

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

Dear Parishioners,

A number of years ago a book was written on what is needed to build community. It was not just about "**Church**" community but really any community that wishes to share peace, love, and a "**sacred**" space. A parable was written that delivers the message of how this can be done and I share with you an Orthodox perspective of that parable.

High atop a monastery on Holy Mt. Athos there lived an abbot whose monastery suffered from constant gossiping and quarreling among the brother monks. A good and faithful servant of the Lord, the abbot was greatly troubled by this dilemma and sought to bring an end to this strife. To bring resolution to this increasingly divisive situation, he entrusted his spiritually ailing community to the care of one of the elders, bid farewell to the monks and ventured off on a journey to a thriving monastery, the health of which was attributed to the leadership of its wise and discerning abbot.

Upon approaching the humble cell of the brotherhood's luminary abbot, the troubled abbot prayed fervently that the meeting would render some sign of answer to bring back to his distraught community. Sitting for some time, the distraught abbot explained to the spiritual father, in great detail the nature of the discord plaguing his flock.

Listening patiently and intently the latter responded thus, "Your situation sounds grave, but with much sadness I am afraid that I must confess to you that I have no advice or guidance to give you. However, there is one thing that I think you should know. At your monastery there lives a saint among the monks." Astonished by this revelation, the abbot returned immediately to his flock and reported these words. In no time a strange thing happened. Not knowing who among them might be a saint, the brothers began to look at one another with a new and more loving manner. They began to be kind to one another in a way the abbot never thought possible and although the saint in question was never revealed, a miracle did happen: harmony and love were restored to the life of the Christian community.

Perhaps this is the answer for every community, family a country and our broken world that seeks peace, harmony, and love. May we all share in this vision of a "**sacred**" and "**holy regard**" for one another as Christ's followers that makes it possible to live and be the Body of Christ.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Nick

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

June 3- *All Saints*

June 10- *2nd Sunday of Matthew*

June 17- *3rd Sunday of Matthew*

June 24- *Nativity of John the Baptism*

July 1- *5th Sunday of Matthew*

July 8- *6th Sunday of Matthew*

July 15- *Sunday of the Holy Fathers*

July 22- *8th Sunday of Matthew*

July 29- *9th Sunday of Matthew*

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

June 13- *Vespers for St. Methodios AT Cathedral Chapel in Brookline, 7 pm*

June 14- *Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Methodios AT Cathedral Chapel in Brookline, 8 am*

June 30- *Synaxis of the Holy Apostles*

July 20- *Prophet Elias*

July 26- *St. Paraskevi*



JUNE 30

**SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE HOLY
APOSTLES: PETER, ANDREW, JAMES &
JOHN THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE, PHILLIP,
BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS, MATTHEW,
JAMES THE SON OF ALPHEAUS, JUDE THE
BROTHER OF JAMES, SIMON & MATTHIAS**

ST. PARASKEVI

THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR OF ROME-JULY 26



Saint Paraskeve, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskeve), she was given this name, which means “preparation” or “preparedness” (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where ‘Friday’ is called “the day of the preparation”). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: “Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth” (Jer. 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.



AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Dad,

There are so many things I'd like to tell
you face to face;
I either lack the word or fail
To find the time or place.
But in this special letter, Dad,
You'll find at least, in part,
The feelings that the passing years
Have left within my heart.

The memories of childhood days
And all that you have done,
To make our home a happy place

And growing up such fun!
I still recall the walks we took,
The games we often played,
Those confidential chats we had
While resting in the shade.

This letter comes to thank you, Dad.
For needed words and praise;
The counsel and the guidance, too,
That shaped my grown-up days.
No words of mind can tell you, Dad,
The things I really feel;
But must know my love for you
Is lasting, warm and real.

You made my world a better place,
And through the coming years;
I'll keep these memories of you
As cherished souvenirs!

Your grateful son,

Author Unknown



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St. Nicholas Angel Tree, Nancy Agris Savage
Daniel's Table, Jill Kovatsis
YOCAMA, Jill Kovatsis
Peace Ministry, Peter Panagopoulos

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Library, Cindi Dabrowski

Orthodox Life Series, James Skedros
Philoptochos Care Ministries

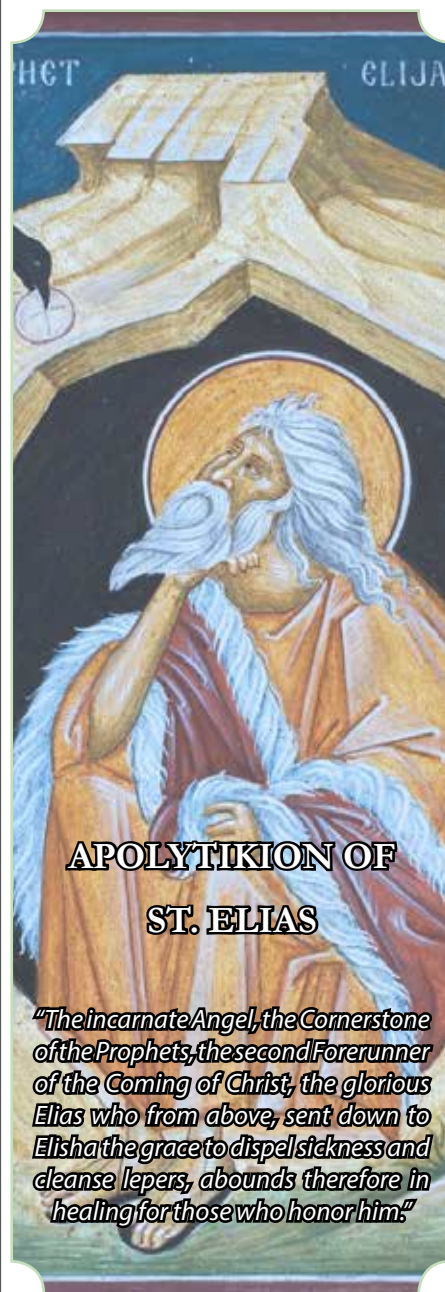
Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody
Prayer-Shawl, Elaine Ward
Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis
Visitations, Valerie Wiegel

Prosfora Ministry, Christina Booth
Senior Guild, Artemis Martakis
Stewardship, Tom Camp

YOUTH

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

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



APOLYTIKION OF ST. ELIAS

*"The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone
of the Prophets, the second Forerunner
of the Coming of Christ, the glorious
Elias who from above, sent down to
Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and
cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in
healing for those who honor him."*



"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. Our last day of Church School will be Sunday, June 10th.

Sunday, June 10th – Church School Graduation Day – This will be the last day of Church School.

After an abbreviated lesson in the individual classrooms, teachers and students will come together in the Church for a brief year-end ceremony. We hope everyone attends!

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



Session 1 July 9- July 15

Session 2: July 16-22

Session 3: July 23-29

Session 4: July 30- August 5

Get excited for another amazing summer at MBC! For more information or to register visit metropolisofbostoncamp.org

OLYMPIACOS SOCCER CAMP

During MBC Summer Camp, Session 2- July 16-22

Campers have a unique opportunity to participate in a week-long, full-day soccer clinic, led by the Olympiacos organization - the most successful and popular Soccer Club in Greece! Soccer Campers can expect to be emerged in Soccer Clinics by day, as well as the MBC Summer Camp experience by night - including, cabin life, chapel, meals and evening activities!



For more information and to register for Soccer Camp go to: <http://www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org/soccer-camp.html>

GOYA

We can't believe the end of the year is upon us! We would like to wish all of our graduating seniors all of God's blessings as they graduate high school and move on to their next steps! We will miss you!

Join us on June 16th at the Kovatsis home for our GOYA End of Year BBQ and closeout celebration! Be sure to RSVP to Mrs. Kovatsis as soon as possible (ja.k@verizon.net).

We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!



Winners of the St. Demetrios round of the Oritorical Festival



Basketball recognition after Liturgy on May 13th



Family First Friday activity on May 4th

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

YOUTH



GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GREEK SCHOOL STUDENTS
FOR ALL THEIR ACOMPLISHMENTS!**

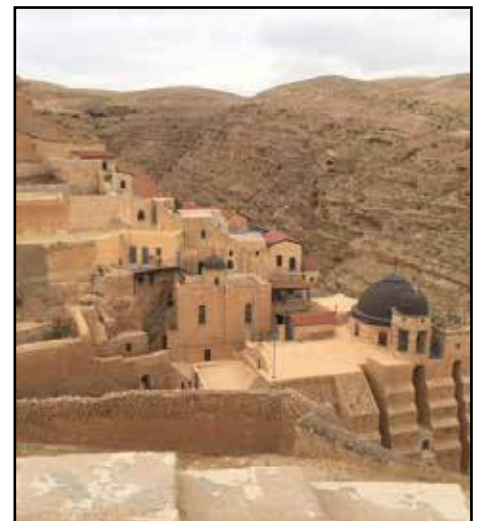
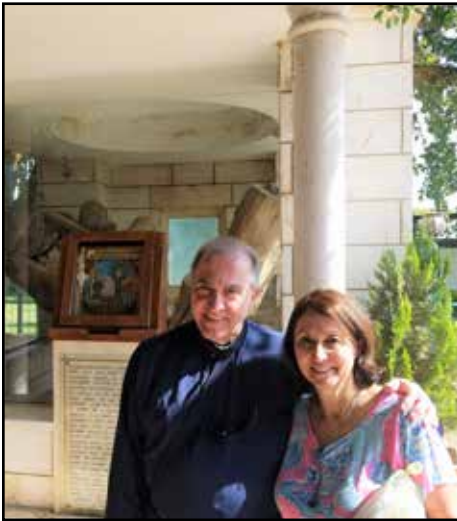


On May 26, 2018, the Metropolis of Boston held a graduation ceremony for all of the New England Greek Schools. From the Saint Demetrios community, Julianna Grontzos and Katerina Krieg participated in the graduation ceremony by reciting beautiful poems. We are very proud of our graduates.



PHOTOS

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018



PHOTOS

Senior Guild Luncheon



Peter James Condakes
Memorial Golf Tournament



Spring at St. Demetrios!





CALENDAR

JUNE 2018 - JULY 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------|--|--|---|--|
| 3- All Saints 60th Anniversary Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10- 2nd Sunday of Matthew General Assembly Last Day of Church School Metropolis Awards Banquet, 5:30 pm | 11 | 12 | 13 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm St. Methodios Vespers at Cathedral Chapel in Brookline, 7 pm | 14- St. Methodios Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Cathedral Chapel in Brookline, 8 am | 15 | 16 GOYA End of Year BBQ, 12 pm Hellenic Nursing Home, 2 pm |
| 17 3rd Sunday of Matthew Father's Day Scholarship Sunday | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24- Nativity of John the Baptist | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30- Synaxis of Holy Apostles Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am |
| 1- 5th Sunday of Matthew Start of Clergy Laity | 2 | 3 | 4- Independence Day- Church Office's Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8- 6th Sunday of Matthew | 9 | 10 | 11 Parish Council Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15- Sunday of the Holy Father's | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20- Prophet Elias Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am | 21 Hellenic Nursing Home, 2 pm |
| 22- 8th Sunday of Matthew | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26- St. Paraskevi Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am | 27 | 28 |
| 29- 9th Sunday of Matthew | 31 | | | | | |



PHILOPTOCHOS

We are so grateful for the God given talents that our members have offered to our Philoptochos. We will be celebrating, along with our parish, the 60th anniversary of our church and Philoptochos beginning this Fall.

We have had an extraordinary year. We began with a beautiful luncheon in September that Pres. Effie Manikas chaired. We now have 140 members. We had a wonderful Christmas holiday bake sale and boutique. We honored our veterans in November and in February we honored a beautiful soul Bessie Condakes who has given of her time, treasure and talents to our St. Demetrios parish family. Shortly, we will celebrate ten outstanding students who will receive scholarships on June 17th.

Because of the generosity and love of our members we are nearing our goal for the icon of Panaghia. Please know that when it is finished we will celebrate with prayer and fellowship.

Save the date October 20th.

Our evening with Basile will be changed to October 20th. It will be an outstanding evening with music, dancing, and lots of great fellowship. We would love full participation. For more information contact our stellar chair people Pam and Jenn Brody at brodster52@yahoo.com/brody.jenn@gmail.com

These festivities and events could not have been successful if it weren't for the support of our beloved Fr. Nick and Fr. Vincent and our wonderful board and all of you who have given of your time, talent and services to help.

Thank you.

More news and updates will be forthcoming in August.

The church will offer a bereavement support group in the fall for eight weeks this will be open to our community as well as the wider Weston community. The group will be called YANA -You Are Not Alone. Information will be forthcoming.

In Christ,
Nikki Stounaras



LIFE AFTER LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

8 week group will meet on Thursdays
September 27-November 15, 2018
2:00-3:30 PM

At St. Demetrios Church
57 Brown Street
Weston MA 02493

Led by Nikki Stounaras, Grief Facilitator

This group provides a safe, peaceful, supportive environment for exploring grief and is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. There is no charge for the group.

A phone interview is required for registration



For more information and to schedule phone interview contact:

Nikki Stounaras 781.800.3682

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STEWARDSHIP

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR HEART IS

Our money has a way of going into the same direction as our thoughts. It has a way of gravitating toward those things which mean the most to us. The money of the heavy drinker as a way of ending up in the local tavern, while the money of the compulsive gambler rolls irresistibly into the coffers of the nearest race track.

On the other hand, he who through faith in Christ has given himself over to the service of the Lord into the service of his fellow man will find himself giving of his earthly treasure for these self same purposes: the service of God and the service of man. He will inevitably find himself putting his money where his heart is. The direction of his money will, in a very real sense, reveal the direction of his life.

(H.W.Gockel)

With Love in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY



Book of the Month:

Ten Days to Destiny, The Battle for Crete 1941 by G.C. Kiriakopoulos

Written by a noted writer/professor at Columbia University. This is the documented story of one of the most

important yet least acknowledged battles of World War II. The stars of the book are the Cretans who fought with antiquated rifles, swords, and even rocks. We had set aside this book on our recommendation shelf. Similar books can be found under catalog X (Greek History, Language, Culture, Customs).

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.

ST. DEMETRIOS BOOKSTORE

Graduation Day is right around the corner and the bookstore has a variety of items to offer. One of the latest arrivals is the *English Words Deriving from the Greek Language* by our own Matina Psyhogeos. It is an "inexhaustible linguistic source", highlighting approximately 30,000 English words, whose origin is Greek. It is a wonderful graduation gift for home and a valuable resource. Also, there are many religious books for adults and children, icons and St. Demetrios crosses.

SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,

The Trip to Cape Cod still has open seats. Please contact Artemis Martakis @ (508) 785-0045 if you are interested in coming on the trip. Thank you.

The Senior Guild would like to thank Vaso Stavropoulos, Portia Pantages, Effie Grontzos, and Angelica Giovannes for the delicious meal which we had at our last meeting in May. All of you ladies have done a wonderful job with cooking and cleaning for the Senior Guild. The Senior Guild appreciates all that you do for us and wishes all of its members a happy and healthy summer. See you in June for our Cape Trip. Thank you.
Artemis Martakis

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



We wish all of our graduates heartfelt congratulations on their achievements.

Graduates as you take the next challenging steps in your life, remember that we, your spiritual family of St. Demetrios, will be thinking and praying for you. Also, know that your Church will be here for you as a haven and a place where you can often return to reconnect with God, with truth and the values that have so lovingly been planted in your hearts.

We will be watching, cheering and praying for your every success and will be awaiting your return.

Fr. Nick & Fr. Vinnie



PETER JAMES CONDAKES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT THANK YOU

A thank you to all who came out on May 21st to participate and support the Annual Peter James Condakos Memorial Golf Tournament. We had a terrific turn out and a lot of fun!

A special thank you to Anthony and Kristin Marken and the many volunteers who helped to make this year's tournament a success. We are also grateful to Suzanne and James Polymeros and the Condakos family for their support and the many contributors that made this day a memorable one.

NEWS & EVENTS

This year's representatives from St. Demetrios to the Annual Metropolis Awards Banquet are Nick and Nikki Stounaras, beloved parishioners, friends and stewards of our parish!

We thank them for all that they have done and continue to do for our parish. Congratulations! \$75 per person. Contact the church office to reserve/organize a table.

THE 32ND ANNUAL METROPOLIS OF BOSTON MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET



SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

RECEPTION: 5:30 P.M.

DINNER: 6:30 P.M.

LOMBARDO'S
6 BILLINGS STREET
RANDOLPH, MA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY- JUNE 10

We will hold a very important General Assembly meeting on June 10th immediately following Divine Liturgy in the large social hall. All Stewards in Good Standing for the present year are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. We will discuss the year so far as well as other very important matters within our parish.



BASILE GREEK COMEDY SHOW

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Doors open at 7pm • Show begins at 8pm

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

57 Brown Street • Weston, MA

Dance to the music of the Taximi Band • Wine & Mezedes

Tickets: \$75 (Limited Seating)

**Contact Pam Brody at
(781) 864-5327 or brodster52@yahoo.com**



SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
SAINT CHRISTINE CHAPTER

THE THINGS YOU TAUGHT ME I WILL ALWAYS KNOW

The things you taught me I will always know.

How could I not?
All lessons of the heart that I will keep
No matter who I am or where I go.
Kids learn from what their parents are,
and so

You are my book of life, the thoughts I reap
Only in your arms I quiet sleep;
Under my words your voice sings soft and slow.

From you I learned the rules of right and wrong
Against which I at times had to rebel
Although with regret I carry with me still.
How lucky I am to have been loved so well,
Even as I pushed against your will,
Relying on a father fair and strong.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

May 13: Jim and Nikki
Mavrikos in loving memory
of their mothers, Cath-
erine Mavrikos and Callie
Samaras.

May 20: In loving memory
of Eve Rodis.



BAPTISMS

The son of Christopher Radowicz and Elisabeth Gennis was baptized on Saturday, May 5 and named Thomas. The sponsor was George Gennis.

The son of Jonathan and Chrissy Waters was baptized on Sunday, May 6 and named Samuel. The sponsor was Vasiliki Pare.

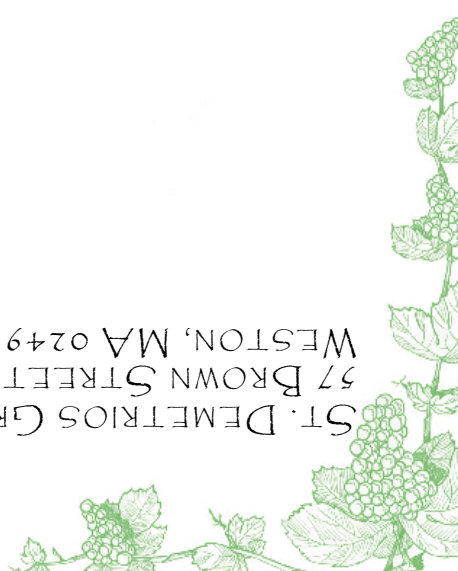

The son of Chris and Christa Ntasios was baptized on Sunday, May 6 and named Armen. The sponsor was Toula Ntasios.

The son of Charles and Caroline Mauchan was baptized on Saturday, May 19 and named Charles. The sponsors were Thomas and Taslene Gatzunis.

FUNERALS

James Harry Nanos of Ashland, May 20

May his memory be eternal!



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