys, where Paul left him to nurture the newly born Church. Luke remained in Macedonia for some years and, when Paul visited in AD 58, he sent him to Corinth to receive the collection made by the faithful there for the needs of the poor at Jerusalem. They went together to the Holy City, strengthening the Churches on their way. When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem and transferred to Caesarea, Luke remained with him. He accompanied Paul to Rome and describes their difficult and eventful voyage at the end of the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 27-28). Luke wrote his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles at Rome in obedience to Paul, dedicating the Acts to Theophilus, the Governor of Achaia, who was a convert. In his Gospel, Luke adds details which are not found in the first two evangelists: in telling of the Savior's life, he especially



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**Orthodox Life Series, James Skedros**  
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**Philoptochos Care Ministries**

**Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody**  
**Prayer-Shawl, Elaine Ward**  
**Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis**  
**Visitations, Valerie Wiegel**

**Prosfora Ministry, Christina Booth**  
**Senior Guild, Artemis Martakis**  
**Stewardship, Tom Camp**  
**IOCC, Andrea Katsenes**

### YOUTH

**Altar Service, Chris Kourlos**  
**Basketball, Jack Markis**  
**Church School, Stavroula Gurguliatos**  
**Church School Music Director, Jane Kourtis**

**GOYA, Fr. Vinnie Minucci**  
**Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers**  
**Greek Language School, Avra Parpos**  
**HOPE, Diana Katsikaris & Mina Johnson**  
**JOY, Fr. Vincent Minucci**  
**OCF, Fr. Vincent Minucci**  
**Young Professionals, Samuel Johnson**

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## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome to St Demetrios Church School!

Our Church School program began September 10th, with the start of the Divine Liturgy. A productive Church School program must incorporate the Divine Liturgy and so we pray and ask that all our students make every effort to arrive by the start of the Liturgy. As parents, we have an obligation to bring our children to Church on a regular basis. More and more of our families arrive later and later, and in many cases, miss the Liturgy altogether! We must all make an effort to attend Liturgy, from the beginning. *How can we expect our next generation to understand the importance of worship and faith when by being late and missing the Epistle and Gospel readings, we dismiss its value?* Our understanding and commitment cannot and will not be fulfilled in a thirty-minute Church School lesson. As parents and guardians of your child's spiritual well-being, please establish a routine where active participation in the Divine Liturgy is expected.

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

### **Upcoming Dates:**

October 1	Church School Classes; CS Staff Mtg.
October 8	No Church School Classes
October 15	Church School Classes
October 22	Church School Classes
October 26	Feast Day of St. Demetrios
October 29	Church School Classes



## ST DEMETRIOS GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



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

Let's join together as the new year begins...  
We'll share and be kind as we work and play,  
Our friendship will grow with each passing day.

Καλή σχολική χρονιά!

Registration is still open until the end of September.

## GREEK DANCING

Greek dancing for youth in Grades 1 - 12 begins **Sunday, October 1st** from 11:45am - 12:45pm. Come join us!

Fall 2017 schedule:

Oct. 1	Oct. 15
Oct. 22	Nov. 5
Nov. 19	

Questions? Contact Margaret Talmers at [margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com)/617-359-4752 (call or text).



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

# YOUTH

## GOYA

We are so excited to start a new year here at St. Demetrios. We had a great kick off GOYA Car Wash in which we raised over \$800. Proceeds will go to the IOCC relief effort for those affected by the devastating hurricanes that hit our country this past month.

Our GOYA board members for the 2017-2018 year are: **Maria Groussis, John Markis, Karissa Mavrikos and Stavros Damaskos.** We congratulate them and wish them a blessed year of service!



Join us on **Saturday, October 7th** for our annual trip to Honey Pot Hill

in Stowe. We will meet at the church at 11 am and then head to the orchard. Parent volunteers to drive and chaperone are needed. For those interested in attending, email Fr. Vinnie at [frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org).



## BASKETBALL

The Metropolis of Boston looks forward to the start of their 2017-2018 Youth Basketball Ministry. Programs are offered for boys and girls from ages 8 to 18. This Ministry provides a great forum for kids to make friends with other children throughout the Metropolis.



### **The divisions are as follows:**

JOY. Jr: co-ed clinics and scrimmages for ages 8 to 10

JOY: co-ed teams for ages 11-13

GOYA boys and GOYA girls for ages 14-18

For more information or to add your child to our program, please email Emanuel "Jack" Markis @ [EJMarkis@Markislaw.com](mailto:EJMarkis@Markislaw.com)



*THE REASON FOR THE SEASON...*

### **THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS**

### **GIVING TREE MINISTRY**

For the last 16 years, our community has brought the miracle of the most holy season of Christ's birth to more than 3,000 children under the care of the Dept. of Children and Families.

These children have been removed from their homes through no fault of their own, often separated from parents, siblings & grandparents

— something difficult for us to fathom —

Particularly during the blessed holidays.

Again this year, the names and "wish lists" of these children will be available in the parish hall on three successive Sundays

~ November 12, 19 & 26 ~

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

Questions? Nancy Agnis Savage 308-652-9020  
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# PHOTOS

## Ministry Fair Sunday's & Welcome Back BBQ



## Philoptochos Welcome Back Luncheon







Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy



IOCC



Senior Guild Luncheon & Fun and Games Day Event



Prayer Shawl Ministry





# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday of Luke  Church School	2	3	4 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm	5	6 Family First Friday, 6:30 pm	7 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am  GOYA Apple Picking, 11 am
8 3rd Sunday of Luke	9 <b>Columbus Day</b> Church Offices Closed	10 Greek School, 4 pm  Conversations On Orthodoxy, 7 pm	11 Paraklesis, 6 pm  Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm  Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	12	13	14 GOYA HCHC Open House, 8:30 am-2 pm  An Evening to Benefit IOCC, 6:30 pm
15 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council  Church School	16	17 Greek School, 4 pm  Conversations On Orthodoxy, 7 pm	18 <b>St. Luke</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm	19	20	21 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am  Hellenic Nursing Home
22 6th Sunday of Luke  Church School  Greek Dancing, 11:45	23	24 Greek School, 4 pm  Conversations On Orthodoxy, 7 pm	25 Great Vespers for St. Demetrios, 6 pm	26 <b>St. Demetrios</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	27	28
29 7th Sunday of Luke  Welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios!  Church School	30	31 Greek School, 4 pm  Conversations On Orthodoxy, 7 pm				



# STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

## PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Memebbers,

***"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior." St. Luke 1:46-47***

The example par excellence, of the first one to be saved and to become God's temple is the Virgin Mary. Her whole life shoes how all people must be when they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit to become servants and temples of Christ. As Philoptochos women of faith we have Panagia as our example to follow and aspire to live by.

### News and Notes from Philoptochos

- Our recent welcome back luncheon was a great success with over seventy of our women attending.
- On the Monday following the luncheon Valerie Wiegel along with Eleanor Spiliakos, Betty Titus and Tilda Mitsakos planted beautiful flowers at the Philoxenia House.
- On the last Saturday of October , Philoptochos women will assist the St. Demetrios Community Outreach Ministry and help with the Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build.
- On Friday, October 14th Philoptochos will support an IOCC fundraiser.
- Vespers on the evening of October 25th for St. Demetrios.
- Save the date November 15th we will honor our veterans with a pinning ceremony. Please if you are a veteran be in touch with Valerie Wiegel who will chair the event you can reach her either at : 978.443.7674 or email her at vwslp@aol.com.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Love in Christ,  
Nikki Stournaras



## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners,

Welcoming Initiative. With the beginning of our Ecclesiastical New Year, we are embarking on an initiative to augment the welcoming environment of our parish, so we can do even more to help newcomers feel at home and become even more integrated and involved with our parish family.

Over the next several weeks, you will start to see a few new things, including additional Welcomers after Liturgy (look for their new Welcome buttons), improved Guest Books for our visitors, new "Welcome to St. Demetrios" flyers with response cards, special coffee cups for newcomers so our parishioners can greet them during coffee hour, Welcome Packets mailed to new members home, and follow-up calls to new members and registered guests from our Welcoming Committee Chair, Jim Houhoulis.

Database Update. We have begun the effort to update our Church database, and we plan to be reaching to our parishioners as best we can to make sure that we have everyone's updated information. Please keep an eye out for an email from St. Demetrios requesting a few minutes of your time to complete an online form that will help with this process.

Financial Update. At the beginning of the year, we projected that total donations to support annual operating expenses would be

\$552,000 out of a total operating budget of \$875,000. So far, this year, our generous stewards have donated approximately \$335,000 to support our parish's operating expenses (or about 60% of the projected amount). That means that an additional \$217,000 in donations before year end are needed to meet our annual goal.

Without the financial commitment from each of us, we would not be able to support the wide range of ministries that serve the many needs of our parish community, and we would have difficulty meeting the basic financial needs of our parish. Your continued support is crucial to sustain our ministries and the healthy operations of our Church.

A final note: just as costs increase each year to operate our personal homes, so do costs increase each year to operate our parish – our spiritual home. So, as you are fulfilling your pledges for this year, we ask you to consider increasing your donation to support our increasing expenses, and the growth of our many ministries.

In Christ Jesus,  
Tom Camp  
Stewardship Chair  
tcamp63@gmail.com

*"Stewardship is the call of the faithful to share willingly the gifts that God has bestowed on them, including sharing these gifts for God's work." Williams and McKibben, Oriented Leadership.*

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,

I would like to thank the ladies who cooked the delicious meal for us and the volunteers who helped with the tables and the serving of the food at our last meeting.

The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be on October 18th (St. Luke, The Evangelist), following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss the December Event. If anyone has any questions please contact Artemis Martakis @ (508) 785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there!  
Sincerely yours,

Artemis Martakis

### ST. DEMETRIOS BOOKSTORE

Welcome back! The St. Demetrios Bookstore is open to greet the new ecclesiastical year. Take a few minutes to stop by and check out our new arrivals of inspirational books in Greek and English for adults and children, in addition to items from various Greek monasteries. There is a variety of religious books, St. Demetrios gold and silver crosses, hand-made icons and crosses, prayer bracelets, prosfora pans - all suitable gifts.

### CONVERSATIONS ON ORTHODOXY

Join Fr. Nick and Fr. Vinnie as we examine current events and topics and discuss them through an Orthodox Lens. We will meet: **Tuesday, October 10, 17, 24, & 31 & Tuesday, November 7 from 7 till 8:30 pm.**

We look forward to seeing you then! If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Vinnie at [frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org](mailto:frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org)

### ST. DEMETRIOS ORTHO-TAXI SERVICE

***We miss you when you are not with us!***

If you need a ride to and from church, St. Demetrios has a new round-trip taxi service, ORTHO-TAXI. The roundtrip fare is \$5 which will be donated to the Senior Guild.

days in advance for all other services and events. You will then receive a call from your driver to arrange a pick up time.

To use ORTHO-Taxi, call the church office (781-237-5561). Leave your name and phone number by Friday at noon for Sunday Liturgy and two



## ST. DEMETRIOS

### FEAST DAY CELEBRATION!



On Sunday, October 29th we welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios to our Parish for our annual St. Demetrios luncheon. Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour in the weeks prior to the 30th. On the evening of Wednesday, October 25th, join us at 6 pm for Great Vespers at our Church. Clergy from throughout the Metropolis will be joining us. There will be a reception sponsored by our Philoptochos to follow. On Thursday, October 26, we will celebrate the memory of our beloved Patron Saint, St. Demetrios. Please join us for Orthros and Divine Liturgy beginning at 8:30 am. It will be a joyous celebration!

*Bakers are needed to make Greek pastries and other baked goods for the reception after Great Vespers on October 25th. If you would like to make something please find Presbytera Elaine at fellowship hour. You can also email at [ekrommydas33@gmail.com](mailto:ekrommydas33@gmail.com).*

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Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017; 10 am  
Claypit Hill School, Wayland

Neighbor Brigade establishes and mobilizes community-based volunteer networks to provide free services for residents affected by sudden onset such as serious illness, injury or other tragic events. For more information call (855) 241-HELP.



# NEWS & EVENTS



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

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

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

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

#### **Veteran Thanksgiving Meal**

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

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

#### **Housewarming Baskets; All new - No used items PLEASE**

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

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

Contact: Chris Kourlos: 508.380.8220 or Eugenia Kourlos: 508.735.8866 or kourkat1@gmail.com

**Please submit contributions during the social hour by November 19th.**

## **ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (continued...)**

stresses His mercy and compassion for sinful humanity that He has come to visit as a Physician (Luke 4:23; 5:31). And in the Acts, after telling of all that happened in the foundation of the Church at Jerusalem, he gives most attention to the work of his master, St. Paul, who labored more abundantly than all the other Apostles in spreading the glad tidings of salvation. Luke became Bishop of Thebes in Boeotia; he ordained priests and deacons, established churches and healed the sick in soul and body by his prayer. The idolaters arrested him there when he was eighty-four years old. They flayed him alive and crucified him on an olive tree. Many miracles were wrought afterwards by a miraculous myron trickling from his tomb, which was particularly effective in the cure of eye diseases for those who, in faith, anointed themselves with it.

Many years later, the Emperor Constantius, the son of St. Constantine the Great, sent St. Artemius to Thebes to bring the relics of the Apostle Luke to Constantinople, where they were placed under the altar of the Church of the Holy Apostles with the relics of the Apostles Andrew and Timothy.

It is the tradition of the Church that St. Luke was the first iconographer and that he painted an image of the Holy Mother of God in her earthly lifetime. The All Holy Virgin praised this representation and said, "May the grace of Him who was born of me be upon this image." Saint Luke afterwards painted other images of the All Holy Virgin and of the Apostles, giving rise in the Church to the devout and holy tradition of veneration of the icons of Christ and of His Saints. For this reason, Saint Luke is honored as the patron of iconographers.

## **NEWS FROM THE FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY**

We invite you to come and visit the parish library. The library is opened 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.



## **IOCC- INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES**

What is IOCC? International Orthodox Christian Charities offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond. Since its inception in 1992, IOCC provided over \$600 million in emergency and disaster relief in more than 60 countries.

### ***St. Demetrios Involvement With IOCC***

This past month St. Demetrios partnered with the Taxiarche Church in Watertown, to help raise funds for Emergency Clean Up Buckets to donate to IOCC. Over 75 buckets were donated!

2017 marks IOCC's 25th anniversary celebration. AN EVENING TO BENEFIT IOCC will take place Saturday, October 14, 2017 at St. Demetrios. For registration and sponsorships, visit [ioccc.org/weston](http://ioccc.org/weston). For more information you can also contact St. Demetrios' IOCC Ministry coordinator, Andrea Katsenes, at [andrea.katsenes@verizon.net](mailto:andrea.katsenes@verizon.net).

## **AN EVENING TO BENEFIT IOCC**

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 6:30-9 pm

*Come mix, mingle, and celebrate 25 years of humanitarian aid made possible by your generosity. Enjoy fellowship, wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a brief IOCC update.*

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Adults \$25 | Students \$10

To register, visit  
[ioccc.org/weston](http://ioccc.org/weston)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

September 17:  
From the Tsoucalas and  
Argyrople Family in loving  
memory of Catherine Tsou-  
calas.

September 24:  
In memory of husband Peter  
from Jane Bouyoukas.



## WEDDINGS

William Charles Elliott  
and Jacqueline Maria  
Fatseas were united in  
marriage on Sunday, Septem-  
ber 3. Their sponsor was Grazia  
Elisa Mari.



## BAPTISMS

The son of Taj and Sophia Azarian was baptised on Sun-  
day, September 3, and named Dimitrios. The sponsors  
were Eric and Effie Hill.

The son of John and Susan Copanos was baptized on  
Sunday, September 10, and named Michael. The spon-  
sors were Arthur and Katie Ntasios.

The daughter of Peter and Sophia Viglas was baptized  
on Sunday, September 17, and named Elena. The spon-  
sors were John and Kelly Marks.

## FUNERALS

Mary B. Georgenes of Walpole, September 2

*May her memory be eternal!*

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