

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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God Made Himself Understandable



Dear Parishioners,



*"And the word became flesh and dwelt among us..."
(John 1:14)*

Soren Kierkegaard, who lived in the mid 1800's, wrote the following story which has been told and written many times since. In many ways, it is a love story. Most appropriately, it is a metaphor of the Christmas event that speaks of God's love for His creation and why He "became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14).

A prince wanted to find a maiden suitable to be his queen. One day while running an errand in the local village for his father, he passed through a poor section. As he glanced out the windows of the carriage, his eyes fell upon a beautiful peasant maiden. During the ensuing days, he often passed by the young lady and soon fell in love.

But he had a problem. How would he seek her hand? He could order her to marry him. But even a prince wants his bride to marry him freely and voluntarily and not through coercion. He could put on his most splendid uniform and drive up to her front door in a carriage drawn by six horses. But if he did this, he would never be certain that the maiden loved him or was simply overwhelmed with all of the splendor.

The prince came up with another solution. He would give up his kingly robe. He moved into the village entering not with a crown but in the garb of a peasant. He lived among the people, shared their interest and concerns, and talked their language. In time, the maiden grew to love him because of who he was and because he loved her first.

Such is God's love for us that He came into our world humbly, bearing flesh just like you and me. He made Himself understandable although incomprehensible so that His love for us would be understood and that we would come to love Him "because He loved us first".

May our Lord's Incarnation give birth to the joy of living Christmas each day of our lives.

*Yours in Our Incarnate Lord,
Father Nick*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

December 2, 14th Sunday of Luke

December 9, 10th Sunday of Luke

December 16, 11th Sunday of Luke

December 23, Sunday Before Nativity

December 30, Sunday After Nativity

January 6, Theophany

January 13, Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 12th Sunday of Luke

January 27, 15th Sunday of Luke

MIDWEEK SERVICES AT ST. DEMETRIOS

Thursday, December 6

St. Nicholas

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Wednesday, December 12

St. Spyridon

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Monday, December 24

Eve of the Nativity

Vesperal Liturgy, 6 pm

Tuesday, December 25

Holy Nativity

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am

Tuesday, January 1

Circumcision of Our Lord

St. Basil/New Year's Day

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Saturday, January 5

Eve of Theophany

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am

Wednesday, January 30

Three Hierarchs

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am



His Name at the Top

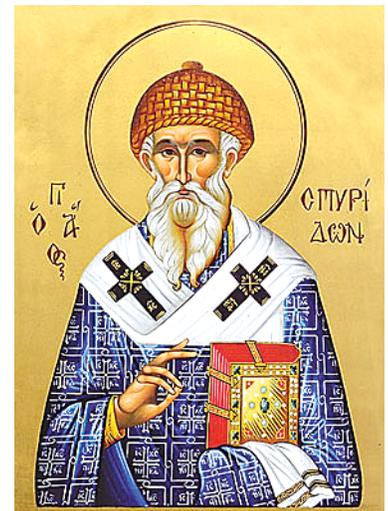
*I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy look at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."
I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left our best Friend out."
And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
That friend who died for you."
And then I clearly understood,
"Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!
I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Savior out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list about.
And though I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most – because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!*

SERVICES AT OUR SISTER PARISHES

On the following days there are not services at St. Demetrios. We encourage our parishioners to attend services at our sister parishes in the area!

FEAST DAY	FEAST DAY
VESPERS, 7 PM	LITURGY, 9:30 AM
January 6 @ St. John's, Boston	January 7 @ St. John's, Boston
January 17 @ St. Athanasios, Arlington	January 18 @ St. Athanasios, Arlington
January 24 @ St. Gregory, Mansfield	January 25 @ St. Gregory, Mansfield

ST. SPYRIDON COMMEMORATED DECEMBER 12



Spyridon was born in Cyprus. He worked as a shepherd and was known for his great piety. He married and had one daughter, Irene. Upon the death of his wife, Spyridon entered a monastery, and their daughter, a convent. Spyridon eventually became Bishop of Trimythous, in the district of Larnaca. He took part in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325), where he was instrumental in countering the theological arguments of Arius and his followers.

He converted a pagan philosopher to Christianity by using a piece of pottery to illustrate how one single entity could be composed of three unique entities (fire, water and clay); a metaphor for the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. As soon as Spyridon finished speaking, the shard miraculously burst into flame, water dripped on the ground, and only dust remained in his hand.

After the council, Saint Spyridon returned to his diocese in Tremithous. He later fell into disfavor during the persecutions of the emperor Maximinus, but died peacefully in old age. His incorrupt relics may be found on the island of Corfu today.



BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

Please mark your calendar: on December 2nd, after liturgy we will be conducting a Special General Assembly to discuss the next steps in our building project. As you can see from your visits to St. Demetrios, construction is now beginning to move primarily indoors. With the dome enclosed and windows installed, we can now accelerate the important

work of concluding the final stages of our new church.

At this important point in the construction schedule, it is not uncommon to consider modest additions to the scope of work. The Building Committee is committed to the project budget voted. However, its daily exposure to the construction and outfitting of our new church has re-

vealed a few items that in the planning phase three and a half years ago, were either not evident, or were viewed as being something to propose to the General Assembly at a later date. A comprehensive list is being prepared for December 2nd. In the spirit of the project established by the Committee, the list of possible additions will represent a small fraction of the approved budget and will be well explained for the parish's consideration.

Further, there will be more discussion on the work of the Furnishings and Iconography Committee, and how best to proceed with the important task of making our new church ready for worship, and in the intermediate term how to complete the interior of our beautiful new church.

As you will recall from the October 14th regular General Assembly meeting, these two important discussions and a detailed review of the status of the building and construction are the primary themes of this upcoming special General Assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

—Peter Bassett



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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

Visitations, Valerie Wiegel

Prosfora Ministry, Fr. Nick Krommydas

Senior Guild, Artemis Martakis

Stewardship, Dean Coclin

YOUTH

Altar Service, Chris Kourlos

Basketball, Jack Markis

Church School, Stavroula Gurguliatos

Church School Outreach, Anthony Houhoulis

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

JOY, Jill Kovatsis

OCF, Alexey Petrides

BUILDING ON OUR FAITH

GOAL: \$7.3 million

PLEDGED: \$7.1 million

NEED: \$200,000

Have you made your pledge?

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome to St. Demetrios Church School! We are committed to doing our best to bring our youth to Christ in a nurturing, calm, respectful and playful environment. We are

trying to be good role models for our students, reaching their hearts, while bringing to reality the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, art, music, reading, writing, discussing, outreach, and stewardship, we learn about our Christian faith.

Please take an interest in what your child is learning in Church School. Ask and discuss with him/her what he/she has learned. Try to incorporate the lesson into your family time. Always feel free to contact your child's teacher with any issues or even to help clarify a particular lesson.

A few of our upcoming Church School events include:

December	Fourth grade bulletin board display
December 2	Church School Classes; Church School Staff Meeting
December 9	Church School Classes; Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
December 16	Christmas Pageant Program
December 23	Church School Classes
January	Fifth grade bulletin board display
January 6	Epiphany; Family Worship
January 13	Church School Classes; Church School Staff Mtg.
January 20	Church School Classes
January 27	Church School Classes

If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, please pick up a registration form from the church office and return it as soon as possible to Stavroula Gurguliatos, Church School Director. Email: StDemetriosChurchSchool@verizon.net

Youth Basketball

The 2012-13 Metropolis Basketball season has begun. Our Parish's four teams enjoyed their first few games in November. Practices are on Monday nights at the 150 Brown Street, Weston, MA. The schedule of games for the remainder of 2012 are posted on the Parish website. Please come and cheer on your St. Demetrios teams. All games are held at Hellenic College in Brookline. For further details contact Jack Markis at EJMarkis@MarkisLaw.com.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL OUT-REACH DIRECTOR ANTHONY HOUHOULIS

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35



As Christians we are called to reach out to the world we live in. Gathering together with other Christians is a wonderful way to grow in our faith. Showing God's love in practical ways is very rewarding as we help those at home and in our communities.

During the month of November, the students of St. Demetrios helped to prepare for the annual GOYA Miracle Soup Kitchen at the Salvation Army. Younger students rolled over 180 napkins and utensils and created colorful autumn centerpieces. On the day after Thanksgiving, GOYA members teamed up with Dorothea Ocnos for food preparation, delivery, and meal service at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Additionally, each class will create handmade Christmas ornaments and decorations to be sold after the Annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 16th. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to Project Bread.

Finally, St. Demetrios Church School students ask you to remember the less fortunate by participating in our 'Sock it to me' sock drive. During the months of January and February please bring in a new pair of socks (all sizes are needed). We will donate them to the Salvation Army. Socks are the number one most-requested item at homeless shelters. Help us to keep both young and old warmer and more comfortable this winter. The Salvation Army is a Christian organization that helps to rebuild lives, community and fellowship while offering comfort and support to those in need in the name of God.

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season fill you with love and happiness.

Altar Servers

If you are 13 years old or older and would like to join the altar servers, please contact Fr. Nick at frnick@stdemetriosweston.org

December Schedule

2,16, 30: St. Stephen
9,23: St. Lawrence

January Schedule

13,27: St. Stephen
6,20: St. Lawrence

ST. STEPHEN

Captain: Alex Camp, Vice Captain: Anthony Chirban
Nicholas Camp, Matt Gatzunis, Thomas Gatzunis, Anthony Houhoulis, Nick Katinas, John Markis, Jonathan Salis

ST. LAWRENCE

Captain: Jason Theoharis, Vice Captain: Kosta Pappas
Walker Littlehale, Alexander Luzaitis, William Luzaitis,
Costa Razis, Michael Razis, Rob Smith



GOYA



Greetings fellow GOYAn's. We are approaching the most wonderful time of the year! These next two months, December and January, are packed with more fun and social events. On December 7th from 6:30pm-9pm, families will be coming together to make gingerbread houses. This has been a tradition for years at our church, and everyone has a wonderful time socializing and trying to construct the most interesting house. The day after, December 8th, our GOYA will be hosting our annual GOYA Christmas Dance from 7:30pm-10:30pm. On December 29th our GOYA will be celebrating the holidays by having a GOYA Christmas/New Year's party from 4pm-8pm. As January rolls around, there is a GOYA general assembly after church on January 13th. The next week we will have a GOYA Friday from 6pm-9pm. Stay tuned for more details about these events! Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and New Years!

Anna Skedros
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HOPE & JOY Update

There are several activities for our youth this Christmas season. Join us Friday December 7th for our annual Gingerbread House event. Also, there is the annual Christmas Pageant! Rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday December 9th (all participants) and Saturday December 15th (4th Graders & Readers only). The Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday December 16 (with a snow date of Dec 23).

HOPE (K – 2nd)
Donna Markis: dmarkis@boston.k12.ma.us

JOY (3rd – 6th)
Jill Kovatsis: ja.k@verizon.net

GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



As we approach Χριστουγεννα (Christmas) and wish each other Καλη Χρονια (Happy New Year), Fr. Nick and our teaching staff are underway, offering interesting lessons and enriching activities to our Greek School pupils. Our school provides an opportunity for children (Grades Pre-K – 6; ages 3 & 4 welcome in the Pre-K program) to study and learn the Greek language and rich heritage of Greece and its people. St. Demetrios Church offers this program to augment a community life that is steeped in the Orthodox faith and the traditions of our rich heritage. Those enrolled can also expect to develop a bond of friendship and fellowship. We invite and welcome all to come and participate in this wonderful experience.

We will celebrate our annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 11 from 5 – 6 pm. Parents and grandparents are invited to join the festivities, which will include decorating the Christmas tree and singing Christmas carols.

To welcome the new year, on Tuesday, January 8, Greek School students will participate in a favorite Greek tradition –a Vasilopita Cutting.

Warm wishes to all our Greek School families for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For additional information please contact Avra Parpos at 508.875.2103.

GREEK DANCING

Greek dancing has begun – come and join us! Our two classes, Grades 3-6 and 7-12, meet twice a month after church on Sundays, from 11:45AM -12:45pm in the middle school classroom area. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Margaret Talmers at margaret.e.talmers@gmail.com; 617.359.4752.

2012-13 Schedule

- December 2
- January 6
- January 13
- January 27
- February 3
- February 24
- March 3
- March 17
- April 7





PHOTOS

OCF Thanksgiving Drive



Church School Outreach





PHOTOS

Senior Guild



GOYA Miracle Kitchen



CALENDAR

DEC 2012 - JAN 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 - 14th Sun. Luke Church School Staff Meeting General Assembly Greek Dancing	3	4 Greek School, 4-6 pm	5	6 St. Nicholas Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	7 Family Night/ Gingerbread House Making, 6:30 pm	8 Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am GOYA Dance, 7:30 pm
9 10th Sun. of Luke Pageant Rehearsal Stewardship Sunday Brunch	10	11 Greek School, 4-6 pm	12 - St. Spyridon Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am Parish Council and Philop. Board Mtgs., 7 pm	13 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	14	15 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2-3:30 pm
16 11th Sunday of Luke Christmas Pageant	17	18 Greek School, 4-6 pm	19	20 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	21	22
23 Sunday before Nativity	24 Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy, 6 pm Reception	25 Christmas Day Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30 am	26 	27	28 Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	29 GOYA Christmas/ New Year's party, 4-8 pm
30 Sunday after Nativity Family Wor- ship/no Church School classes	31	Jan. 1 New Year's Day/ St. Basil Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am	2	3 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	4	5 Eve of Theophany Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am
6 Theophany Family Wor- ship/no Church School classes Greek Dancing	7	8 Greek School, 4-6 pm	9 Parish Council Board Mtg, 7 pm Philoptochos General Assem- bly, 7 pm	10 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	11	12 Learning Pro- gram, 8:30 am
13 - Sunday after Epiphany Vasilopita Greek Dancing GOYA General Assembly	14	15 Greek School, 4-6 pm	16	17 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	18 GOYA Friday, 6 pm	19 Bingo at Hellenic Nursing Center, 2-3:30 pm
20 12th Sunday of Luke	21	22 Greek School, 4-6 pm	23	24 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	25 Miracle Kitchen, 4-7 pm	26
27 15th Sunday of Luke Godparent Sunday Greek Dancing	28	29 Greek School, 4-6 pm	30	31 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	Feb. 1 Family Night/ Wing Prep., 6 pm	2 Presentation of our Lord Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9 am

PHILOPTOCHOS

The holiday season is upon us.

The Philoptochos would like to remind you that **our ministry makes visits to those who otherwise can't leave their home.** If you or someone you know would like a visitor or has other needs, please contact Valerie Wiegel, vwslp@aol.com or (978) 443-7674.

The Philoptochos will be hosting the Christmas Eve Reception. Please contact Eugenia Kourlos, kourkat@comcast.net or (508) 881-2409 if you can bake or help out!

The Philoptochos will have a General Assembly on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 7:00 pm. We strongly encourage you to come to the meeting as we have a vote to put to the membership regarding the National Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. Philippa Conda-kes will do a presentation followed by a discussion. All women are welcomed to come – current members as well as newcomers! Snow date Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm.

Vasalopita Sunday is January 13th. Please contact Joanna Krasinski, jskrasinski@verizon.net or (781) 736-0991 if you can bake or help out!

THE STORY OF THE VASILOPITA



The age old tradition of cutting a Vasilopita, the "bread" of "Basil", comes from the fourth century when Saint Basil the Great was the bishop of Caesaria in Cappadocia. A powerful new ruler in the area demanded that the citizens turn in their

family treasures, as a tax. The citizens did not want to, but gathered them all together when the ruler threatened to attack the city and kill Saint Basil, who had stood up for them. At Saint Basil's prayer, there was a flash of light and St. Mercurios appeared with his angels, and the general withdrew. Saint Basil now had a dilemma, as all the town's treasure was mixed together and impossible to return. He told his deacons to bake small cakes, and put a little treasure in each one. Miraculously, each citizen received the amount of their family inheritance back. Each year we cut a Vasilopita in remembrance of Saint Basil and this event.

STEWARDSHIP 2012

As 2012 comes to a close, we would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our St. Demetrios Stewards for their commitment this past year. I'm not speaking only about your financial commitment, but also of the time and talents you have given in participating in the life of our church and community. What is a church without the participation of its stewards?

Your continued generosity in supporting our church is deeply appreciated. This year we have seen increased contributions, raising our average pledge and restoring our total contributions to levels not seen in several years. As of mid November, 415 pledges had been made totaling \$404,238 of which \$291,438 was received. In addition, we received \$41,459 from 103 non-pledged members. Our community has an excellent track record of fulfilling its pledges. We still expect additional pledges and contributions before the end of December so we can finish the year positively. If you haven't yet made your pledge or contribution, please do so as soon as possible.

If you did not receive a Stewardship statement and 2013 pledge card in the mail, please call the church office. Remember, you can make your pledge online and pay over time with a credit card or direct debit from your bank account. Over 100 stewards are using this convenient method. Building fund pledges can also be made this way.

Please remember to bring your pledge cards on Stewardship Sunday, December 9th, where together, as a community, will make our 2013 pledges and enjoy each other's fellowship at our Stewardship brunch.

Dean Coclin
Stewardship Chairman
deancoclin@msn.com



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR GUILD

The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be our December trip to the Reagle Theatre on Thursday December 15, 2012 at 1:00 pm. We will have a Brunch at 10:30 am at St. Demetrios. After the Brunch we will car pool to the Reagle Theatre in Waltham. We plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to be able to park our cars and to enter the theatre on time. We will be handing out directions at our November meeting to anyone who needs them.

We will not be having a meeting in the months of January and February due to possible inclement weather. If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis at (508) 785-0045. God Bless You All!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Thank you to our Fellowship Hour Hosts and those who have signed up! We have many Sundays still to fill this year, so if you would like to host a Sunday, please see the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall or contact Mary Ellen Paravalos, paravfam@yahoo.com. This is a great way to support our church community or honor a loved one. All supplies are provided.

ORTHODOX LIFE

We will continue our Orthodox Life series at the end of January, into February. Dates and the topic will be announced in the new year. The Orthodox Life series strives to educate and connect all our parishioners to a deeper understanding of the faith and tradition of the Orthodox Church.

GOYA WING-A-THON

Last year's GOYA Wing-A-Thon was a hit. Plan ahead this year and pre-order. Look for flyers and order forms in January. Pickup will be after church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd.

Dear St. Demetrios Family,

We are happy to announce and share with you the good news of Alexey's ordination to the diaconate. As you know, Alexey has been with us for the past three years along with his family first fulfilling his field work practicum as a seminarian and lately assisting our parish's youth and related responsibilities. It would be a source of joy for all of us to witness his ordination and to pray that the Lord guide his service for His Church. AXIOS!

—Father Nick



BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THROUGH
THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

BY HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN SAVAS OF PITTSBURGH

THE SERVANT OF GOD

Alexandros D. Petrides

WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE
HOLY DIACONATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013

HOLY CROSS CHAPEL
50 GODDARD AVENUE
BROOKLINE, MA

ORTHROS 8:30 A.M.
LITURGY TO FOLLOW

YOUR PRESENCE AND PRAYERS ARE HUMBLY REQUESTED

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW ON CAMPUS

KINDLY RSVP BY JANUARY 7, 2013 TO:
PETRIDESFAMILY@GMAIL.COM



EPIPHANY: JANUARY 6, 2013

The Feast of the Holy Theophany of our Lord is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—were made manifest. Thus, the name of the feast is Theophany, meaning manifestation of God. Join us for Liturgy on the eve of this great feast as well, Saturday January 5th at 9am.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WITNESS?

*“Preach the Gospel at all time and when necessary use words”
—Saint Francis of Assisi*

As Orthodox Christians we believe that our faith is expressed in how we live our life. Our witness is, therefore, what those outside the church “witness” in us. In the Greek, the word for witness is μαρτυρια (martyria), and is where we get the word martyr — one who gives his or her life as a witness for Christ. Our Christian witness is to attend to Christ in all those around us, and spread His love in our example. It can be as simple as noticing someone is down and taking them out for coffee, or as grand as traveling to another country to help build a house for a needy family. Here at Saint Demetrios we seek to witness our faith in all our ministries, and to welcome those who wish to find Christ. Join one of our outreach ministries and witness your faith!

OCF THANKSGIVING DRIVE THANK YOU



With your help, we were able to donate over 30 full Thanksgiving meals to the Sussex County Sheriffs Association, for distribution to veterans this holiday. The community of St. Philip’s in Nashua also contributed, led by Fr. Alex Chetsas, exceeding the expectations of our commitment. All proceeds were in memory of 2nd Lt. Ian McVey, USMC. On behalf of John and Anastasia McVey, thank you to everyone who donated and delivered!

FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY



BOOK OF THE MONTH
Evlogeite! A Pilgrim’s Guide to Greece
by Mother Nectaria McLees

“Takes you on a fascinating journey through two thousand years of Greek-Christian history. From majestic cathedrals to sun-washed hilltop monasteries and village shrines, this is the first comprehensive guide to the holy places where the Greeks themselves go.”

This book is located in the Recommendation shelf. The Library is opened every Sunday after Divine Liturgy as well as Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. As outlined in the Library Policies and Procedures, please fill out both cards and leave the orange card in the metal box (located in the Recommendation Shelf). This will help us to keep track of these books.

PHILANTHROPY and SOCIAL ACTION

Boston Rescue Mission
Transforming Lives At Risk
Since 1899

Brown Bag Blitz is January 13
Led by our GOYAns, we will once again begin this series of outreach efforts on behalf of those in need. The beneficiary of our fall drive will be the Boston Rescue Mission. Please receive your bag(s) on the 13th (extra bags will be in the coat-room bin), fill it with any and all canned/ non-perishable goods, and return it to the church by February 24. To help with this ministry, contact Lydia Santangelo: lydiaeventsplst@aol.com.

Brown Bag Blitz Thank you
A heartfelt thank you to all those who donated to the November Brown Bag Blitz drive, and for the organizational efforts of the Santangelo family. The Salvation Army is grateful for your support and generosity.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were generously donated by the following parishioners:

November 18

Anita Koulopoulos, in memory of her husband, Michael.

November 25

Virginia Alex, in loving memory of her son, James.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to:

Jim Skedros on the falling asleep of his father, Constantine.

Jim Speros on the falling asleep of his mother, Eleftheria.

May their memory be eternal.

SAVE THE DATE!

Important St. Demetrios events:

December 2:

Special General Assembly

December 8:

GOYA Christmas Dance

December 9:

Stewardship Sunday Brunch

December 16:

Christmas Pageant

January 13:

Vasilopita Celebration

January 27:

Godparent's Sunday



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