

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

BECOMING A TRUE MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

Looking at our Church and our Orthodox Church in particular, the world may see it as simply another institution. For us, as Orthodox Christians, it is much more than that. It is the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 2) and the "treasure" that contains all that we need for our salvation. To be a member of the Church is not the same as being a member of a club or civic group. To be a member or better, a "steward" of our Church, is to be part of the "Body of Christ". Unless we understand this basic principle, we will not be able to fully appreciate the grace and love that is offered to us through Christ and His Church. As a result, we will miss the sacramental and spiritual value of belonging and being in Communion with Him. In short, we will come to see the Church only through a secular lens that will leave us wanting and empty seeing only the human and physical.

If we, on the other hand, participate in reaching our full "spiritual" potential with and through our Church, we will "Come and See" on a regular basis the fullness that can only come from knowing Christ (i.e. the Head of the Church). The question then remains is "how can we move from simply seeing and doing what the world wants us to do and see to what God's will is for us?"

What can we do? Here are some goals to strive for from God's Word - i.e. the Bible - that give us both direction and focus for living fully as "members of His Body".

- Promote truth and unity: Ephesians 4:25
- Use our God given abilities to serve: I Corinthians 12
- Regular and cheerful giving: 1 Corinthians 16:2
- Let your life be an example to others: Matthew 5
- Worship God: Psalm 92
- Love one another: I John 4

I urge you to find and read the above passages in scripture and reflect on your participation as fellow stewards within the Body of Christ - His Church. This is especially relevant during the month of November as we express our gratitude and thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Let each of us ask "where do I stand"? "How faithful am I to living and practicing my Orthodox faith?" Every steward of our Saint Demetrios family has varying gifts and as such each of us is called to offer back to God from that which He has blessed us toward building up God's many ministries through our Church. The life of the Church as expressed through its ministries is an opportunity for each of us to participate fully. To give back from that which so generously has been given, including our financial support, for God's work is but one way to actively be a witness that Christ lives in and through our Saint Demetrios Church.

A check mailed to the Church is meaningless unless it is accompanied by our presence, by our willingness to serve, by our prayers, and by our commitment. Giving is not a substitute for our commitment - it is an expression of our commitment. Come and see how you can grow through service to the Church. Then act accordingly as Stewards through your time, talent and treasure in fulfilling His invitation and call to become "living" members of Christ's Body.

With Love in Our Lord,

Fr. Nick



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

November 7

7th Sunday of Luke

November 14

8th Sunday of Luke

November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos

November 28

13th Sunday of Luke

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

Monday, November 8

*Archangels Michael and Gabriel,
at Taxiarchae Church, Watertown*

Tuesday, November 9

*St. Nektarios, at St. Nektarios
Church, Roslindale*

Tuesday, November 16

St. Matthew, at St. Demetrios

Tuesday, November 30

St. Andrew, at Metropolis Chapel

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday, November 7, 7 pm

*Archangels Vespers
at Taxiarchae Church, Watertown*

Monday, November 8, 7 pm

*St. Nektarios Vespers
at St. Nektarios, Roslindale*

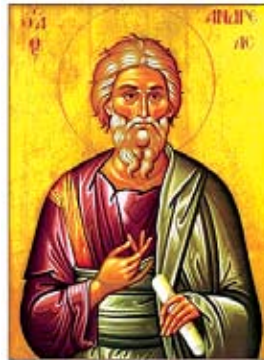
Wednesday, November 24, 6 pm

*Thanksgiving Eve, Vesperal Liturgy
at St. Demetrios*

Monday, November 29, 7 pm

*St. Andrew Vespers
at Metropolis Chapel*

SAINTLY LIVES: ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE COMMEMORATED NOV. 30



Born in Bethsaida, St. Andrew was a fisherman by trade. He became a dedicated disciple of John the Baptist and then, following his baptism, left him to become the first Apostle of Jesus Christ. He also brought along his brother, Peter. Both are numbered among the Twelve Great Apostles. After Pentecost, St. Andrew was chosen to preach in a host of lands—including Byzantium, Thrace, Peloponnese, Epirus, Georgia, and Kiev. He was martyred in the Peloponnese, in the city of Patras, 62 AD.

Interesting Facts about St. Andrew

- He the patron saint of several countries, including Romania and Scotland.
- His feast day is also the name day of our Boston Metropolis.
- Patriarch Bartholomew is considered the spiritual successor of St. Andrew.



In Thanksgiving

O Father, Who gives all
The bounty of Your perfect love,
We thank You that upon us fall
Such tender blessings from above.

We thank You for the grace of home,
For mother's love and father's care;
For friends and teachers—all who care,
Our joys and hopes and fears to share.

For eyes to see and ears to hear,
For hands to serve and arms to lift.
For shoulders broad and strong to bear,
For feet to run on errands swift.

For faith to conquer doubt and fear,
For love to answer every call,
For strength to do, and will to dare,
We thank You, O Lord of all.



"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."- Cicero



"Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and His love for men. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved."- St. John Chrysostom (Nov. 13)



BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIFT

By now all the parishioners of Saint Demetrios Church have received by mail a remarkable brochure. The contents represent a precious affirmation of the faith we share in the future of Saint Demetrios Church and of Orthodoxy in America. The brochure recalls the history of the Orthodox Church in a new world and the abid-

ing belief of our parents and grandparents in the central value of this Church to their lives. It importantly premieres significant design elements of our new church.

It is a fact that Saint Demetrios is in so many ways a leading parish in America. Its award winning parish organizations, its contribution of time, talent and treasure to a number of Metropolis and national ministries, and the key role we play as a vital teaching parish to our beloved Hellenic College Holy Cross are but a few areas where our parishioners continue to make a substantial difference.

Our Founders would not be surprised, therefore, to learn that we are embarking on the construction of a new church. Their vision with each prior building was keen as each new building met our spiritual needs for generations. Your vision was just as clear when you voted overwhelmingly to "build on our faith" and assure our future made bright by a new church to be built on the site of our existing sanctuary.

Over the next few weeks all parishioners will be personally contacted to make available members of the Building Committees to review any questions your study of the brochure may have raised regarding both the program and design of the new church as well as the organizational structure of the committees you charged with the responsibility to honor the May 19, 2009 vote of our General Assembly, and to build our new church.

Please take some quiet time to review this impressive brochure. It in fact does impart an incredible amount of detail about our new church. Also please give some serious thought to how you choose to help. Some pledge cards have been printed and more are available presently. Consider your sacrificial gift and discuss the choices you have when a Building Committee member calls you.

Your early sacrificial gift will reflect the significance of our church and faith in your lives. For each of us, there is an appropriate sacrificial gift in accordance with our means. We have all read the Gospel and understand the lesson of the poor woman whose small gift was the most generous of all because for her it was not from her abundance but from her heart! As we prepare to commence construction, the excitement will grip all of us!

—Peter Bassett



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- Bookstore, Carol Loridas
- Choir, Gregory Condakes
- Fifty-Something Club, Portia Pantages
- 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, Cindy 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 Mitsakis
- Quiltathon, Debbie Morakis

- Prosfora Ministry, Christina Booth Steele
- 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, Mina Koukos
- 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

Outreach:
Thank You from “Kits for Kids”

This fall, St. Demetrios Church was able to assemble 75 kits containing school supplies for needy children. We, and IOCC, want to thank all those who so kindly made donations to this campaign. These kits will be sent to children around the world.

Upcoming Events:

A few of our upcoming church school events include:

- November Kindergarten Bulletin Board Display**
- November 7 Church School Classes; Staff Meeting, 11:45 am**
- November 14 Church School Classes**
- November 15 Christmas Fast Begins**
- November 21 Church School Classes**
- November 28 Church School Classes**

A welcome back letter and calendar have been emailed to all our Church School families. If you have not received an email from the Church School and wish to be included, please email your contact information to: StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net.



ALTAR SERVERS: TRAINING DAY SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 12 – 1:30 PM

This Thanksgiving, we are all thankful for our dedicated servers and their families. Our Nov. 7 program will focus on the Nativity season and the special services of Christmas. Lunch will be served (subs!) in the Fr. Manikas Library following Church School, and then the boys and their leaders will head to the Church. This training is very important to the vibrant spiritual lives of our servers; please make it a priority. An outing (details TBA) is also being planned for Dec. 4. Please save the date. Contact Chris Kourlos (508.380.8220; kourkat@comcast.net) with questions or to help with lunch on the 7th.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

ST. LAWRENCE: November 7 & 21

Captain: Tom Resmini, Vice-Captains: Jason Theoharis & Luke Pashos
Walker Littlehale, Perry Maheras, Kosta Pappas, Alex Santangelo, Nick Spinale

ST. STEPHEN: November 14 & 28

Captain: Lee Condakes, Vice Captain: Anthony Chirban
Alex Camp, Mike Gatzunis, Matt Gatzunis, Anthony Houhoulis, John Kambouris, Michael Stourmaras

Parents please note: our boys should be at Liturgy by 9:20 am on Sundays, giving them time to greet our priests, vest and get organized before Liturgy begins. Thanks!

BASKETBALL LOOKS TO OPENING OF SEASON



Thanks to our parents, coaches and children for their enthusiasm and dedication to this sports ministry. We're all excited for the first games of the season. A full game schedule will be announced and available soon.

November Practice Schedule:
Nov. 3, 10 & 17
Jr. JOY: 6 – 7 pm | JOY 7 – 8 pm

Please contact any of our coaches for more information:
Nick Kakas: nkakas@comast.net
Matt Little: mattlittle@northeastia.com
Mark Luzaitis: luzaitis1@verizon.net
Jack Markis: ejmarkis@markislaw.com
Jim Tsiantoulas: james.tsiantoulas@verizon.net

GREEK DANCING

Greek Dancing for Grades 3–12

We now also have an introductory dancing class for 3rd and 4th graders! Join us for these coming sessions, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, in the Middle School classrooms.

Nov. 14 & 21, Dec. 5

Contact Margaret Talmers: margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com or 617-323-4752 or Lori Lamont: llamont1@verizon.net

GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL

For details, please contact Avra Parpos at (508) 875-2103.



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

YOUTH



“FAMILY NIGHTS” NOV. 5: “CREATING A HABIT OF GIVING”

Thanks to all for attending last month’s Family Night. Our families brought over 700 units of water/juice for Chesterbrook Learning Center! Kathy Bakes spent time with our parents, sharing the mission of the center and discussing future outreach possibilities on their behalf. Join us for our Nov. 5 event, when we’ll help Mrs. Savage with St. Nicholas Tree cards and other special holiday projects. Family nights are awesome—and for everyone: HOPE, JOY, GOYA, parents and all our parishioners!

6:00: Welcome and Brief Worship Service

6:15-7:00: Community Dinner

7:00-8:00: Group Sessions and Dismissal

This month, each family is asked to bring after school snacks for Chesterbrook: fruit snacks, crackers, Goldfish, granola bars, breakfast bars, etc.



Please confirm your meatless potluck offering with Gina Spencer: gina@pdillc.com.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING EVENT: DEC. 10, 6–9 PM

Young or young of heart? Sign up outside the Narthex by Dec. 5 so your kit can be reserved. Each family is asked to bring two bags of candy (non-peanut please) and make a supportive offering of \$10 to defray the costs of our gingerbread kits and supplies. Our HOPE & JOY ministries are sponsoring the event. Our entire parish is invited, as are friends and neighbors!



“SAINTLY LIVES” AT ST. VASILEOS, DEC. 12



**Saintly Lives players
Barbara and Alex**

It’s truly inspiring that young people from our parish are reaching out to the children of our sister parish in Peabody, presenting the lives of Sts. Basil and Anna. Many thanks to Alex Santangelo and Barbara Cambas. Help is needed in preparation for the 12th and on the day of—please contact Fr. Alex if you’d like to help with this unique, creative ministry.

GOYA Update



Hi GOYAnS! We’ve had a great fall so far, with the carwash, Harvest for Hunger and our movie night! Coming up in November, we have a General Assembly & GOYA Lawnbusters on the 14th. Look out for more details on GOYA Friday, planned for the 19th. On the 26th (the Friday after Thanksgiving) we

are bringing people to help out at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Hope you are all well!

Stacey Kourtis, President
staceykourtis@comcast.net

HOPE & JOY: Reflecting & Looking Ahead

October’s “Prayerful Pumpkin Carving” was terrific! We had a fun time with our friends—plus, we learned about our faith! Over 60 children, parents and leaders enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, and when we read the “Pumpkin Prayer,” lit the pumpkins and turned out the lights, it was fantastic! Our HOPE & JOY families look forward to Family Night on Nov. 5, when we’ll work on special outreach projects, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring after-school snacks for Chesterbrook on the 5th, and save the date of Dec. 10 for our Annual Gingerbread House event!

HOPE (K–2nd)

Donna Markis:
dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us

Stacy Katsikaris:
stacy.katsikaris@comcast.net

JOY (3rd–6th)

Jill Kovatsis: ja.k@verizon.net

Kathy Basil: kmvasil@verizon.net



OCF: TURKEY DRIVE IN FULL GEAR!

For the 2nd year, we're working on a special project in coordination with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Association: we've promised to supply Sheriff DiPaola with 20 Thanksgiving dinners for Middlesex County veterans-in-need (5 more dinners than last year!) This awesome cause is close to our hearts and we hope you feel the same. Will you help us with these offerings?

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

OCF members will meet at St. Demetrios on Nov. 3 and 17 to make preparations and prepare delivery boxes—all college students are encouraged to join us. As we'll be preparing/delivering the dinners on Nov. 23, we kindly ask that all donations be delivered to St. Demetrios by Monday, Nov. 22. Thanks to all!

Want to learn more about OCF? Contact St. Demetrios Chair Peter Gavrilles (peter.gavrilles@maritime.edu), Brandeis President Kristina Yopez (klyopez@brandeis.edu), or Advisors Chris Resmini (chrisresmini@gmail.com) and Chris Kourlos (kourkat@comast.net).

Pumpkin Carving





October Family Night



St. Demetrios Feast Day Luncheon



Prosfora Workshop






CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Philoptochos Wreath-Making, 7 pm	2 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1-3 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm	3 Basketball Prac- tice: Jr. JOY, 6-7; JOY, 7-8 OCF Meeting/ Thanksgiving Prep.	4 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	5 Family Night, 6-8 pm	6 St. Modestos Pet Blessing, 10 am - 12 pm
7 7th Sunday of Luke Altar Server Training Day Vespers, Taxiarchae Church, Watertown, 7 pm	8 Archangels Michael & Gabriel Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am, Watertown Vespers, St. Nektarios, Roslindale, 7 pm	9 St. Nektarios Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am, Roslindale Greek School, 4-6 pm	10 Basketball Prac- tice: Jr. JOY, 6-7; JOY, 7-8 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	11 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	12	13
14 - 8th Sunday of Luke Choir Appreciation Sunday "Architecture of Faith" presentation General Assembly GOYA Lawnbusters Metropolis Philop- tochos Luncheon	15	16 St. Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1-3 pm Greek School, 4-6 pm	17 Basketball Prac- tice: Jr. JOY, 6-7; JOY, 7-8 OCF Meeting/ Thanksgiving Prep.	18 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	19 GOYA Friday, 6-9 pm Stewardship Community Event	20 Bingo at Hel- lenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2-3:30 pm
21 Entrance of the Theotokos	22	23 Greek School, 4-6 pm OCF Turkey Drive Delivery	24 Thanksgiving Eve Vespers Liturgy, 6 pm	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26 Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen (GOYA assisting), 4-7 pm	27
28 13th Sunday of Luke	29 St. Andrew Vespers, 7 pm, Metropolis Chapel	30 St. Andrew Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am Metropolis Chapel Greek School, 4-6 pm				



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The upcoming holidays are always a time of joy for families all over the world. At St. Demetrios, they also mark the start of our annual Stewardship drive. This year, we will be mailing out our pledge packets in mid November which will ask for your thoughtful contributions toward the ministries of our church. Pledges should be something that we take seriously and with devotion to God and His Church. Our time, talents and treasures can be contributed in so many ways.

The key to all of this is participation—whether it just be coming to church, or taking part in events, trips, dances, spiritual functions or sports. Please insure your 2011 Stewardship pledge is reflective of your relationship with God and the inspirational gifts He has bestowed upon us all.

As you all know, we have tried our best to hold the line on our expenses and in fact, have managed to decrease expenses from our budgeted figures by \$60,000. Nonetheless, we project that our 2010 expenses will exceed our revenues from Stewardship, events, rental income, candles and trays by over \$40,000.

Shortly, you will receive a statement showing your 2010 pledge and amount contributed to date. In order to close the gap and make every effort to meet the required target proposed at the General Assembly at the beginning of the year, may we ask each Steward to remain current with their Stewardship pledge and consider offering something extra. The Church belongs to all of us and without your participation and support, our parish family will never be complete or live up to its potential. Let's all step forward, each of us doing our part, to ensure that the many ministries of our parish continue to enrich our lives as well as the lives of others.

—Stewardship Committee

PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS

Nov. 14: Charities Benefit Luncheon (Metropolis Philoptochos Board)

Our theme for this special day is “The Giving Feast,” featuring Executive Chef James Botsacos (Molyvos Restaurant, New York). Granite Links Golf Club at Quarry Hills, Quincy, MA
12:30 pm, Reception; 2:00 pm, Luncheon
\$85.00 per person (bring a canned/dry good to be donated to a local food bank). For reservations, contact Eugenia Kourlos at 508.881.2409; kourkat@comcast.net.



Dec. 1, 7 pm: 2nd Annual Wreath-Making Event

Open to all parishioners and friends! \$25.00 per person. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments while you decorate your Christmas wreath. Everything will be provided, including the wreath and a variety of bows and

decorations. For more information and reservations, contact an event chair: Pam Brody, 781-891-8269; Lia Sgourakes, 617-695-3230; or Amalie George, 781-444-7659.

Care Ministry Highlights

Nov. 2 & 16, 1 – 3 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for this heart-warming ministry every other week. All welcome! Contact Tilda Mitsakos for details: 781-899-6583.

Nov. 20 & Dec. 18, 2 – 3:30 pm: Hellenic Nursing Home in Canton
Volunteers are needed for the third Saturday of each month to help these lovely seniors play bingo. Student volunteers will receive credit hours for participating. Also, small prizes are needed (costume jewelry, scarves for ladies, white sport socks for men and women, queen size nylon knee highs, sugar free candies). The ladies also enjoy having their nails painted, and nail polish will be provided for those interested. Contact Pam Brody to connect with this ministry: 781.891.8269.

Cancelled Stamps and Used Eyeglasses (ongoing)

We thank our parishioners for their donations, and please continue saving used eyeglasses and cancelled stamps for our many worthy endeavors. They may be dropped off in the Church office anytime.

PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING:
November 10, 7:30 pm





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

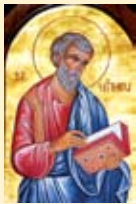
CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY, NOV. 14

"Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!" (Ps. 47:6). This month, let us take time to give thanks for our vibrant choir. Each Sunday, they lead us in prayerful hymns and inspire us with their dedication to this precious ministry of our Church. We thank Director Greg Condakes, and all our members, for their service to our Orthodox Faith and our parish family.

THE FIFTY SOMETHING CLUB

We wish you a very happy Thanksgiving with you and your loved ones. On this blessed day, please say a prayer for all our servicemen and women who will not be with their families this year, and we hope and pray that they will be home soon safe and sound.

SENIOR GUILD: LOOKING FORWARD TO WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP



Join us for Divine Liturgy on Nov. 16, as we celebrate the holy memory of St. Matthew. Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 am, with a delicious luncheon to follow. An outing to Salem Cross Inn and "Bright Nights" is also planned for Dec. 8. We'll travel, via Silver Fox Coach, to Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn, enjoy lunch at Salem Cross Inn and then take in a spectacular Christmas lights display. \$50 per person; chicken or scrod entrée. Departure from St. Demetrios is 9:30 am, with an estimated return of 7:30 pm. Please look for our flyer and details in coming weekly bulletins. For reservations, please contact Pam Brody: 781.891.8269; brodster52@yahoo.com.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: NOV. 14 FOLLOWING LITURGY

Specified by our Uniform Parish Regulations, this General Assembly provides an update to all stewards on the status of our St. Demetrios community: our mission, needs, accomplishments and ongoing challenges. Please make every effort to attend.

ST. ANDREW VESPERS & LITURGY NOV. 29 & 30 AT THE CATHEDRAL CENTER

The Feast of St. Andrew is also the nameday of our Holy Metropolis of Boston, a true spiritual center for us and our many sister parishes throughout New England. All of our faithful are invited to participate in this year's events. Vespers will be held at the Cathedral Chapel (162 Goddard Avenue, Brookline) on Nov. 29, 7 pm; Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be held on Nov. 30, at 8:30 and 9:30 am, respectively. Both services will be led by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, with receptions hosted by the Philoptochos Metropolitan Board. We are all invited to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION



ORTHODOX LIFE MINISTRY

"Come & See: the Architecture of Faith," Nov. 14

On Sunday the 14th, we'll all enjoy an initial presentation by Dr. Jim Skedros. This unique Nov/Dec series will focus on the meaning of Church architecture, how it responds to

and informs our faith, view of the world and everyday lives. We'll not only enjoy reflection and discussion here at St. Demetrios, but also an informative outing to Holy Cross Seminary. Details to follow in our weekly bulletins.

Our Church Building: The Bishop's Throne

Every Orthodox Christian Church has a bishop's throne, usually found to the right of the iconostasis. It is set apart for the bishop or archbishop, who is considered to be the head of the Church, representing Jesus Christ. For this reason, an icon of Christ, the High Priest, is usually painted on the throne itself. Whenever the bishop is present on Sundays, he occupies the throne during the early part of the Liturgy, before coming into the Altar area to prepare Holy Communion.

PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION



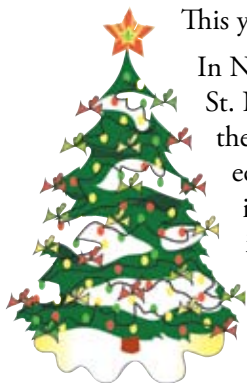
BROWN BAG MINISTRY : "MIRACLE KITCHEN" EFFORT CONTINUES

Throughout November, we are collecting general, non-perishable items. Filled bags may be dropped at the front/rear entrances of the Church building. Our Dec./Jan. effort will support the Chesterbrook Learning Center of Waltham. The theme will be "Stacks of Snacks" and will focus on after-school snack foods: fruit snacks, granola bars, breakfast bars, etc. Thanks to all for your generosity! Contact Lydia Santangelo to get involved: lydiaeventspclst@aol.com.

MEDIA, WITNESS AND OUTREACH



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON: THE ST. NICHOLAS GIVING TREE RETURNS TO OUR PARISH



This year, they need us more than ever...

In November, our parish will again welcome The St. Nicholas Giving Tree and open our hearts to the neediest children in our own area. The dismal economic situation has had its most dramatic impact on these children and those attempting to care for them. On three successive Sundays—November 14, 21 and 28—the names of 200 children of all ages under the care of the Mass. Department of Children and Families will be available to be chosen by the caring families and individuals of St. Demetrios. Our “parish Santas” will have the opportunity to share the bountiful blessings God has bestowed on each of us with those who would otherwise have the bleakest of holiday seasons. Please plan to sponsor at least one child or, if possible, one per 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. Please contact Nancy Savage: nancyasavage@gmail.com; 508.652.9020.

ST. MODESTOS PET BLESSING EVENT NOV. 6, 10 AM – 12 PM



Join us for this exciting annual event. All pets are welcome (furred, feathered or scaled!) to come for a special blessing, uniting an ancient Orthodox Christian tradition with our lives, right here, right

now. Children without pets may bring their favorite stuffed animal. Hot cocoa and treats—for humans, dogs and cats—will be served. Representatives from local animal helping agencies will be on hand, as well as “Mighty Mouse” and other magnificent horses from the Middlesex Sheriff’s Dept. Alex Poly, a parishioner and professional photographer, will again be on hand to snap that perfect holiday portrait of you and your pet! Open house (come when you can) and open to the public—share the news with friends from work and neighbors. Event is weather permitting. Contact Chris Resmini (chrisresmini@hotmail.com) or Peter Gavrilles (peter.gavrilles@maritime.edu) for details or to help: baked goods and pet treats are needed!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: HIGHLIGHTING ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Golden Mouth: The Story of John Chrysostom, by J.N.D. Kelly



Features the entire story of St. John’s life from his youth in Antioch, to his unexpected elevation to the episcopate, to his conflicts with the royal household and ultimate exile.

Kelly has used a careful analysis of many of St. John’s writings and sermons to present new insights into the life of this great saint.



Chrysostom’s Commentary on the Psalms, Vols. 1 & 2

A translation and introduction by one of the leading experts on St. John’s famous commentary. Within the work, the great Father of Antioch struggles with the metaphors and images of the Psalms. Volume I contains an extensive introduction to the work and covers Psalms 4 – 13 & 44–50. Volume II covers Psalms 109 – 150, with the exception of 119.

We have set aside these books in our Recommendation Shelf. Come and visit the Fr. Manikas Library soon and check us out.

THE VINE ONLINE

Each month, the latest Vine is readily available online at www.stdemetriosweston.org/the-vine/. It presents beautifully online, and it’s easy for all of us to print out the calendar page and post on the “fridge” or other convenient spot. All of our parishioners that have access to the Internet are encouraged to view/receive The Vine online and opt-out of standard mail delivery. This will save our stewards a tremendous amount of money yearly and allow us to invest our resources in growing the ministries of our parish. Please look for the “Vine Online” sign-up table this month in the hall, or simply contact the Church office to opt out of standard delivery. Thanks to all for supporting this important effort.

ST. DEMETRIOS LAUNCHES YOU TUBE PAGE

In connection with www.stdemetriosweston.org, we now have our own You Tube page. This allows us to create and archive videos that will inform, teach and hopefully inspire our parish community. Our first video is now up, featuring a special message from Peter Bassett, chair of the “Building On Our Faith” program. See Peter’s video today at the following links:

www.youtube.com/user/StDemetriosWeston

www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZX5WoW5Y1I



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sunday, October 17

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

Bill and Evelyn Pavloglou, in loving memory of Bill's father, Ignatios.

Maria Vrattos, in loving memory of her parents, Helen and Steve.



Sunday, October 24

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

Chris Sparages, in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

Cynthia Speare Zervas, in loving memory of her husband, Frank Zervas.

SAVE THE DATE!

Important St. Demetrios events:

November 24:
Thanksgiving Eve Vesperal Liturgy

November 26:
Miracle Kitchen

December 5:
Stewardship Sunday Brunch

December 10:
Family Night/Parish Gingerbread House Making

December 14:
Greek School Christmas Party

December 19:
Nativity Pageant



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