NOVEMBER 2018

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 15:5)

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Fr. NICK'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

In a matter of a few weeks we will pause as we gather around the table with family and friends reflecting just how grateful we are for God's many blessings. Giving thanks opens the horizons of our mind and heart to see God's love all around us.

St. Mark the Hermit once said:

"Here my son and daughter is how we can give thanks and learn gratitude... You must make a list in your memory and in your prayer of all the blessings given to you by God, the lover of mankind for the salvation of your soul. You must never forget them. Do not permit negligence to cover these memories with the veil of forgetfulness so that you loose all remembrance of the great and numerous graces you have received. If that were to happen you would spend the rest of your life in ingratitude and loose sight of not only God's love for you but of your neighbor."

We must remember to be grateful and thankful to God, yes, but also towards one another, for God most certainly resides there too. We must learn to see God in everyone and everything, and so, in giving thanks to a brother or sister in God, we give thanks unto Him because God dwells in all of us. Let's celebrate this Thanks-Giving Day by thanking God for having made us for a destiny of eternal happiness, let us thank Him for the Gift of faith which gives meaning and direction to our lives, let us thank Him too, for the countless graces with which he daily surrounds us as he guides us gently past dangers and towards Him.

May this Thanksgiving Day then, fill our hearts with gratitude for all the blessings that fill our lives. What better way is there, than to live each hour and each day in a spirit of thankfulness and gratitude. Not only to express our thanks with lips alone, but to live our thanks with our lives

With love in the Lord,

Fr. Nick

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

NOVEMBER 4- 5th Sunday of Luke

NOVEMBER 11- 8th Sunday of Luke

NOVEMBER 18- 9th Sunday of Luke

NOVEMBER 25-13th Sunday of Luke

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Tuesday, November 13- St. John Chrysostom Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Wednesday, November 21- Entrance of the Theotokos, Divine Liturgy, 6 pm

MIDWEEK SERVICES AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES

Holy Archangels, Taxiarchae, Watertown

November 7- Great Vespers, 7 pm November 8- Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 9:45 am

St. Nectarios, Roslindale

November 8- Great Vespers, 7 pm November 9- Orthros, 8 am & Divine Liturgy, 9 am

St. Andrew, Metropolis Center, Brooklilne November 29- Great Vespers, 7 pm November 30- Orthros, 8 am & Divine Liturgy, 9 am

ST. NECTARIOS- NOVEMBER 9

St. Nectarios was

born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. In 1876, after studing in school, he became a monk and a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the name of Nectarios. Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest on March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of St. Sabbas, and in August of the same year, in



the Church of St. Nicholas in Cairo, he was made an Archimandrite.

On January 15, 1889 Nectarios was consecrated Metropolitan of the Pentapolis in eastern Libya. Nectarios' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, but it aroused the envy of lesser men. Since the people loved Nectarios, the Patriarch was troubled by the slanders. On May 3, 1890, Sophronius relieved Metropolitan Nectarios of his duties; in July of the same year, he commanded Nectarios to leave Egypt.

Without seeking to avenge or even to defend himself, Nectarios left for Athens, where he found accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because of this, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop. In 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. And in 1904 he began building the convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina while dean of the Rizarios School. Later in life he relocated to Aegina, where he spent the last years of his life. He became the protector of all Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. An innumerable multitude of miracles have been witnessed after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly a malady that has not been cured through his prayers; but St. Nectarios is especially renowned for his healings of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

LTAR SERVERS



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Becoming an altar server

here at St. Demetrios is open to the boys of our parish, 13 and older, who wish to serve alongside our clergy and learn more about their Orthodox faith. Serving in the altar is a true honor, and our boys make wonderful friends in the process.

Throughout the year the altar servers meet to practice and go over what their responsibilites are for each Sunday as well as for special services. If your son is intersted in learning what it takes to serve the church and assist the clergy do not hesitate to reach out to either Fr. Vinnie or Chris Kourlos.



For more information please contact Fr. Vinnie at frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org or Chris Kourlos at kourkat1@gmail.com



THE VINE: NOVEMBER 2018



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

GOYA

Grades: 9-12

After our GOYA kickoff event was such a hit we sprung into October looking forward to crushing the corn maze as another fall festivity. Although this did not pan out due to the Nor'easter that came through, GOYA still had an amazing time carving pumpkins in the small hall and watching a movie with pizza on October 27th.

GOYA congratulates our parish on the occasion of our 60th Anniversary. We look forward to contributing and participating in the many festivities planned for this year.

Looking forward, the date for a "Friendsgiving" potluck is in the process of being chosen while the annual St. Demetrios Gingerbread Event will be held on Friday, December 7th and the GOYA Holiday Party will be on Saturday, January 5th. Finally, the 2018 GOYA is excited to sponsor a child from the Saint Nicholas Giving Tree that takes place every year during the holiday season. Watch for details about how you can help, coming soon. If you are a high schooler and are not receiving GOYA emails please email Sophia Kovatsis at sokovatsis@students.natickps.org to be added.

GOYA is for high school students, grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining, email

Fr. Vinnie (frvincent@stdemetriosweston.org) or Jill Kovatsis (ja.k@verizon.net).

CHURCH SCHOOL



November 4 ChurchSchool Classes; CS Staff Meeting

November 11 Church School

Classes

November 18 Church School Classes

November 25 Church School Classes



The Metropolis of Boston has opened Basketball registration for the 2018-19 season. For those not familiar with the program, this is a wonderful ministry for children to socialize with boys and girls in our Parish and throughout the Metropolis. Please visit the Metropolis website to register your son(s) or daughter(s). Programs or Teams are available for boys and girls of all skill levels from ages 8 to 18. A nominal fee of \$100 per player covers the cost of referees and insurance. For further details please visit the Metropolis website or contact Emanuel Markis the coordinator for our Parish at EJMarkis@Markislaw.com



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

HOPE & JOY

Grades: Pre-K – 5

Our October Halloween Event was lots of fun. If you missed it be sure to join us for our next event.

Our November HOPE & JOY event will be on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH after Church in the small hall (approx. 12-2pm)

In the spirit of giving and spreading the love and word of Jesus we will be packing shoeboxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Toys, books, and items (*can be used*) will fill the boxes. This is a good opportunity for parents and children to do a big sweep of your overflowing playrooms before Christmas, and make impoverished children all over the globe very, very happy, but most importantly through this effort spread the word of Jesus' love.

If you have not heard of this before – go online and search OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. The organizations sends 10-12 MILLION gift boxes around the world each Christmas! It is a very moving program.

There will be a toy/item donation box in the church by the office from now until November 11th. for anyone that can not attend and would like to contribute. This is open to any parishioners that would like to contribute items.

Email with full information will be sent out to the HOPE&JOY email list.

To add your name to the email list or with any questions please contact Anastasia Tanis Smith 617-834-3690 (cell/ text) or Anastasia@Anastasiadesign.com

FAMILY FIRST FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING

Join us on December 7th for our annual Tree Lighting and Gingerbread House making event. This is truly a wonderful way to bring together family and friends. Details and sign-up sheet to follow in the coming weeks.

THANKSGIVING

Our power is shut off, and suddenly we become thankful for electricity.

Our garbage is not picked up, and suddenly we become thankful for the garbage collectors weekly stop.

A good friend dies, and suddenly we discover how much he meant to us.

Our water becomes too polluted to drink, and suddenly we appreciate pure water.

Why is it, Lord, that we take for granted the uncounted blessings of life until they are removed from us?

We take for granted, the mind you have given us, the beauty of the earth around us, the rain and soil combining to produce our food, the love of family and friends surrounding us.

Today we thank you

For being patient with us For not forgetting us when we forget You, For loving and forgiving us, For music and singing, For rest and leisure, For those who understand us, For laughter and joy, For being with us now,

Most of all we thank You for not withholding all the blessings of life from us even though we take them for granted.

Take us from worship into the world where we turn words of thanksgiving into deeds of service.

Amen





Basile the Comedian Event



Senior Guild Luncheon

Byzantin*e* Chanting Class



Ms. Patti Decorating the Church







HOPE & JOY Event







PHOTOS

St. Demetrios Feast Day Celebrations











THE VINE: NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER 2018

ALENDAR

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Jr. GOYA Movie Night, 6 pm
4- 5th Sunday of Luke Church School General Assembly	5	6 Greek School 4pm-6pm	7 Great Vespers for Holy Archangels at Taxiarchae, Water- town, 7 pm	8- Holy Archangels Orthros, 8:45 am Dlvine Liturgy, 9:45 am In Watertown Great Vespers for St. Nectarios at Roslindale, 7 pm	9- St. Nectarios Orthros, 8 am Divine Liturgy, 9 am	10 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am
11- 8th Sunday of Luke Church School	12	13- St. John Chrysostom Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon Greek School 4pm-6pm Byzantine Chant Class, 7 pm	14 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm	15	16	17 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am Hellenic Nursing Home, 2 pm
18- 9th Sunday of Luke Church School Gyro Sunday	19	20 Greek School 4pm-6pm	21- Presentation of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy, 6 pm	22- Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed	23 Church Offices Closed	24
25- 13th Sunday of Luke Church School	26	27 Greek School 4pm-6pm	28	29 Great Vespers for St. Andrew at Metropolis Center in Brooklilne, 7 pm	30- St. Andrew Orthros, 8 am Divine Liturgy, 9 am AT Metropolis Center in Brookline	

STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Members,

Our Philoptochos Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generosity and love that you have shown by offering your time, talents and treasures to Philoptochos. Because of your help we have been able to be instrumental in offering a spiritual gift of the Panagia Icon to our beloved church. By your loyal support to the ministries of Philoptochos we have disbursed over \$29,000. Thank you!!

Upcoming events:

November 3rd- Mini retreat at Hellenic College/Holy Cross 9-4 in the reading room of the library. The title is "But only one thing is needed..." St. Luke 10:42. Presbytera Maria Drossos from Ontario,Canada will be our guest speaker. She is a member of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Commission on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, as will as serving as an advisory board member of St. Catherine's Vision, n International Pan-Orthodox Christian organization. The cost of the retreat along with lunch will be \$35. Pease RSVP to Nikki Stournaras at: nstournaras@gmail.com by November 1st.

November 4th and December 2nd- Loukoumades Sundays

We have been successful with selling loukoumades to raise funds. We will plan to sell once a month, depending on the month's activities

<u>November 11th</u>- Beef Tenderloin Raffle There is still time if you would like to sign up.Philoptochos will be raffling off two beef tenderloins so please purchase tickets in advanced. The drawing will be December 16th.

November 14th - General Assembly at 6:30pm we are privileged to have another dynamic speaker her name is Penny Deligiannis, is a Internationally recognized Humanitarian. Beginning in the summer of 2015- to present, Miss Penny Panayiota Deligiannis has been volunteering and sharing her expertise (pro-bono basis) to assist the refugees migrants arriving illegally from Turkey on makeshift boats and landing on the shores of the Aegean Islands. Come and here her speak on her first hand experiences. The presentation will be 30 minutes and will be followed by a Question and Answer session. Hope to see many of you there on November 14th. Come and support her endeavors. Refreshments will be served. Please let us know nstournaras@gmail.com

November 18th- Veterans Drive in memory of 2nd Lt. Ian Thomas McVey,USMC. We are asking donations to help support and help veterans in need for the following two programs: 1) Thanksgiving Meal Program, which provides a full Thanksgiving meal to a veterans' family, and 2) Operation Housewarming Project, which provides housewarming baskets to veterans transitioning to independent living, If you have any questions, please contact Chris or Eugenia Kourlos at Kourkat1@gmail.com or call 508.735.8866.

In Christ,

Nikki

STEWARDSHIP

"DON'T THANK ME"

A mother baked some tasty buns one day. Her son took one and said, "Thanks, mom, for the delicious buns." The mother said, "Don't thank me. Thank the grocer who sold me this new flour." When the child went to thank the grocer, he was told, Don't thank me. Thank the miller who produced the four." When he went to the miller, he was told, Don't thank me. Thank the farmer who grew the wheat." When the child went to the farmer, he was told, "Don't thank me. Thank God who provides the earth and the seed and the sun and the rain."

We thank God faithfully and systematically through the stewardship of our time, talents, and possessions. He is behind every blessing we have. "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

In Christ, The Stewardship Committee

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,

The next Luncheon Meeting of the Senior Guild will be on November 13rd (St. John Chrystostom) following. the Divine Liturgy. The Senior Guild will discuss the Event in December. Please come and join us. If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis at (508) 785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there!

Sincerely yours,

Artemis Martakis

THE FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

Books of the Month:

A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy

By Nicholas Cabasilas, Catalog #G

This book is invaluable for all those who wish to understand more about the theory and practice of worship in the Orthodox Church. For Cabasilas, man's redemption in Jesus Christ is not just a matter of history. It is a saving event in which man is called to participate here and now, in body and spirit as well as intellect, through the sacramental life of the Church. *Come Before God in Prayer and Solemn Feast* By Rev. Dr. Alkiviadis C. Calivas, Catalog #H

VEWS&EVENTS

Provides readers with an introduction into the origins of Christian prayer and worship and its expression in the Orthodox Church through the daily, weekly, monthly and annual cycle of feasts and fasts.

To read further we invite you to our Library and see the books we have on the following subjects:

The Divine Liturgy (catalog G) Sacraments (catalog I) The Spiritual Life (catalog Q) Christian Living (catalog R)

If you are looking for a specific book see Cindi Dabrowski during coffee or leave a note in the library. I will have a basket near the Card Catalog and check each week. Please include your telephone number so I may contact you.

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.

Thanks for interest.

PARISH DIRECTORY ADS

Who: Any business (Greek or non Greek) that would like to do business with our parishioners. Any business that would like to express their best wishes for our 60th Anniversary.

Why: To help the cost of publishing a directory that is to be distributed to all of the 700+ families at St. Demetrios. Our directory will not be modified for at least 4 years so it is a great value.

When: Please your ad now, particularly those wishing prime spots, such as tabs. All directory covers have been taken. We ask all parishioners to contact any businesses that they have used, and are pleased with their services, to inquire if they would like to take advantage of our advertising opportunity.

We ask that any parishioner with a business support our church by placing a business ad or their best wishes in our directory.

Advertising forms can be found on the church website. For more information contact Georgia Gefteas at gaghome1@gmail.com



NEWS&EVENTS



The Thanksgiving for Veterans drive provides a complete Thanksgiving meal to a Veteran family. <u>Veteran Thanksgiving Meal</u>

- 60 turkeys, frozen or fresh
- 300 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						
 Broom/Dustpan 	Мор					
• Bucket	Toilet brush & holder					
 Shower curtain 	Shower rings					

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• 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

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

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 18th.







THE REASON FOR THE SEASON ...

THE 17[™] ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS

GIVING TREE MINISTRY

For the last 17 years, our community has brought the miracle of the most holy season of Christ's birth to more than 3,200 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 18, 25 & December 2 ~

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

Questions? Nancy Agris Savage 508-652-9020 NancyASavage@Gmail.Com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

October 7- In memory of Christina Giamogianis from Niko and Maria Giamogianis.

October 21- From Athena and Eleni in loving memory of their mother, Amalia.

In loving memory of Danny from Vassalia Laskaris.

From Angeliki Giovannes in loving memory of her son, Alexios.

WEDDINGS

Michael Viginio and Deanna Osganian were united in marriage on Sunday, October 7th. The sponsor was Jamie Osganian.

BAPTISMS

The son of John and Athena Stringi was baptized on October 6 and named Peter. The sponsors were Jennifer and Jarett Fernez.

The son of Michael and Sara Spiros was baptized on October 8 and named Michael. The sponsor was John Spiros.

The son of James and Carolyn Fagan was baptzied on October 20 and named James. The sponsors were John Stephen Condakes and Kelly Robinson.

The son of Ryan and Pamela Joyce was baptzied on October 20 and named Robert. The sponsors were Evangeline Condakes and Sean Driscoll.

The son of Adam and Catherine Mavrikos was baptized on October 27 and named William. The sponsors were Meredith Downs and Jim Synborski.

The daughter of Manny and Rania Makkas was baptized on October 28 and named Penelope. The sponsors were Katerina and John Tzouganatos.

The son of Marwan and Lily Awad was baptized on October 28 and anded George. The sponsor was Salim and Mary Zerring.

The son of Alexander and Lindsay Chryssis was baptized on October 28 and named Steven. The sponsors were Lily and Marwan Awad.

FUNERALS

Nicholas Giamogianis of Framingham, October 5

Dr. George Michalopoulos of Bedford, NH, October 10

Alexandre Parodos of Framingham, October 13

Elaine Polley of South Yarmouth, October 23

May their memory be eternal!

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