

# 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,

*"CHRISTOS ANESTI!"*

*The following is an excerpt from the Paschal message given on Holy Saturday Night before the Resurrection Service. I offer it to you along with the invitation to join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 15th following the Divine Liturgy.*

"This is a special year for our St. Demetrios community. A sad and joyous occasion at the same time as we celebrate our last Holy Week in this sanctuary and look forward to our new Church edifice. An overwhelming decision, as you know, was made two years ago to build a new sanctuary on this very site where our present Church stands that will ensure for all of us and our children the "Building on our Faith." The groundbreaking event to mark the construction of our new Church, and the preparation of a temporary sanctuary now underway in our hall, will be held on Sunday, May 15th, just three short weeks from now. I hope you will be here to both remember and celebrate what St. Demetrios means to so many of us. We are building on the faith of our fathers and mothers, our founders, and all who have and do dream and envision even a brighter and greater "faith future," for those who will follow 25, 50, and even 100 years from now. I invite you to become part of this timeless legacy—to leave behind something beautiful to our children and grandchildren—to remind them of our deep commitment and faith and to safeguard our Orthodox heritage and tradition for them. There is nothing greater we can leave to future generations than our faith and values which will enrich their lives and keep the light—the unwaning light of Christ lit in their hearts. Join us in support and help us build our new Church together.

Let tonight's occasion and joyful message of hope in the Resurrected Lord inspire each of us to fully love, to serve one another unselfishly in Christ's name, and to live more fully, bathing in the unwaning light that only Christ can bring to each troubled heart and broken world through His Resurrection! Forgive one another, return to Christ if you have drifted away and accept the love that He offers from a now empty tomb—and from the fact, fully realized, that He wills to live and dwell in every grateful believing heart now and always."

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*Again, I wish you, during this period of renewal and joy, a post-Paschal period filled with our Risen Lord's blessings and hopeful promises for a full life in Christ. Please join us on May 15th for what promises to be a historic day at our Groundbreaking.*

*Yours in Our Risen Lord,  
 Fr. Nick*



# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**May 8**

*Holy Myrrhbearers*

*Mother's Day*

**May 15**

*Sunday of the Paralytic*

**May 22**

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

**May 29**

*Sunday of the Blind Man*

**June 5**

*Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council*

**June 12**

*Pentecost*

**June 19**

*All Saints*

*Father's Day*

**June 26**

*2nd Sunday of Matthew*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

**ORTHOS, 9:00; DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30**

**Wednesday, May 18**

*Mid-Pentecost*

**Thursday, June 2**

*Ascension*

**Saturday, June 11**

*Saturday of Souls*

**Thursday, June 30**

*Synaxis of the Holy Apostles*

### AS A FATHER CARRIES HIS SON

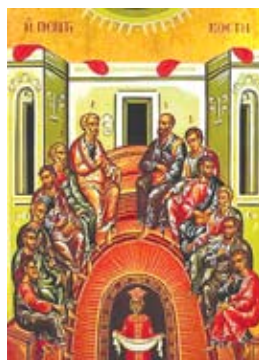
*"Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son....'"*

—Deuteronomy 1:29 – 31

**June 19 is Father's Day.** Each year, it's tempting to reduce this day to presents, a nice dinner and leaving "Dad" alone to watch the big game. But as the quote above reminds us, being a father is something more. Our fathers reflect the presence, love, compassion and strength of the Lord in our lives. They carried us as infants and have often carried us as teenagers and adults throughout our lives. They are a lighthouse on rocky shores; they show us the way through the "wilderness." This year, may we truly give thanks for our fathers, and may our fathers strive, with all their strength, to live up to the great role before them. Happy Father's Day!



### ON PENTECOST



For Christians, Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

*When the most High came down  
and confused the tongues,  
He divided the nations;  
But when he distributed the tongues of fire  
He called all to unity.  
Therefore, with one voice,  
we glorify the All-holy Spirit!*

--Kontakion/Hymn of Pentecost

### SATURDAY OF SOULS- JUNE 11

*The day before Pentecost each year is marked by remembering our beloved family members and friends who are asleep in the Lord. On the 11th, let us come together in prayer, bringing the names of loved ones and a small bowl of Koliva if possible, as we conduct the memorial service at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please PRINT clearly the first names of departed family and friends that you wish to be remembered at this service.*

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## BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

### GROUND BREAKING: SUNDAY, MAY 15!

Two years since the inspiring and faithful mandate of almost 300 parishioners in May, 2009, we embark on an exciting and very tangible phase of the realization of our dream defined by the Special General Assembly of St. Demetrios Church. We break ground! The day has come, as meticulously planned; and we all want so much

to celebrate, rain or shine, our official ground breaking ceremony—presided over by Metropolitan Methodios, Fr. Nick and Fr. Alex—that will take place on May 15.

After Divine Liturgy, we are all invited to assemble on the plaza in front of our Church for a brief service, blessing the construction to begin, after which we are

asked to enjoy a buffet in the hall, which will serve as the temporary worship space during construction. Please plan to attend this historic moment in the vibrant, growing life of our active parish. Although photos plus an HD video of the event will become part of our growing archive of milestones, and several YouTube clips will appear online, nothing will compare with your actual participation in a history-making event.

Many milestones have been achieved along the way to this moment: a large, incredibly talented and dedicated team of volunteer parishioners has come forth: \$4.2 million, or over two thirds of the \$6.2 million project cost, has been pledged; \$2 million has been donated; a beautiful design has been completed; a construction manager worthy of this sacred task has been engaged; all necessary public entitlements have been obtained; construction financing has been arranged and approved; the movement in one short week of our worship space has been planned; our icons and mosaics will be preserved and properly stored; a new link to our Church's website (go to [www.stdemetriostweston.org](http://www.stdemetriostweston.org) and click on "Building on Our Faith") has been created to inform the whole parish, and the world, of our project's history and its progress; 4 webcams will be installed so each of you can personally monitor the construction's progress; and much, much more.

In achieving each of these milestones and more, the volunteers continue to dedicate thousands of hours of their valuable time and skills. This project is a reflection of the parish itself. No one person or group could possibly make this happen. Only when we have an overwhelming mandate, a large group of volunteers, the love and support of all our parishioners and, importantly, the smart, inspired leadership of our clergy, can such an undertaking succeed. This can only mean our project is blessed. And this is worthy of a great celebration. See you at the groundbreaking!

—Peter Bassett



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Eugenia Kourlos, Philoptochos President

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Choir, Gregory Condakes  
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, Peter Gavrilles, Chris Resmini  
Philoptochos Care Ministries

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

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Senior Guild, Tina Haratsis  
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, Peter Gavrilles, Chris Resmini



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

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.

- May Sixth Grade Bulletin Board Display
- May 8 Church School classes; Mother's Day
- May 15 Groundbreaking Agiasmo/Ceremony
- May 22 Church School classes; Church School Graduation
- June 19 Father's Day; Scholarship Sunday (High School/College Seniors)

**Oratorical Festival.** The Junior/Senior festival was held on April 3. Thank you to the Oratorical Chairperson, Nikki Stournaras, for organizing the event. Congratulations to Athanasia Kourtis (Junior Division) and Jason Theoharis (Senior Division) who were first place finalists. All competed in the Boston District Festival. Congratulations to Athanasia Kourtis who advanced to the Metropolis Level.

**Sunday, May 22: 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!

**Sunday, June 19: Scholarship Sunday (High School/College Seniors).** If your child is graduating from High School this year, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible.

We will not be able to offer a summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year. I encourage families to participate in the Metropolis summer camp opportunities and will be emailing with more information.

Even though Church School classes have come to an end for the academic year, there are many Church services throughout the summer months. Please make an effort to maintain “perfect” attendance!

Finally, 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: [stdemetrioschurchschool@verizon.net](mailto:stdemetrioschurchschool@verizon.net).



### A GRADUATE'S PRAYER

*As I look toward the future  
Bright hope conducts this prayer,  
For I know the plans You have for me  
Were wrought with divine care.*

*Holy Spirit, lead me.  
Let me run at Your command,  
Yet be still and know that You are God  
When trouble is close at hand.*

*Your Word will be a lamp for me,  
A guide to light my way,  
A solid place to set my feet,  
A compass when I stray.*



### GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL

#### GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION & CELEBRATION: MAY 20, 7 PM

Before we splash into the summer season, our staff and teachers would like to thank all of those who have helped make this a successful school year. In particular, we appreciate the commitment our families, both parents and students, made in coming week after week to experience the richness our Greek heritage has to offer through its language and customs. The year has come to an end, and it is time to say good-bye for now. We've watched your children learn and grow and change from week to week. We hope that all the things we've done have helped in some small way. We hope to see you back in the fall as we leap into another exciting year of learning.

**Congratulations to all the students, especially the Class of 2011! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Have a great summer!**



## ALTAR SERVERS: HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

Our boys, their captains and mentors, enjoyed a wonderful Holy Week. Highlights included Holy Friday with His Eminence and, of course, the Resurrection Service on Holy Saturday night. This year, following the Resurrection & Holy Communion, we once again enjoyed a true feast of subs, chips, soda and other goodies. **All of our boys and families would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Spiro Loukos for hosting their great dinner.** We hope our servers will continue to come, worship and serve in the Altar throughout the summer, when not away with family and friends. Remember, in our lives, there should be no vacation from our relationship with God!

### May 15: All servers

**St. Lawrence: May 29; June 12 & 26**

**St. Stephen: May 22; June 5 & 19**

#### ST. STEPHEN

*Captain: Lee Condakes*

*Vice Captains: Anthony Chirban & Luke Pashos*

Alex Camp, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis, Anthony Houhoulis

#### ST. LAWRENCE

*Captain: Tom Resmini*

*Vice-Captain: Jason Theoharis*

Walker Littlehale, Kosta Pappas, Alex Santangelo, Nick Spinale

## FAMILY NIGHT BOWLING, MAY 13



Our HOPE, JOY, GOYA children and parents—as well as all our youth, families, and parishioners—are invited to join us for a fun night of bowling and friendship on Friday the 13th (don't let the date scare you!). We'll meet at Fairway Bowling on Rte. 9 at 6:45 pm, get our shoes and be bowling by 7 pm. The lanes will be ours until 8 pm, when we'll enjoy a private party room until 8:45, where we can enjoy ice cream, snacks and more fun. **This is our last Family Night before summer. We look forward to seeing everyone there!**

- \$10 per person
- Lane Reservations/Payment to Fairway will need to be made in advance by our Church. RSVP/forward funds to Jill Kovatsis ASAP, so we can reserve the proper amount of lanes/space for our group at: [ja.k@verizon.net](mailto:ja.k@verizon.net).

### 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)

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Kathy Vasil: [kmvasil@verizon.net](mailto:kmvasil@verizon.net)

## SAINTLY LIVES



### STS. MARY AND MARTHA Commemorated June 4

Mary and Martha, together with their brother Lazarus, were especially devoted to Jesus. After Lazarus' resurrection from the dead (remember this past Saturday of Lazarus, which is the Saturday before Palm Sunday each year), they went to Cyprus, where Lazarus became the first Bishop of Kition. One of the most powerful lessons from their holy lives is found in Luke 10:38-42. Here, the Lord has come to see Martha, Mary and Lazarus at their home. While the Lord

is teaching, Mary is sitting at His feet, with the rest, while He shares beautiful words of hope, forgiveness and salvation with all present. We are told that Martha, though, is very busy serving everyone, probably the modern equivalent of making sure everyone has a snack and doing housework: "...Martha was distracted with much serving." She becomes frustrated and asks the Lord to direct Mary to help her and stop "just listening." Jesus instead tells Martha to seek holy priorities in her life: "... you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." In the end, Jesus teaches Martha that nothing is more vital than His Gospel. When the Lord speaks to us, we have to remember that everything else can wait!

**Getting Practical. Are you a "Martha" or a "Mary"? All of us probably have traits of both. What can we do to remind ourselves, and our children, to make Christ the center of our lives and attention? One easy, every-day thing we can do is to pray before meals, if we don't already. When we stop our serving, pause before eating, and give thanks to God, we send a clear message to our families: our relationship with Christ deserves time and full attention. Everything else can wait!**

## METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP

Our Metropolis camping program provides an exceptional opportunity for our young people to make life-long friends and become truly immersed in the Orthodox Faith. To register, visit [www.mbcamp.org](http://www.mbcamp.org) or call 603.746.4400.

### Summer 2011 Sessions Dates:

- Session 1/Family Camp: June 29 – July 3
- Session 2: July 4 – 10
- Session 3/Embracing Children: July 11 – 17
- Session 4: July 18 – 24
- Session 5: July 25 – 31
- Session 6: August 1 – 7



# PHOTOS



On behalf of  
 His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston,  
 Father Nicholas Krommydas,  
 Father Alex Chetsas, the Parish Council,  
 and the Building Committee  
 we invite you to the  
 Groundbreaking Ceremony  
 for our new  
 Saint Demetrios Church building,  
 on May 15, 2011  
 following the Divine Liturgy.

Reception to follow

## Holy Friday



## Building Renovations





Agape Readers



Lazarus Saturday





# CALENDAR

## MAY-JUNE 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MAY 8</b> <b>Holy Myrrhbearers</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	9	<b>10</b> EPOCH Out-reach, 10:30 am	<b>11</b> Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	<b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> Family Bowling Night	<b>14</b> Wine Tasting, 6:30 pm
<b>15</b> <b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b> Groundbreaking Ceremony and Reception	16	17	<b>18</b> <b>Mid-Pentecost</b> Orthros, 9 am Liturgy, 9:30 Senior Guild Lunch Philop.General Assembly, 7 pm	<b>19</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>20</b> Greek School Graduation, 7 pm	<b>21</b> Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Home, 2-3:30 pm
<b>22</b> <b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b> Church School Graduation	23	24	<b>25</b> Phil. Scholarship Applications Due	<b>26</b> Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>27</b> Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	28
<b>29</b> <b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>	30	31	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Ascension</b> Orthros, 9 am Liturgy, 9:30	3	<b>4</b> <b>Sts. Mary and Martha</b> Philoptochos Conference
<b>5</b> <b>Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council</b> Church School Staff Meeting	6	<b>7</b> St. Demetrios Golf Tournament	<b>8</b> Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm	9	10	<b>11</b> <b>Sat. of Souls</b> Orthros, 9 am Liturgy, 9:30
<b>12</b> <b>Pentecost</b> Metropolis Ministry Awards	13	<b>14</b> EPOCH Out-reach, 10:30 am	15	16	17	<b>18</b> Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Home, 2-3:30 pm
<b>19</b> <b>All Saints</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Scholarship Sunday	20	21	22	23	<b>24</b> Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	25
<b>26</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Matthew</b>	27	28	<b>29</b> Metropolis Summer Camp begins	<b>30</b> <b>Synaxis of the Holy Apostles</b> Orthros, 9 am Liturgy, 9:30		



## PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS

May 11: Board Mtg., 7:30 pm



May 18, 7 pm: General Assembly & Elections

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this important annual meeting, when we'll vote on charitable disbursements and conduct elections. Light refreshments will be served.

May 25: Scholarships Application Deadline

The scholarships (up to \$2,000 each and named in memory of some of our parish's most treasured members) will be awarded to outstanding young people of our parish in a special ceremony following services on Father's Day, June 19. Each applicant, or applicant's family, must have been a member in good standing of St. Demetrios for at least 3 years including the application year; must be enrolled or accepted into a degree granting, accredited college/university in the U.S.; and must be a U.S. citizen. All eligible students—including former recipients—are encouraged to apply for one or all of the scholarships. To obtain an application, please send a request to Kathleen Hamilton at [vlahakes@comcast.net](mailto:vlahakes@comcast.net) or call the Church office.

June 4: Metropolis of Boston Biennial Philoptochos Conference

St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church, Braintree, will be our host. If you are interested in attending, please contact Eugenia Kourlos: 508.881.2409; [kourkat@comcast.net](mailto:kourkat@comcast.net).

Greek Collection Cookbook, \$20 each.

The cookbook makes a wonderful gift for birthdays, bridal showers, as a hostess gift, or for any occasion. Copies may be purchased by visiting [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and searching "Greek Collection."

## STEWARDSHIP

*Have you made your 2011 Pledge yet? If not, why? If not now, when?*

As we approach the mid-year point, please check to see that you have made a pledge for 2011. Believe it or not, many stewards have not filled out a pledge card yet. While we are ahead of where we were last year, we are not close to getting 100% participation with pledges. I often wonder why: (1) some people do not fill out pledge cards, and (2) others wait until the end of the year to submit their pledge.

I'm not sure why there is reluctance to make a pledge to our Church or why we would not make regular contributions toward our pledge throughout the year. Like any organization, the Church has a budget with expenses that are paid during the year. We cannot wait until December to pay our bills. Consequently, it makes it very difficult to budget if we don't know what is coming in during the ecclesiastical year. Do we wait until the end of the year and see "what is left over" before making a gift to the Church? Is the Church the place to put our "leftovers"?

We make it very easy to work with us by: (1) making regular contributions via the envelopes that we mail at the beginning of the year; (2) stopping by the office to contribute via credit card; or (3) going online to our website at [www.stdemetriosweston.org](http://www.stdemetriosweston.org) and making an online contribution, either a one-time payment or recurring contribution. Many stewards are taking advantage of the latter, which provides for a simple way to make payments toward your pledge. It's free and easy.

So far, we have received 341 pledges totaling \$333,266 and \$29,332 in non-pledged contributions. Our budget for the year is over \$500,000 so we have a long way to go.

**Don't forget to come to our upcoming wine tasting scheduled for May 14 at 6:30 pm.** The fall event was a great success and enjoyed by all who came. Please join us and sample some excellent international wines as well as a selection of Greek foods. Wines will be available for ordering and delivery. There will be separate activities for kids so please feel free to bring your children. Our sommelier is well known in the Boston restaurant trade and promises to bring some fantastic selections for your tasting pleasure.

Christos Anesti!

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 50-SOMETHING CLUB REFLECTIONS

On May 7 we enjoyed great company, a terrific movie (Mediterraneo) and an excellent dinner. We had a great crowd, and thanks to all for joining us. Please check coming *Vines* and the weekly bulletin for our next event.

### WINE-TASTING SPRING CLASSIC ON MAY 14



Come join the St. Demetrios community for our spring tasting, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Boston Sommelier Patrick Dubsy will be pouring some outstanding old and new world wines. In addition, we will be serving international food to pair with the wine. Wines may be ordered at the event for future delivery or pickup. **Admission is \$25. Special menu and a movie/treats for our children.**

### SENIOR GUILD LITURGY & LUNCHEON: MAY 18

Commemorating mid-Pentecost, we'll come together for worship and fellowship once again. A June trip is still a possibility. Please watch for coming announcements. Hope to see all our seniors on the 18th!

### ST. DEMETRIOS GOLF TOURNAMENT, JUNE 7



Join us for a great day of golf and good friends—all for a tremendous cause, our St. Demetrios ministries and programs. Details: Manny Makkas (508.523.4447) or Manny Markis (617.875.7495).

### METROPOLIS MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET, JUNE 12

For the 25th year, our Metropolis faithful will once again gather in grateful recognition of the men and women who serve our parish families, including St. Demetrios. Our venue will be Lombardo's, 6 Billings St, Randolph, MA. Reception, 5:30 pm; Dinner, 6:30 pm. Donation is \$75 per person. Please contact the Church office to make reservations and organize a table.

### SAVE THE DATE—ST. DEMETRIOS MASQUERADE DINNER DANCE!

Plan to join us on Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel, Framingham, for an evening of dinner, dancing, and fund-raising. The Dance Committee is seeking auction items for our live auction, Chinese auction and door prizes. Auction items needed include gift certificates from local restaurants, museums, art galleries, children's museums, zoos, spa, golf and tennis clubs, and any other appropriate business service. In addition, themed gift baskets, sports tickets and sports memorabilia are also more than welcome. To donate please contact Gina Spencer: 508.655.1427; gina@pdillc.com.

## ADULT EDUCATION/ORTHODOX LIFE

We are thankful to Dr. Jim Skedros and Dr. George Stavros for leading us through our Lenten program on "Prayer." Our respective spiritual journeys were certainly enriched through

their generous offerings of time and teaching. The fall of 2011 will feature a new series of offerings, based on holy Scripture; please contact Fr. Alex this spring/summer with any topic ideas.

## PASCHA 2011: A GRATEFUL PARISH FAMILY

Our Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal services and events were, as always, inspirational, moving and truly powerful. Our parish is grateful to our many ministry leaders, volunteers and thoughtful parishioners. Many thanks to....

- His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios for leading us on Holy Friday evening
- Parish Council for the April luncheon and support during Holy Week
- Building Committee members for their inspirational and sacrificial work
- Philoptochos for hosting our Orthodox Life series and Paschal reception
- Choir and chanters for leading us in song and praise
- HOPE & JOY families for making Saturday of Lazarus incredible
- GOYA leaders, seminarians and Dr. Jim Skedros for the overnight retreat
- Church School teachers, parents and students for the Holy Friday retreat
- Greek School and Dancers for the beautiful March 25 program
- Epitaphios/Kouvouklion and sanctuary decorators for their remarkable efforts
- Volunteers who lovingly cooked and served us throughout Lent & Holy Week
- Office, maintenance staff, and sexton for their admirable service
- Senior Guild for bringing us together in worship and friendship
- Philanthropic ministry leaders for teaching us to "live" the Gospel
- Mailing volunteers who kept us all informed of events and community life
- Greeters and ushers who welcomed our parishioners and visitors
- Bulletin, Vine and communications volunteers for their creativity and time

This list, of course, will always be insufficient. There are so many who do so much, quietly and with love for God's Church. We thank them all for their stewardship, support and ongoing dedication!

# MEDIA, WITNESS AND OUTREACH



## TOM RESMINI: WALK FOR HUNGER REFLECTIONS

This was my second time walking in Project Bread's "Walk for Hunger" with the Metropolis of Boston team. Each year we start off the walk day with a Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral Chapel in Brookline with Fr. Alex Chetsas. This serves as spiritual nourishment, giving us the strength we need in order to take on this challenge. This is more than just a fund raiser; it is a great way to meet other Orthodox Christians in a positive and loving setting. The people that I have met through this are friends that I stay connected to even today! See you next year.

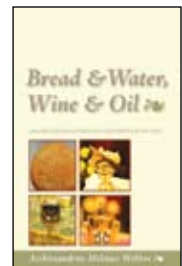
Thank you all for your prayers and support for this wonderful ministry. In total there were over 40 participants within our Metropolis who joined us for the Walk. We raised over \$2,000 for the Project Bread organization which helps over 660,000 people in Massachusetts put food on their table.



## ST. DEMETRIOS LIBRARY

*Bread and Water, Wine and Oil*  
by Fr. Meletios Webber.

In this unique and accessible book, Fr. Webber first explores the role of mystery in the Christian life, then walks the reader through the 7 major Mysteries of the Orthodox Church, showing the way to a richer, fuller life in Christ.



We have set aside this book on the Recommendation Shelf. We invite you to come and visit the library. Remember, this library is for you and your family. Check us out.

## PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION

### BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Throughout May, we will continue our collection for the Boston Rescue Mission. Beginning in June, and through the summer, we will take all offered goods (general/non-perishable) to local pantries, so please don't stop filling those bags! Thanks to all for your generosity throughout the fall and winter; our parish's response to this program has been nothing less than inspirational. As always, filled bags may be dropped at the front/rear entrances of the Church building. Contact Lydia Santangelo: [lydiaeventspclst@aol.com](mailto:lydiaeventspclst@aol.com).

EPOCH OUTREACH:  
MAY 10 & JUNE 14, 10:30 AM

Join us for a visit with these wonderful friends and parishioners! Contact Fr. Alex for details.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS



**Sunday, April 10**

John and Ilene Cosmas.

Anita Hatzis, in loving memory of her husband, Tom.

**Sunday, May 1**

Desi Doulos Ayers, in loving memory of her father, James.

## BAPTISMS

The son of Thomas and Christina Farren was baptized Saturday, April 9, and named **Bruce Christopher**. The sponsor was Alex Demers.

The son of Craig and Denise Gibbons was baptized Sunday, April 10, and named **Luke James**. The sponsor was Dyan Tsiumis.

The daughter of Gerald Ohrt and Maria Karalis was baptized Sunday, April 10, and named **Malina Christine**. The sponsors were Peter and Christy Christakis.

The son of Manny and Rania Makkas was baptized Saturday, April 30, and named **Luke George**. The sponsor was Paraskevie Victoria Dallas.

The daughter of Brandon and Gina Beauvais was baptized Saturday, May 7, and named **Sofia Katherine**. The sponsor was Alexander Stathos.

The son of Constantine and Reem Papageorgiou was baptized Saturday, May 7, and named **Cyrus**. The sponsors were Demetrios and Christina Papageorgiou.

*May God bless them with His divine grace!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

*Important St. Demetrios events:*

**May 22:**  
Church School Graduation

**June 7:**  
Annual Golf Tournament

**June 12:**  
Metropolis Ministry Awards

**June 19:**  
Scholarship Sunday

**June 29:**  
Metropolis Summer Camp begins

**October 21:**  
Masquerade Dinner Dance

## FUNERALS

**John Hatgelakas** of  
Ashland, March 23.

**Despina Maliaros** of  
Framingham, April 16.

*May their memory be eternal!*

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to The Atsales Family on the falling asleep of Alyson Watterson.

*May her memory be eternal!*



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