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The Orthodox Way

Mission Statement: “*To proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the Orthodox Tradition while creating a vibrant, loving, compassionate and supportive community.*”

A Message from Fr. Daniel

Who is Community?

In the midst of the congregation, I shall sing praises unto Your Holy Name. –from the 40-day Churching Service

The Biblical messaging of the Church at the 40-day Churching Service (Psalm 22:22, Hebrews 2:12) assumes that a community exists through which the infant will be reared to praise God. Not only is the infant being introduced to the community, but the community’s responsibility toward the infant is recognized – to show, teach and be Church! Without a community, no Church exists! The Christian Church is manifest when a group of two, three or more gather together with a shared faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But once we are gathered together, what makes us a community? Through our experience of Church, how are we teaching that infant to praise God? To know Him? To love Him?

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. –1 Peter 4:9

God first offered hospitality when he offered to mankind the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2). It was pleasing to God when Abraham offered hospitality to three strangers (Genesis 18:1-8), and this central virtue of Christian behavior is still pleasing to Him this day! When you offer yourself to a fellow parishioner, a friend of the community, or any stranger — you develop a core tenet of Church. This offering can be in the form of a welcoming exchange, an invitation to fellowship, or even simply the purity of an authentic smile. The offering of hospitality is pleasing to God, and that in and of itself suffices as motivation for a community that strives to be Church. As Saint Peter articulates, we must not offer hospitality out of a sense of burden, a grumble, or negativity. If we do, we miss out on the heavenly reward that awaits a virtuous life and it is easily recognizable to those who are receiving our offering. Truly, a community must be a wellspring of warmth and hospitality if we are to teach that infant child how to praise God and what it is to be Church.

Being welcoming is the beginning of community experience, but what then? What connects us to one another and maintains us as community? Jesus Christ.

When you actively engage a life connected to Jesus Christ, through committed adherence to the teachings of Scripture and participation in the liturgical life of His Church, you not



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Memorials and Candles

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles from December

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered in loving memory of **Panayota** and **Kosta Makris** (8 years and 16 years since their passing) by their niece and nephew, Paula and Chris Macris and family on December 3rd.

Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Elizabeth, Fischer and Ian Angelis-Harper** (19 years since their passing) by Ian's Godmother Vickie Kolios-Morris and family on December 3rd.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered in loving memory of **Nick Petratos** (14 years since his passing), by his wife, Helen Petratos and family on December 17th.

A One-Year Memorial Service, two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights, the Coffee Hour and a donation to St. Demetrios were offered in loving memory of **Chris Chriest**, by his loving wife, Effie Chriest and their children, Valentina, Harry, George and their families on December 17th.

A Two Year Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Arianna Exarhos** by her mother Helen Exarhos and family on December 17th.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered in loving memory of **Ted Kaltounis** (2 years since his passing) by his wife Maria Kaltounis, children and grandchildren on December 17th.

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights were offered in loving memory of **Vasiliki Christopoulos** (35 years since her passing) and **George Christopoulos** (12 years since his passing) by daughter Angela and Harry Tourikis and family and daughter Dora Fournarakis and family on December 24th.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered in loving memory of **Tony Hazapis** by his wife Dale Hazapis on December 25th.

Five Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights were offered in loving memory of husband, **Alex Kusulos** and son, **Andrew Kusulos** in honor of the holiday season by loving wife and mother, Dena Kusulos and her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on December 25th.

A Three Year Memorial Service and donation were offered in loving memory of **Haritine Ladas** by her son George Ladas, her daughter Vasilia Papadatis and her grandchildren and great grandchild on December 31st.

Eight Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights were offered in loving memory of **Katina Halkia**, (seven years since her passing), by John A. and Dimitra Stavros and Family on December 31st..

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for January 7

A three year Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Irene Anastasiou** (three years since her passing), by her children and grandchildren, the Boutsinis, Dimitriou, and Biros families.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Angelike Grivas** (twenty-nine years since her passing), by her niece and family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Jim Hanches** (twenty-three years since his passing), by his sister Alexandra and George Delegans and their children and grandchildren

**Memorials, Holy Altar Candles and Coffee Hour
for January 14**

A Memorial Service, Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights and Coffee Hour are offered in loving memory of **George Kost** (one year since his passing), **Mary Kost** (23 years since her passing) and **Sotiria Tourikis** (25 years since her passing), by Maria Kost, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Four Year Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Julia Tine** by her husband Charles Tine, and children Chris Tine and Frances Swain.

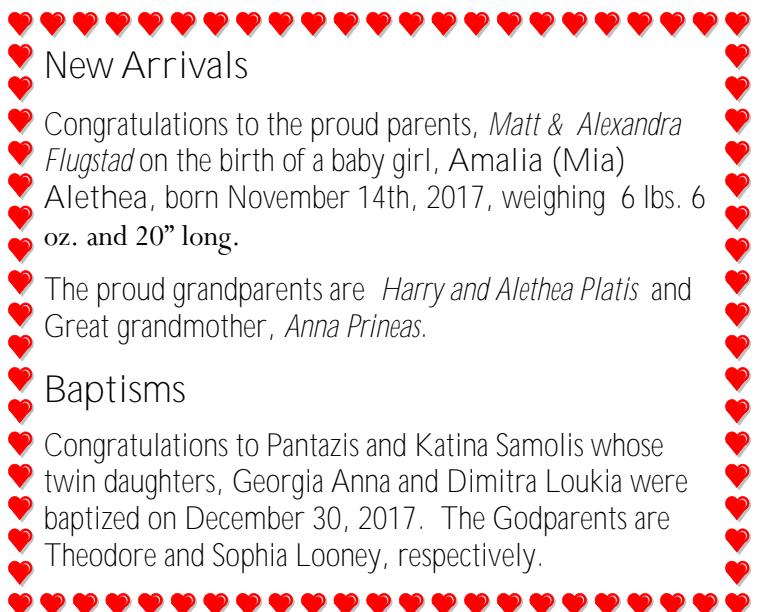
A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of
Father George Bartz by Pam and Paul Plumis and Family

Holy Altar Candles for January 21st

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Maria Balopoulos** (4 years since her passing), by her friends at St. Demetrios.

Holy Altar Candles for January 27th

Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in memory of mother **Magdeline Koulouris**, 50 years since her passing, by daughter Pota Johnson and her family



A Message from Karen



Happy New Year Saint Demetrios Family:

Thank you so much for the grand generosity of AHEPA, Philoptochos, the Dance groups, Tim & Elizabeth Berg and Bob & Despina Read. Because of your donations and hard work, our Church looked warm and inviting this Christmas. I know the decorations will be fabulous year after year.

Tis the season of New Year's Resolutions, I want to share with you three goals I have for the Church space right now. I want to reach out to ask that a group of volunteers, or families, or a ministry team would claim one of these areas:

1. Empty, clean, re-stock and re-organize the small kitchen
2. Empty, clean, re-stock and re-organize the library.
3. Empty, clean, re-stock and re-organize the staff kitchen.

The result of accomplishing these goals is not only gaining a clean and organized space, but it is a chance for bonding. There is nothing like working with a group that has a common vision: in this case, the vision would be keeping our Church spic and span and functioning at her highest capacity. A secondary benefit is the work party will be effecting a mini-inventory so we can use what we have rather than buy items we already have. On the St. Martin de Porres website there is a statement about working together for a common good:

"We have faith that the good is there and that we can discover it together through our solidarity with one another in all the pain and joy of life."

Speaking of which, I took some photos of the Philoptochos ladies volunteering to feed St. Martin de Porres ministry. They are smiling in these photos, so don't miss your chance to smile and serve! Please contact the Church office if you would like to adopt one of these areas that need cleaning and reorganizing.



Karen S. Evans
Office Supervisor

We wish to Thank...

James G. supporting the December St. Philaret feeding of the homeless.

Thelma Doces for a generous donation for Christmas Altar Candles.

Chris Pallis for a generous donation to our Youth Ministries. All donations are much appreciated.

A Message From the PC President

Dear Saint Demetrios Community,

Thank you for an outstanding 2017! Its been an honor to serve you, thank you for the opportunity to do so. As PC President, I'd like to thank each of you for your support, dedication and generosity of time, treasure, and talent, throughout the year. You are all so appreciated. On behalf of the parish council, we wish you a Happy New Year and hope your Christmas was wonderful.

Georgene Looney
PC President.



THREE DECADES, FIVE TREASURES
GRAINGER MITROPOULOS SATIE SIBELIUS RESPIGHI

The Seattle Philharmonic is pleased to announce that we will be presenting a rare performance of a superb composition by Dimitri Mitropoulos: the symphonic poem "Tafi", as part of our concert at Benaroya Hall on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Mitropoulos, one of the most important musicians of the 20th century, wrote several major works in his youth, but eventually gave up composing in favor of a conducting career. "Tafi", one of the few works he wrote for symphony orchestra, is an extraordinarily moving composition, its devout composer's musical vision of the burial of Christ.

We are proud to present this work in its West Coast premiere; this will also be its second-ever performance in the United States.

We cordially invite you to this special event, and hope you will come to celebrate one of the outstanding figures in Greek culture.

<http://seattlephil.org/concerts-and-tickets/three-decades-five-treasures-january-27-2018>

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only grow closer to Him, you also grow closer to the others in the community who are also attempting to live connected to Christ. In the shape of the Cross – our vertical relationship with God edifies our horizontal relationships with one another and vice versa!

As a community and the individuals who comprise her (that means you and me), let us focus this year on the most basic principles that gather us as a community, and define us as Church. Be hospitable. Be welcoming. Be connected. Be empathetic. And at the root of these experiences, Be kind!

With Love in Christ,
+Fr. Daniel Triant

Sunday School News

Godparent Sunday

The role of the Godparent in the Orthodox Church is an important one. Along with the parents, the Godparent is charged with the responsibility of assisting in the spiritual development of the child. Whether a blood relative or not, the Godparent is now embraced as part of the "spiritual family" of that child.

On **Sunday, February 4, 2018**, we will celebrate Godparent Sunday to recognize the importance of the Godparent/Godchild bond in Christ. On this special day, consider taking communion together with your Godparent/Godchild. An opportunity for photos will also be available during the coffee hour.

Sunday School Update

Thank you to our Youth Director, Lefteris Sitaras, for directing this year's Christmas Program, "Just A Little Christmas." We appreciate his time and dedication in organizing this wonderful performance featuring our Sunday School children! We are also grateful to the many parents who assisted with the program. Finally, thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers and parents who donated refreshments for the December coffee hours.

Greek Dance News

FDF Dress Rehearsal

SUPPORT OUR FDF DANCERS -

Sunday, January 7th - The St. Demetrios community is invited to an afternoon of song and dance. Come see what the groups have prepared for the Folk Dance Festival in San Francisco this year and cheer them on as they get ready for this big event. A light lunch will be served while you enjoy the performances. **We look forward to seeing you all on January 7th!**

BEST OF LUCK to the St. Demetrios dancers and singers that will be headed to San Francisco for the Folk Dance Festival the weekend of January 11th . They have been working hard at practice 2-3 days per week and are ready for this annual event filled with Faith, Dance, and Fellowship. The groups participating this year include: Akrites (Adult), Souliotes (High School), Spartiates (Middle School), and Akritakia (4th & 5th graders) . We are so proud of all of our dancers, singers, and directors -- Good luck and safe travels!

Sunday School Christmas Service Project

We raised \$2,329.07 to support the St. Philaret Feed the Homeless Ministry! Thank you to all Sunday School students and parishioners for their generous donations!



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2018

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN!

Registration Opens - January 27, 2018

Register by March 1 and receive a \$50 discount

Elementary Camp (grades 3 – 5) July 8 – 14

Advanced Camp (grades 6 – 9) July 15 - 21

High School Camp (grades 10 – 12) July 8 – 14



More information at
www.allsaintssummercamp.info

Ministries for Ylayia & Papou



Papouthes Group: A Ministry for our Grandfathers

Our next Papouthes group meeting will be on Thursday, **January 11, 2018** at Olympia pizza located at 6414 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle WA 98115 at 12:00 noon.

Those that wish to carpool may meet at St. Demetrios at 11:00 am.

For reservations or questions, please contact Manuel Tramountanas at 206-783-4466 or agapemom@hotmail.com
Please RSVP so we can let the restaurant know how many seats to reserve. Thanks!

Help us Compost at St. Demetrios

Reminder:

ALL compostable coffee cups (see picture) need to be thrown away in the Compost Bins at our Church.



Every Sunday the trash bin is filled with paper cups that can be composted. It saves the Church loads of money to switch from garbage to compost.

Compost bins are GREEN. Please throw paper towels, paper cups, paper plates and food leftovers in the compost bins. If it isn't Plastic or Metal or Glass...we must compost it.



Our neighbors around the church were treated to Christmas Caroling by our youth on Monday, December 18th. Three brave young ladies (pictured) braved the rain, sang their hearts out and gave a homemade Christmas card to every house we visited. Thank you to Athena Dickerson, Demetra Manaois, Victoria Taroudaki and Fr. Daniel Triant for chaperoning and singing along



Yiavia & Friends Luncheon

Our first Yiayias & Friends luncheon for 2018 will be held on **Thursday, January 4**, at **Kafe Neo**, located at 21108 Aurora Ave (Hwy 99) in Edmonds. Time is **11:30 a.m.**

Mary appreciates knowing how many to expect, so please RSVP if you plan to attend. Contact Mary, preferably by email: mndamascus@comcast.net (or alternately by phone: [509-951-2975](tel:509-951-2975)). You do not have to be a Yiayia to join us! All women are invited!

Phil optochos News

Message from President Nina

As the year comes to a close, I would like to remind you of the Philoptochos Warm Coat Drive. The clothing you provide will benefit men, women and children during the wet winter months and will be distributed to those in need at Jubilee Women's Center, St. Martin de Porres Men's Shelter and St. Philaret Feed the Homeless Ministry. There is a big black barrel in the hallway by the large hall to collect donations. I appreciate your concern for the less fortunate in our community.

Thank You to Our Faithful Bakers

Thank you to our bake sale chairpersons **Nina Varlamos** and **Toula Stavros** for their hard work and to everyone who came to bake in the midst of the busy holiday season. Thanks, too, to **Lena LaMarche** who organized all of the orders. We are delighted with another successful Christmas bake sale which helps fund our causes.

Saint Catherine Philoptochos Annual Valentine Tea

Join the ladies of the Church of the Assumption in their beautiful community hall for a 'Hat and Gloves Tea Party'. Family and friends are welcome to come for tea, tasty treats, entertainment, door prizes and a raffle on Saturday, February 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Your \$10 donation benefits Philoptochos ministries.

For information, contact Nancy Charoni at 425.235.6426 or nancve98@q.com.

Membership begins for 2018

January begins our membership drive for 2018. We hope you will support us with your annual dues of \$40 and join us when you can for fellowship. All are welcome and if you have time to donate in addition to your check, even better. You will not receive a call when you write a check as we are a volunteer organization and we are grateful for every member whatever their participation. A membership form is included in January's Sunday bulletins and can be turned in to Lena LaMarche.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

All are welcome to attend our meetings and events:

No regular meeting in December – Merry Christmas!

January 15 - cook for St Martin de Porres Men's Shelter

January 21 - regular meeting at church after Liturgy

January 24 - cook for Jubilee Women's Center

February 4 - Celebration of the Nameday of Fr. Photios after Divine Liturgy

February 10th - Assumption St Catherine's Philoptochos Valentines Day Tea (for information, call Nancy Charoni at 425.235.6426)

February 11th - regular meeting at church

February 15 – cook for St Martin de Porres Men's Shelter

February 28 - cook for Jubilee Women's Center

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Consider Donating to Jubilee Womens Center

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos continues its support of this place of refuge for single, homeless women in Seattle providing education, services and support needed to transition into independent living. For more information or to donate a meal, contact Georgene Karambelas at [206.829.9337](tel:206.829.9337) or karambelas@comcast.net. Georgene is collecting clothing and hygiene items as well for the Jubilee Womens Center. To see all that Jubilee does, go to www.jwcenter.org.

Shut In Parishioners

If you are aware of someone who is a shut in, please call our Visitation Chairperson Kay Betts at [206.546.2370](tel:206.546.2370). If you would like to help with visitation in your part of town, please let Kay know you are available. Everyone is welcome to help and it means so much to those we take time to visit.

Winter Is Here and the Homeless Are Cold

Downstairs in the large hall by the steps is a barrel for St. Philaret to collect blankets, sleeping bags, men's items (socks, gloves, hats and coats). If you have the small soaps and shampoo left over from your vacation hotel, please consider packaging them in zip lock bags and donating them. For further information, you may contact Jillian Chandler at the Church of the Assumption at [206.323.8557](tel:206.323.8557) or Chris Macris at [425.888.0802](tel:425.888.0802).

Please Give for Hungry Children

There are barrels in the Narthex and downstairs in the hallway for Northwest Harvest. Donations of food are especially needed during this time of economic hardship for so many. Monetary donations are also accepted, every little bit helps..... no donation is too small. If you don't want to carry canned goods to church, please consider a donation to your local food bank.

Youth Ministry News



Sunday, January 7

January's Theme:
"What to do with all those TOYS"

Join us in the Toy Room (unless otherwise noted) directly after communion (think of it as pre-Sunday School!) for a bit before moving down to coffee hour. In each meeting we discuss a subject that affects our children and community, and share ways to support one another--our Orthodox Christian faith and our culture are at the center of these conversations.

For more information, and to join the [St. Demetrios Mommy & Me](#) Facebook group, please contact Pres Michelle Triant at michelle.triant@gmail.com

HOPE & JOY Family BINGO Night

Friday, January 26th

All HOPE & JOY youth, GOYAns and their families are invited to an evening of BINGO on **Friday, January 26th** at 6:30 pm in the Small Hall.



Cost is \$10 per person. \$20 for a family of 4 or less. RSVP to Lefteris Sitaras at 206-631-2504

St. Demetrios Jr. & Sr. GOYA present the 18th annual... Superbowl Sub Sale



Five tasty subs to choose from and only \$5 each.

The **SEAHAWK**... Turkey & Provolone

The **RAVEN**... Roast Beef & Provolone

The **AFC Champ**... Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey, American & Provolone Cheeses

The **NFC Champ**... Ham, Turkey, American & Provolone

The **PIGSKIN**... Ham & American Cheese

All subs include lettuce, a packet of mayo & mustard and are wrapped up and ready to eat. Onions and Tomatoes are optional for all subs.

GOYANS MAKE SUPERBOWL SUBS

Saturday, February 3rd

All GOYAns are invited to make subs on Saturday, February 3rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Small Hall. Lunch Provided!

2018 Youth Ministry Events

January 11-14: Folk Dance Festival

January 26 - HOPE & JOY Family Bingo Night

January 27 - All Saints Camp Registration Opens & Camp Benefit Dinner

February 2 - Godparents Sunday

February 19 - Lent Begins

March 4 - Parish Oratorical Festival

March 17-18 - GOYA Lent Retreat

March 31 - Make Palm Crosses

April 6 - Holy Friday Retreat

April 20-22: Family Retreat at All Saints Camp

May 13 - Mother's Day Breakfast

June 3 - Last Day of Sunday School

June 17 - Father's Day Breakfast

ALL SAINTS CAMP

July 8-14 - High School & Elementary Camp

July 15-21 - Advanced Camp

PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2017/2018 APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Wednesday, January 31, 2018

All Eligible Undergraduates are Encouraged to Apply!

Our Application is now available in Electronic Format!

SAVE THE DATE
Awards Ceremony & Gala
Saturday, June 16, 2018
The Hilton Chicago

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Pacific NW Goya Winter Retreat



28 Hours of Memories at the GOYA Winter Retreat

Forty-four teens from six Northwest parishes participated in our annual GOYA winter retreat held at All Saints Camp. A great staff from IV on the GO as well as our local youth workers led our teens in arts and crafts, music & Greek culture and Orthodox Life where our focus was based on the following questions:

"When and where do you feel most yourself?" and "How do you express yourself as an Orthodox Christian?"

Thank you to the following parishes for participating:
St. Demetrios in Seattle, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Seattle,
St. Nicholas in Tacoma, St. Sophia in Bellingham, Holy Trinity Cathedral in Portland and St. John in Beaverton.

Thank you to...

Our Clergy: Fr. Evagoras Constantinides, Fr. Paul Paris and Fr. Daniel Triant.

Our Staff: Roseanne Atsalakis, Demetrios Buck, Tasia Gorski, Christianna Konugres, Maria Kovoros, Matthew Macris, Peter Miliros, Georgie Pappas II, Konstantine Salmas, Angelica Sisson and Lefteris Sitaras.

Our Volunteers: Bill & Nina Contoravdis, James Konugres, George Lebesis, Steve Miller, Mike & Eleni Semindaris.



Photos courtesy of Lefteris Sitaras

Stewardship News

In November, you likely received a pledge card to fill out from the Stewardship Committee. And for the next several months, you will see this hard-working group spend a good amount of time chasing folks down to turn these in. If you're a long-time parishioner, you might be asking yourself, "Why do they ask me for a card every year? Don't they know who I am?"

And the truth is, you don't. The church doesn't turn anyone away. You are always welcome here, and it should feel like home. You don't have to fill out any card, but hopefully, you'll want to – it's like the marriage which I was preparing for at that time.

Regardless of our marriage status at the time, I loved my then-fiancée (now-wife). But I wanted her to know that she could count on me – that I would take care of her – so I made that commitment in the form of marriage.

The stewardship pledge card is a bit like that: it's an opportunity to reflect on our commitment to take care of the church. According to the dictionary, a steward is literally someone who takes care of the property of another. The pledge card is a yearly confirmation that we're making the commitment to take care of God's home on earth, just as he's preparing us a home in heaven.

In addition to the card being a symbol, it also serves a practical purpose: it helps those who run the church prepare a budget. Before I joined the parish council, I honestly didn't look at the church budget much. I just figured that if I paid my stewardship and worked at the festival, the lights at the church would stay on. Unfortunately, it's not that simple – not at all.

Now that I've been one of those who help figure out the church's budget, I have to say - it really helps the parish council to know how much money the church will be getting from its stewards.

Like most organizations who make yearly plans, the church has a giant spreadsheet that lists its expenses and income. We know and can anticipate a majority of our expenses, but income? The church has the festival (where we make an educated guess on the revenue), miscellaneous fundraisers (which can vary), and we have stewardship, but the parish council only knows this amount from those who bother to fill out pledge card.

I mean, imagine trying to make plans for your life the way the church is forced to. It would be like your boss telling you that you're getting paid every week, but he can't tell you how much or when you're going to receive it. How would you ever plan for the future?

As Father Photios mentioned in a sermon a few weeks ago, our ultimate goal is to fully cover our church expenses with stewardship pledges. And it's not as impossible as it sounds, especially if everyone gives from the heart of their talent and treasures.

The following people were omitted from our St. Demetrios Christmas Card. Our apologies...

Andreas & Rosalie Boulieris Jim & Shawn Hages Anthony, Saundra, George & Nick Maroussis

Orthodox Missions News

Consider joining a short-term mission team in 2018!

Why missionary work? It's a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life by ministering to other's spiritual and physical needs. Within these 2-3 week excursions, team members may share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, minister to the youth, provide healthcare, and participate in various forms of outreach. Here are the current 2018 mission team opportunities:

Please contact OCMC at 877-GO-FORTH ([877-463-6784](tel:8774636784)) or see the website www.ocmc.org and click on the "Teams" link for information and mission team applications.

Country	Date	Focus
Albania	3/16 to 3/26	Outreach with the youth of Albania's capital Tirana
	5/21 to 6/1	Outreach in Tirana for Orthodox seminarians
	6/12 to 6/30	Youth work at an Orthodox summer camp
Ghana	8/6 to 8/21	Youth work at annual national camp program
	4/27 to 5/6	Healthcare and education at an Orthodox clinic
	6/18 to 6/30	Teaching youth & adults about the Orthodox faith
Indonesia	11/9 to 11/18	Healthcare and education at an Orthodox clinic
	6/26 to 7/9	Teaching youth of the St. Thomas Orthodox House
	7/3 to 7/16	Teaching & witnessing to the faithful of Medan
Kenya	4/30 to 5/8	Teaching as part of a clergy retreat in West Kenya
	8/8 to 8/20	Teaching at a retreat of women from local tribes
	11/28 to 12/8	Youth work at a Nairobi Orthodox school
	11/28 to 12/8	Youth ministry at an annual workshop for leaders
Mexico	7/27 to 8/2	Constructing a mission home with Project Mexico
	8/11 to 8/18	Teaching youth & adults about the Orthodox faith
United States	7/20 to 7/31	Youth camp program near Pilot Station, Alaska

Announcements

JUBILEE WOMEN'S CENTER

THANK YOU FOR DINNER!

St. Demetrios hosted a delicious dinner for our sisters at JWC in December. Special thanks to those who provided food or helped serve- Christina Meletis, Sarah Baraki, Julie Legeros, Maria Ales-Rainwater, Tina Pallis and Paula Charuhas-Macris. Our dinners are always appreciated and enjoyed by the residents as they help to stretch their grocery budgets as well as provide friendship...

If your family, group or restaurant would like to host a meal at Jubilee, please contact Georgene Karambelas at 206 817 2523 or karambelas@comcast.net

...AND THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

St. Demetrios assembled a Giving Tree and provided gifts for our 43 residents! Our parish, along with two other neighborhood churches were able to fulfill most all the requests of the women. Thank you to all who "Took a tag and Gave a Gift"... You provided much joy to many! New Year's Blessings to all of you!



Orthodox Missions News

Why Orthodox Missions?

Just before His Ascension, Jesus left his disciples (and us) with the following command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 18)

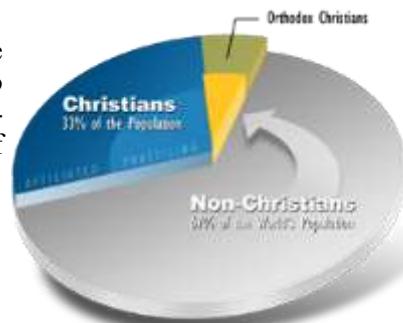
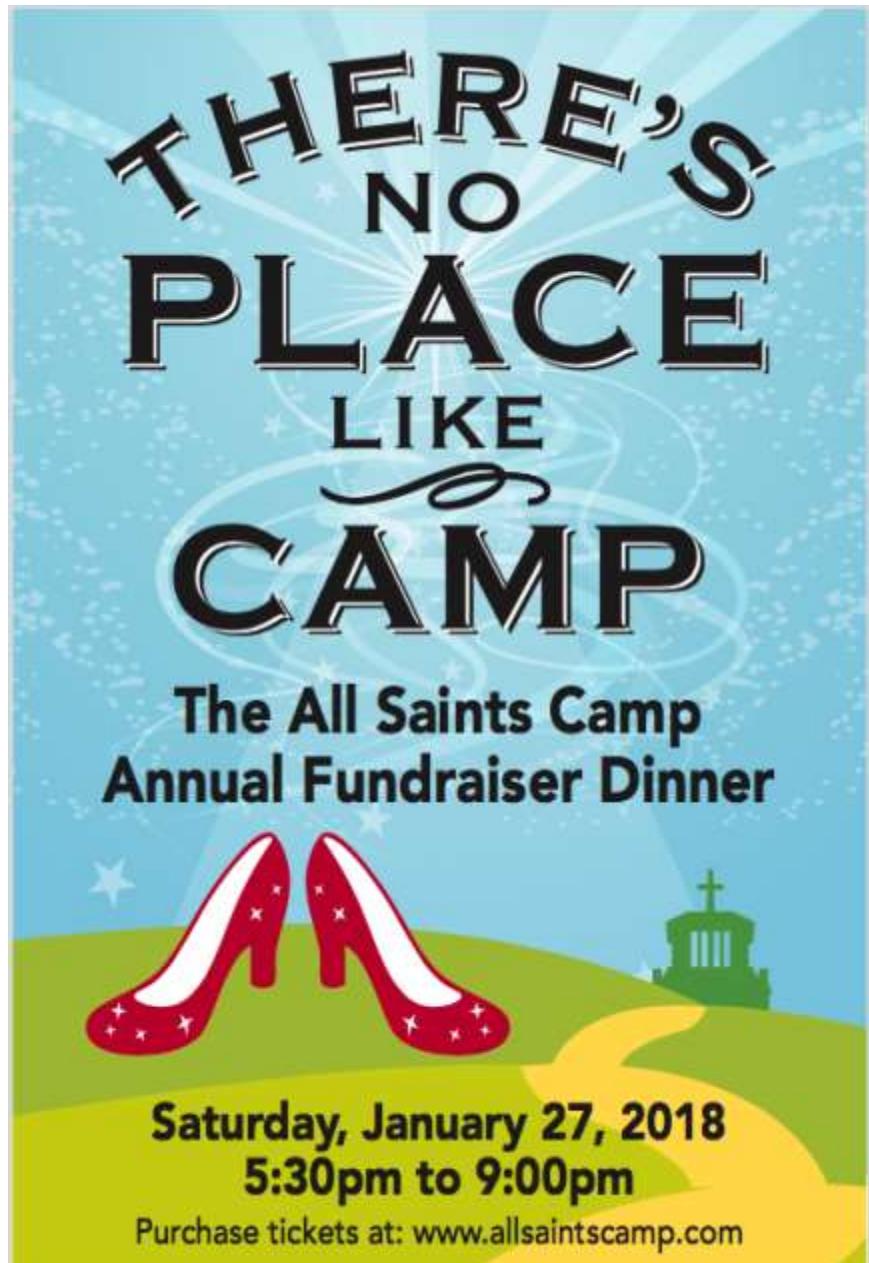
The Opportunity

Orthodox Christians represent only ~12% of all world Christians and ~4% of the world's total population. This translates to over 5 billion people in the world who do not know the hope, love and joy of a life in Christ. OCMC helps Orthodox Christians from North America welcome people around the world into the Body of Christ.

Get Involved

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January 2018

January Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Sunday After Nativity Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11a Noon Years Eve Party	1 Church Office Closed • St. Basil the Great 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p No Dance Practice	2 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Paraklisis 7p Orthodoxy 101	3 St. Philaret Cook for the Homeless 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10a Vespers 11:30a Funeral Nick Castas	4 Theoktistos the Righteous 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10a Vespers 11:30a Great Blessing of the Waters	5 8:30a Royal Hours of Epiphany 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10a Vespers 11:30a Great Blessing of the Waters	6 Epiphany
Melania the Righteous New Years Eve	Circumcision of Christ New Years Day	St. Serafim of Sarov	Melachil the Prophet	St. Nilophorus the Leper	Eve of Epiphany	Eve of Epiphany
7 Epistle: Acts 6:8-7:5-47-60 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Cutting of the Vasilopita	8 Stewardship Meeting 6p Dance Board Meeting 6p FDF Only Dance Practice 7p FDF Information Meeting	9 9:30a Open Confession 6p Paraklisis 6:30p Greek School 7p Orthodoxy 101	10 FDF - San Francisco	11 Synaxis of the 70 Apostles	12 Eve of Epiphany	13 Epiphany
14 St. John the Baptist	St. George/Dominic/Elijah/Evangelist...	Eustratios the Righteous	St. Gregory of Nyssa	St. Theodosius, Head of Monasteries	Tatilis, Euthalia & Meritis, Martyrs Hieronimos & Stratonikos, Martyrs	
15 FDF - San Francisco	6p No Dance Practice	10a WOCA Meeting (@ Assumption - Unction Service prior to meeting) 6:30p Parish Council	8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Paraklisis 6:30p Greek School 7p Orthodoxy 101	16 Cook for St. Martin de Porres	17 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Paraklisis 6:30p Greek School 7p Orthodoxy 101	18 Vigil with Fr. Cherubim 3:30p Large Hall Rental 8p Vespers 9p Orthros 10:30p Divine Liturgy
16 Sunday After Epiphany Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 8:15a Orthros 9:15a 40 Day Memorial Service Kost Family 11a Coffee Hour and Memorial Service Kost Family Agnes, Martyr	17 Veneration of the Chains of St. Peter	St. Anthony the Great	Ss. Athanasios & Cyril	19 St. Athanasios & Cyril	20 5p Great Vespers	20 5p Great Vespers
21 15th Sunday of Luke Fr. Cherubim/Sr. Anne's 5th Athos Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 12:30p Baptism	22 6p Dance Practice	9a Spiritual Court	23 Cook for Jubilee	24 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Paraklisis 6:30p Greek School 7p Orthodoxy 101	25 6:30p Family Bingo Night	26 5p Great Vespers 6p All Saints Camp Dinner
22 St. Malalios the Confessor	St. Timothy, Apostle	Dionysios of Olympus	St. Xenophon the Theologian	St. Xenophon & His Companions	27 St. Xenophon & His Companions	27 St. Xenophon & His Companions
23 Sunday Publican and Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	24 2018 Metropolis Clergy - Laity 6p Dance Practice	Leferis at Youth & Camp Conference	25 St. Xenophon the Theologian	26 St. Xenophon & His Companions	27 St. Xenophon & His Companions	27 St. Xenophon & His Companions
24 St. Ignatios of Antioch	St. Ignatios of Antioch	2018 Metropolis Clergy - Laity 6p Dance Practice	26 St. Xenophon the Theologian	27 St. Xenophon & His Companions	28 1p Washington Middle School Auction	28 1p Washington Middle School Auction
25 St. Ephraim the Syrian	St. Ignatios of Antioch	The Three Hierarchs	St. Ignatios of Antioch	29 St. Ignatios & John, Unmercenaries	30 6:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6:30p Greek School	31 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6:30p Greek School
26 St. Ignatios of Antioch	St. Ignatios of Antioch	The Three Hierarchs	St. Ignatios of Antioch	30 St. Ignatios & John, Unmercenaries	31 St. Ignatios & John, Unmercenaries	31 St. Ignatios & John, Unmercenaries



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