

# THE VINE

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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

**GENEROSTIY**

*Dear Parishioners,*

There is an old parable about a farmer that had two sons. As soon as they were old enough to walk, he took them to the fields and he taught them everything that he knew about growing crops and raising animals. When he got too old to work, the two boys took over the chores of the farm and when the father died, they had found their working together so meaningful that they decided to keep their partnership. So each brother contributed what he could and during every harvest season, they would divide equally what they had corporately produced.

Across the years, the elder brother never married, stayed an old bachelor. The younger brother did marry and had eight wonderful children. Some years later, when they were having a wonderful harvest, the old bachelor brother thought to himself one night, "My brother has ten mouths to feed. I only have one. He really needs more of his harvest than I do but I know he is much too fair to renegotiate. I know what I will do. In the dead of the night, when he is already asleep, I will take some of what I have put in my barn and I will slip it over into his barn to help him feed his children."

At the very time he was thinking up this plan, the younger brother was considering to himself, "God has given me these wonderful children. My brother has not been so fortunate. He really needs more of this harvest for his old age than I do but I know him. He is much too fair. He will never renegotiate. I know what I will do. In the dead of the night when he is asleep, I will take some of what I have put in my barn and slip it over into his barn."

And so one night when the moon was full, those two brothers came face to face, each on a mission of generosity. An observer reflected that, while there were no clouds in the sky, a gentle rain began to fall. He offered: "You know what it is—God weeping for joy because two of His children had realized His truth." (*Borrowed*)

*Indeed, two of His children had grown to realize that generosity is one of the deepest characteristics of our God. Since we are made in His image, our being generous becomes the source of our joy as well.*

*Life does not always seem fair but as members of God's Body, we may be confident that we are continually provided with His Divine Grace and never-ending Love. He invites us to join in His mission to share with those He puts in our paths each day— at home, work, church . . . wherever we find ourselves!*

*May God's generous Spirit fill your hearts and homes this Thanksgiving.*

*With Love in the Lord,  
 Fr. Nick*

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**November 6**

*7th Sunday of Luke*

**November 13**

*8th Sunday of Luke*

**November 20**

*9th Sunday of Luke*

**November 27**

*13th Sunday of Luke*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

**Tuesday, November 8**

*at Taxiarchae, Watertown  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am*

**Wednesday, November 9**

*at St. Nektarios, Roslindale  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am*

**Wednesday, November 16**

*St. Matthew, at St. Demetrios  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am*

**Wednesday, November 23**

*Thanksgiving Eve, at St. Demetrios  
Divine Liturgy, 6 pm*

**Wednesday, November 30**

*St. Andrew, at Metropolis Chapel  
Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am*

### VESPERS, 7 PM

**Monday, November 7**

*Taxiarchae, Watertown*

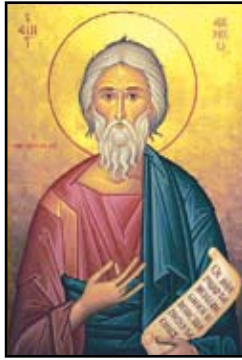
**Tuesday, November 8**

*St. Nektarios, Roslindale*

**Tuesday, November 29**

*St. Andrew, Metropolis Chapel*

## FEAST OF ST. ANDREW, NOV. 30



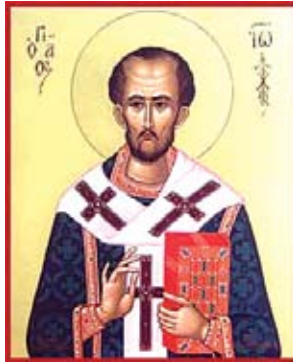
*"As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls."*

Join His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios at the Metropolis Chapel in celebrating the name-day of our Metropolis. Great Vespers, Nov. 29, 7 pm; Orthros & Divine Liturgy, Nov. 30, 8:30 am. Wonderful receptions will follow both services—all are welcome!

*"In all things,  
give thanks"*

—1 Thessalonians 5:18

## AN ANCIENT LINK TO A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING



*"Preaching that 'feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead,' St. John Chrysostom ... was responsible for initiating ministry to Constantinople's poor, with the Church providing meals for several thousand people every day."*

—Robert Krantz,  
*Guide to the Divine  
Liturgy*, pg. 148

## THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS



*T* is for the **Ton** of blessings I receive each day.  
*H* stands for these **Hands** that fold when I pray.  
*A* means all the **Awesome** power of our Lord above.  
*N* reminds us of His **Never-ending** patience with us all.  
*K* is for the **Kindness** He offers.  
*S* stands for the **Sweetest** gift of love we've ever known.  
*G* means the amazing **Grace** our God bestows.  
*I* says "Can you imagine where I would be without His mercy?"  
*V* is for the **Victory** over death He has claimed for us.  
*I* means I will do my best to lead lost sheep back to the fold.  
*N* is for the **Nails** of His Holy Cross.  
*G* stands for God's ultimate **Gift**: His Son's life sacrificed for all.



## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### A REMARKABLE SPIRIT

Last month we covered in some detail the status of our building project from the end of August through the end of September. You will recall the Building Committee seeking better bids for certain subcontracts. After two and one-half years of selecting architects, engineers, construction managers and subcontractors, the building committee reached the final stages setting the final cost of our new church.

Mindful of the mandate of the May, 2009 Special General Assembly—and the comments from our parishioners during the September, 2009 Design Charette—that the Building Committee was charged with the prime responsibility to design and construct a traditional Orthodox Church suitable for Weston, including the required interior spaces and comprising a “100-year” structure, all the work through October of 2011 has

been focused on these results. The final price for our new parish, thus designed, was \$7,050,000, a number higher than the nominal \$6,200,000 authorized by the May, 2009 assembly. Even though the original vote allowed for the modification of the total to adjust for inflation, the committee worked hard to keep this new total under that limit but still as low as possible without a sacrifice to quality. The well attended October 9, 2011 General Assembly voted unanimously for the record to endorse this new number, and with that blessing the Special General Assembly was announced for October 24th to consider this one matter—the authorization to expend the additional funds. No additional bank borrowings will be required.

The “remarkable spirit” we speak of is that wonderful feeling in the room during the very well-attended Special General Assembly. With another huge show of support, the gathering voted to endorse the final budget with a carefully crafted provision for an additional contingency ... and then another significant thing happened—a heartfelt spontaneous round of applause! How wonderful we all felt. And this vote of confidence was all the reward the committee could possibly dream of for all the hard work of the over 70 dedicated members. Thank you St. Demetrios!

With these votes, work commenced immediately and, as you can see from [the image on page 10](#), foundation work is underway. Our greatest hope is to complete the structural steel frame before we “bed down” the project for the cold winter months. Progress will resume full speed again in the spring with completion within the original estimate of 18 months.

We are delighted to report continuing good news on the fundraising side. We are at almost \$4,500,000 pledged and over \$2,600,000 received in cash. It was estimated that by the holidays, we will be approaching \$5,000,000 pledged and just under \$3,000,000 in cash received. If you have not yet pledged, please contact Fr. Nick or Peter Bassett in person in church or by calling the church (781-237-5561) or business office (617-266-9200).

Our goal is to have 100% participation and we are on our way. Great institutions like our new sanctuary are not successfully built by the few. Future generations will wonder who undertook constructing this marvelous place of worship, and all our parishioners should be able to say, “I did.”



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Joanna Krasinski, Philoptochos President

Bookstore, Carol Loridas  
Choir, Chris Tzellas, Athena Marken, Jeannie Leussis  
Fifty-Something Club, Phil & Sandi Chomo  
Faith and Works Ministries

A Suitable Image, Nancy Savage  
Brown Bag Sunday, Lydia Santangelo  
Habitat for Humanity, Elaine Fischer  
Helping Hands, Kathy Bakes  
St. Nicholas Angel Tree, Nancy Savage

Hospitality/Fellowship Hour, Mary Ellen Paravalos  
Library, Cindi Dabrowski  
Orthodox Life Series, James Skedros  
Outreach and Evangelism, Stacey Kalivas  
Philoptochos Care Ministries

Hellenic Nursing Home, Pam Brody  
Miracle Kitchen, Dorothea Ocnos  
Prayer-Shawl, Tilda Mitsakos  
Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis

Prosfora Ministry, Fr. Nick Krommydas  
Senior Guild, Artemis Martakis  
Stewardship, Dean Coclin

#### YOUTH

Altar Service, Chris Kourlos  
Basketball, Matt Little  
Church School, Stavroula Gurguliatos  
Church School Outreach, Gloria Moskos  
Church School Music Director, Jane Kourtis

GOYA, Alexey and Stephanie Petrides  
Greek Folk Dancing, Margaret Talmers Galatano  
Greek Language School, Avra Parpos  
HOPE, Donna Markis, Stacy Katsikaris  
JOY, Jill Kovatsis  
OCF, Fr. Alex Chetsas



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

All teachers and interested parents are invited and encouraged to attend DOXA on Nov. 5, 9 am – 2:30 pm. This year's theme is “Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness,” and our own Dr. Jim Skedros will be one of the presenters! These conferences are offered to us by the Metropolis as an ongoing resource for our teaching maturation, as well as an opportunity to meet fellow educators from our sister parishes. Please make every effort to attend—please contact Stavroula to register ASAP.



### Church School This Month Upcoming Events:

- November** Kindergarten Bulletin Board Display
- November 5** DOXA Conference, Dormition Church, Somerville
- November 6** Classes; Staff Meeting; Mini Sermon for grades 6 – 12
- November 13** Classes
- November 15** Christmas Fast Begins
- November 20** Classes
- November 21** The Presentation of the Theotokos
- November 27** Classes; Mini Sermon for grades K – 5

If you have not received any email from the Church School and wish to be included, please email your contact information to [StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net](mailto:StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net).

### GREEK DANCING



In November Join us on the 13th and 20th, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, in the middle school classrooms. Grades 3 – 12. Contact Margaret Talmers to connect: [margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com); 617.359.4752.

## SAINTLY LIVES

### “SAINTLY LIVES” AT ST. NICHOLAS, NOV. 13



Continuing a new tradition of teaching and mentoring, Alex Santangelo and Katherine Argyrople will be traveling to St. Nicholas Church in Lexington on the 13th. Costumed and well-rehearsed, they will present the lives of St. Nicholas and St. Katherine to the children of the Sunday School. As a new addition this year, St. Vasileos Church of Peabody will also be sending their “patron saint” to join Alex and Katherine. This wonderful spirit of outreach, learning and community is growing! Please contact Fr. Alex if you'd like to join our St. Demetrios representatives on the 13th.

### ST. KATHERINE Commemorated November 25

St. Katherine was the daughter of the governor of Alexandria, Egypt, and is known as a “great martyr,” a title of great honor among the saints. As a child, she enjoyed a life of privilege and a remarkable education. Her mother, secretly a Christian, also guided her in the faith, which led to her baptism as a young woman. The pinnacle of her life-story takes us to that powerful day in the year 305, when the Emperor Maximinus was in Alexandria for a pagan feastday; blazing fires, chaos and bustling crowds filled at the arena. Katherine noticed a large group of Christian prisoners about to be killed for their faith; she was filled with compassion and confessed her own faith to the emperor, hoping to distract him from the prisoners. He was impressed with her courage, mind and charismatic speaking, so he ordered that 50 great pagan orators should present themselves and attempt to convince her that Christianity was a folly. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, she spoke with eloquence and honesty—and converted them all to the faith! Outraged, the emperor had all of the newly converted killed. The next day, after a night in prison, she was again brought before Maximinus. Still professing the faith, he ordered her to be “broken on the wheel,” which was a dreadful torture device. However, as she approached the wheel, it was miraculously smashed by an angel. The empress, who admired Katherine greatly, as well as the entire imperial court and 200 soldiers, instantly converted and were also executed. Finally, still in deep prayer and steadfast in her faith, Katherine put her own head on the executioner's block. She was martyred in 305, and her relics were taken to Mt. Sinai.

**Getting Practical: On Nov. 13, as part of GOYA's “Outreach Month,” Katherine Argyrople and Alex Santangelo will travel to St. Nicholas Church in Lexington to present the lives of Sts. Katherine and Nicholas. Through well-practiced scripts and wonderful costumes, they will attempt to bring these wonderful saints “to life” for the children of the Sunday School there. This month, what can you do in your home to echo this important effort?**

## FAMILY NIGHT NOV. 4

Thanks to all for supporting our Prayerful Pumpkin Event in October—we learned that Jesus is the "light of our lives" and had a terrific time with our pumpkins. We look forward to the 4th, when we will once again help with cards for the St. Nicholas Tree and for local veterans-in-need. **Before working on our cards and having dinner, we will begin the night with an abbreviated Paraklesis Service, led by our Youth Choir, along with youth readers.** This service is full of meaning and will remind us what it means to be in a constant state of "Thanksgiving" to God. HOPE, JOY, GOYA, parents, grandparents and all parishioners are invited. Also, please save the date of Dec. 9 for our annual Gingerbread Event—always a wonderful time to bring together family and friends. Details and sign-up sheet to follow.



### Nov. 4 Schedule

6 – 6:30 pm: Paraklesis

6:30 – 7 pm: Dinner

7 – 8 pm: Card-making

Please contact Gina Spencer with your meatless potluck offering: [gina@pdillc.com](mailto:gina@pdillc.com). \*\*\*Please bring canned/non-perishable Thanksgiving sides for our OCF Turkey Dinner Drive: green beans, mashed potato mix, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, etc.

### HOPE (K – 2nd)

Donna Markis: [dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us](mailto:dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us)

Stacy Katsikaris: [stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net](mailto:stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net)

### JOY (3rd – 6th)

Jill Kovatsis: [ja.k@verizon.net](mailto:ja.k@verizon.net)

## Metropolis GOYA Reunion

Join us for the "Reunion of Reunions" on Nov. 12, 8 pm–1 am, at Moseley's on the Charles (Dedham, MA). All former GOYans are invited to attend. \$40 pp. Cocktail reception, music and dancing are on the agenda. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Visit [www.goyareunion.org](http://www.goyareunion.org) for more details and ticketing.

## GOYA: November is Outreach Month!



With Thanksgiving in the air, our GOYA ministry is focusing on reaching out to those in need this month, as well as spreading the "Good News" that Jesus brings to us all. Join us for these important activities:

**Nov. 4: Family Night.** We'll participate in the Paraklesis Service (be at Church for 6 pm sharp!) and then make cards for the St. Nicholas Giving Tree. Parents, please contact Mrs. Spencer to help with the potluck dinner: [gina@pdillc.com](mailto:gina@pdillc.com). Also, bring Thanksgiving-themed canned goods to help with the OCF Turkey Dinner Drive!

**Nov. 13: Saintry Lives.** Alex Santangelo and Katherine Argyrople will present the lives of St. Nicholas and St. Katherine for the children of St. Nicholas Church, Lexington. Awesome outreach you guys! Anyone who wants to go, help and support should contact Fr. Alex.

### Nov. 6: General Assembly/Lawn-Busters.



After Liturgy, we'll have lunch in the Conference Room and make December plans. Then we'll head to Wayland to help a friend of our Church with raking and yard clean-up. Event will end by 3 pm. Please contact Alexey Petrides to help with lunch/help with carpool.

### Nov. 25: Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen.

As always, on the day after Thanksgiving, we'll help serve food at the Framingham Salvation Army. Times/arrangements TBD.

Finally, we thank the Spencers for opening their house to us last month for the Karaoke/Bonfire Night, and ask all of our GOYans to save the date and start spreading the word about Sat., Dec. 10: OUR CHRISTMAS DANCE!

For more details or to connect with GOYA (all 7 – 12th graders are welcome to join us!), contact Lee Condakes.

**Lee Condakes**  
President  
([esc793@gmail.com](mailto:esc793@gmail.com))

## BASKETBALL SEASON COMING FAST!



Registration is complete and our game schedules are forthcoming. Please contact any of our coaches for more details and to make sure your family is on our email lists. Have a great season everyone!

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## OCF Seeks Donations for Thanksgiving Drive



It's here once again! In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are pleased to announce that for the 3rd year, or college students will lead us in the **Turkey Dinner Drive**, in coordination with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. Last year, our goal was 20 turkey dinners—our parish responded with 25! **This year, we are upping our goal to 30, as the veterans we serve are in greater need than ever!**

### Our Wish List

- 30 turkeys, frozen or fresh
- 150 canned/non-perishable sides: cranberry sauce, squash, stuffing, etc.
- 30 frozen/fresh pies
- Monetary donations to purchase any of the above

To donate, help or learn more, please contact Fr. Alex or Stacey Kalivas ([skalivas@bryant.edu](mailto:skalivas@bryant.edu)).

Thanks to all for your support!

## September 30 Family Night



## ALTAR SERVERS

Our lunch/training session last month gave us a chance to unwind, share a meal and learn more about the feastday of our Church (thanks to John Boyer for the excellent presentation!). An early winter activity is in the works—details to follow soon. Our boys are encouraged to arrive at the Altar **through the side door closest to the old Narthex** by 9:20 am each Sunday. By coming on time, our servers can receive a proper blessing from our priests, prayerfully vest and be in place for the beginning of the Divine Liturgy. **Parents, please support your sons in this effort—it is truly important they arrive on time and that we teach them well.**

### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

**ST. LAWRENCE: Nov. 13, 27**

*Captain: Jason Theoharis, Vice Captain: Alex Santangelo*  
Anthony Houhoulis, Walker Littlehale, Kosta Pappas, Nick Spinale

**ST. STEPHEN: Nov. 6, 20**

*Captain: Lee Condakes, Vice Captain: Alex Camp*  
Anthony Chirban, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis



Prayerful Pumpkin Carving



October 1 Philoptochos Tea



# CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> HOPE/JOY/GOYA Family Night, 6 pm	<b>5</b> DOXA Conference
<b>6 - 7th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthodox Life Mini-Sermon (grades 6-12) Church School Staff Meeting GOYA General Assembly Lawn Busters	<b>7</b> Vespers, Taxiarchae, Watertown, 7 pm	<b>8 Taxiarche</b> Divine Liturgy, Watertown, 9:30 am EPOCH Outreach, 10:30 am Greek School, 4-6 pm Vespers, St. Nektarios, Roslindale, 7 pm	<b>9 St. Nektarios</b> Divine Liturgy, Roslindale, 9:30 am Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm	<b>10</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Metropolis GOYA Reunion, 8 pm
<b>13 8th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthodox Life St. Nicholas Giving Tree Sainly Lives, St. Nicholas Church, Lexington	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>16 St. Matthew</b> Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon	<b>17</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bake-a-Thon, 8 am-3 pm Bingo at Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2-3:30
<b>20 9th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthodox Life Choir Appreciation Sunday St. Nicholas Giving Tree Bake Sale	<b>21</b> Last day for Turkey donations	<b>22</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm	<b>23 Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy, 6 pm</b>	<b>24 Thanksgiving</b>	<b>25 St. Katherine</b> Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen, 4-7	<b>26</b>
<b>27 13th Sunday of Luke</b> Mini-Sermon (grades 6-12) St. Nicholas Giving Tree	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Greek School, 4-6 pm Vespers, St. Andrew, Metropolis Chapel, 6 pm	<b>30 St. Andrew</b> Divine Liturgy, Metropolis Chapel, 9 am Wreath Making, 7 pm			

# STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS

## UPCOMING PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS


Nov. 9, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Nov. 19, 8 am – 3 pm, Bake-a-Thon for the Nov. 20 Bake Sale. We will bake quick breads in the morning and pies in the afternoon. A light lunch will be served. Please contact Deb Skaltsis (deb\_skaltsis@yahoo.com) if you are able to join in this event!

Nov. 20, Bake Sale after Divine

Liturgy. Save yourself time in the kitchen by purchasing your baked goods for Thanksgiving from our Bake Sale! If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact Linda Toyias: lat09@yahoo.com or at 617-244-4442.



 Nov. 30, 7 pm, Wreath Making in St. Demetrios Hall. Open to all parishioners and friends. Enjoy some fellowship, refreshments and libations while you decorate your Christmas wreath! The charge is \$30. Reserve your spot by signing up and providing payment in advance which will allow us to plan for supplies; the reservation deadline is Sunday, November 20. RSVP to Lia Sgourakes (617-695-3230; lia\_sgourakes@hsdm.harvard.edu) or Amalie Ann George (781-444-7659; amalie@aageorgecpa.com).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

As you contemplate the journey to college or graduate school, plan to apply for one or more of the 6 St. Demetrios Philoptochos Scholarships, which are offered each spring to honor our community's best and brightest young people. Criteria reach across a broad spectrum involvement from dedication to parish, to love of the arts, academic achievement, service to others and more. Since the program's inception, 80 young people have been recognized at our special June ceremonies and have received prestigious scholarship awards given in memory of some of our parish's most beloved former members. Applications will be available in the spring and may be obtained by email request (vlahakes@comcast.net) or by calling the church office.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

November means football kickoffs but it also means our 2012 Stewardship drive is about to kickoff as well. While Stewardship is a year round activity, we traditionally make our pledges for the new year in December. Leading up to this will be a series of mailings and talks to make us all aware of the many needs of our community and how we can help in our own special ways.

The theme for this year's Stewardship is "**Abide in Me.**" We abide in Jesus Christ when we follow His example, and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Christ, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our financial stewardship and acts of personal generosity.

We will mail out the new pledge packets along with statements showing your 2011 year to date pledge status in November. **Have you made your 2011 pledge yet?**

**The new pledge cards should be filled out and brought with you on Stewardship Sunday which will be in December (exact date TBA).** As you are filling out the cards, please look at your prior year's statement and try to increase your pledge. While we have tightened our budgets as much as possible, there are certain fixed costs that must be paid and Stewardship is our primary income stream. We ask that you prayerfully consider the church's mission and your commitment to its fulfillment as part of your pledge.

As of October 7, we have 370 pledges totaling \$347,146 of which we received \$227,022. In addition we received \$55,060 from 137 non-pledged stewards, for a total cash received of \$282,082. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$510,000. I know that some have traditionally paid their stewardship all at once at the end of the year. If possible, please try and space these payments throughout the year to help our church ease its budget crunch.

Making your pledge online is an easy way to give and monitor your own contributions. You can give everything at once or set up automatic weekly, monthly or quarterly payments from your bank or credit card, just like you do with other expenses. It's quick, easy, safe and convenient. All the information is on the Stewardship Page of the church website.

**Dean Coclin**  
**Stewardship Chairman**

## RECEPTION FOR SOPHIA NIBI

On Sunday, Nov. 6, our New England faithful will gather to celebrate Sophia Nibi's 28 years of faithful service to the Metropolis of Boston. The reception will take place at the Cathedral Center, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline. 4 – 6 pm. RVSP to 617.277.4742 or rsvp@boston.goarch.org. Please join us in honoring Sophia, who is a dear friend, fellow parishioner and loving supporter of our Metropolis.

## Church building foundation work underway



## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR—HOSTS NEEDED.** Please sign up to help host 1 Sunday this year! Individuals or teams can sign up. All supplies are provided. See sign-up sheet in the social hall, or contact Mary Ellen Paravalos (781.349.8077) or Julie Kavas (781.762.1647).

**SENIOR GUILD LUNCHEON NOV. 16 & MORE.** Following Divine Liturgy in celebration of St. Matthew, we will enjoy a luncheon in celebration of St. Matthew the Evangelist, on Wednesday the 16th. November is the month in which we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving means giving Thanks unto the Lord, for all things which he has given to us. **Also, please join us for a Christmas Luncheon at the Dolphin Seafood Restaurant on Dec., 15 at 1 pm.** The Dolphin is located on Route 135 in Natick. If you will be attending the luncheon, RSVP by November 1, 2011 to Artemis Martakis: 508.785.0045. We will be having a grab bag,



therefore please bring a gift with a maximum worth of \$5. The Senior Guild looks forward to seeing you there.

## CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY, NOV. 20.

Join us in thanking the men and women of our choir, who inspire us each week with the unique gift of song God has given them. During Fellowship Hour, we'll enjoy a cake in their honor! Please join us on the 20th for this special celebration.



## ADULT EDUCATION: ORTHODOX LIFE "BEING HUMAN" CONTINUES



We hope this series has engaged the hearts and minds of our parish family. As we conclude this month, we will explore the mystery of Communion and the final prayers of our Divine Liturgy—and how our "personhood" is affected and "fed" by worship. Robert Krantz's Guide to the Divine Liturgy is our "guidebook" through this series and is available at the Bookstore on Sundays and at the office throughout the week. Cost is \$10. **Please see your weekly bulletin and "e-blast" for each week's Faith Cue, and bring your book to the Divine Liturgy for reference.**

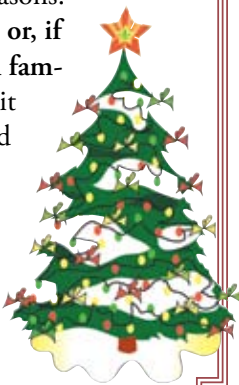
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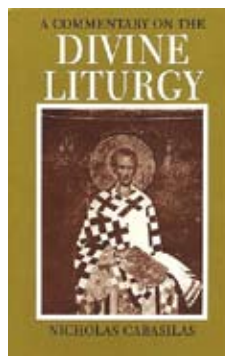
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## ST. NICHOLAS GIVING TREE MINISTRY: OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

This month, our parish will mark the 10th anniversary of the inception of one of our most treasured parish ministries, the opening of our hearts to the neediest children in our own area during the holiday season. On three successive Sundays, **November 13, 20 and 27**, the names of 200 children of all ages under the care of the Mass. Dept. of Children and Families, and their “wish lists,” will be available for you and your family to sponsor. Our “parish Santas” will again enjoy the opportunity to share God’s blessings with those who would otherwise have the bleakest of holiday seasons. **Please plan to sponsor at least one child or, if possible, one for each child in your own family.** This is the best lesson in the true spirit of giving for our children to emulate, and as Christian adults it provides a beautiful expression of God’s charge to us to spread His love. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Savage: [nancyasavage@gmail.com](mailto:nancyasavage@gmail.com) or 508-652-9020.



## LIBRARY: NOVEMBER PICKS



***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

***On the Divine Liturgy*, Trans. by Asterios Gerostergios.**

The text is made up of homilies by the prophetic voice of the Most Reverend Augoustinos, Bishop of Florina, Greece. This approachable book will enable those who have not studied the Liturgy to know and enjoy its riches.

These books are located in the Recommendation shelf and need to be returned within two weeks. If you need to keep them longer please contact Cindi Dabrowski: 508.881.6598.

## JEN BRODY’S TANZANIA JOURNAL: READ ON!



“Part 2” of Jen’s heartfelt, inspirational piece is now available at our Reflections Blog. Visit today ([www.stdemetriusweston.org/blog/](http://www.stdemetriusweston.org/blog/)) to continue the conversation. Your responses, comments, and shared stories are welcome—simply use the “Post A Comment” option. Keep visiting Reflections for thoughts on the faith, inspirational stories from our parishioners’ lives and lively discussion topics.

## ST. DEMETRIOS YOU TUBE THIS MONTH

We’ll be posting excerpts from “Being Human,” our fall Orthodox Life series, as well a truly artistic slideshow from the Philoptochos Tea/Social. Please visit our channel often to see what’s new:

[www.youtube.com/user/StDemetriusWeston](http://www.youtube.com/user/StDemetriusWeston)

## PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION

### OUR NEXT BROWN BAG BLITZ IS DEC. 4

We thank all our parishioners for the ongoing support, this month, of our Miracle Kitchen drive. Keep filling those bags in this month of thanksgiving and generosity! Our Dec./Jan. beneficiary will be the Boston Rescue Mission. Please receive your bag on the 4th (reserve bags may be found in the drop-off bin) and fill it with any and all canned/non-perishable goods and return it to the Church by Jan. 31. The drop-off bin is now located in the coat-room near the back entrance of the building. To help with this ministry, please contact Lydia Santangelo: [lydiaeventsplst@aol.com](mailto:lydiaeventsplst@aol.com).



### VISITING AT EPOCH: NOVEMBER 8, 10:30 AM

Join Fr. Nick and Fr. Alex every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Next visit: Nov 8. Please contact Fr. Alex to learn more.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS



**Sunday, October 2**

The Family of Ann Decaneas.

**Sunday, October 9**

Angelica Giovannes, in loving memory of her son, Alexios.

**Sunday, October 16**

The Sotir Family, in memory of John P. Connolly.

Nick Giamogianis and Maria Giamogianis, in loving memory of their mother, Christina.

**Sunday, October 23**

Karen Pappas, in loving memory of her father, Michael.

## BAPTISMS

The daughter of Alexander and Clara-Dina Georgakis was baptized on Saturday, September 17, and named Alexandra Katerina. The sponsor was Stefanos Parpos.

The son of William Triant and Elizabeth Herbin was baptized on Sunday, October 2, and named George Herbin. The sponsor was George Canellos.

The daughter of John and Kelly Marks was baptized on Sunday, October 2, and named Gianna Kalliope. The sponsors were Alexandria Stavropoulos and Victoria Stavropoulos.

The son of Mark and Marion Pantazelos was baptized on Saturday, October 8, and named Luke James. The sponsors were George and Carrie Pantazelos.

The son of Hercules and Maria Haseotes was baptized on Sunday, October 23, and named Peter. The sponsors were Vasilios Haseotes and Thalia Haseotes.

*May God bless them with His divine grace!*

## FUNERALS

Nicholas Rodis of Needham, October 7.

Mary Pascal of Wayland, October 16.

*May their memory be eternal!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

**November 14:**

Senior Guild Luncheon

**November 24:**

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy

**November 30:**

Philoptochos Wreath-Making

**December 9:**

Gingerbread Event

**December 10:**

GOYA Dance

**December 18:**

Nativity Pageant

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