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When we think of stewardship to the Church we often think only in terms of donating money, but stewardship is much more. To explore this, let's take a moment to reflect on how we think about work. In the second chapter of the Old Testament Book of Genesis we read, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15). God put man in the garden to work. It is part of God's plan for us that we work. In Exodus we read, “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest....” The world has changed and we may not be called upon to literally work the land, our work week may not be six days, yet we are created and called by God to work, and we can serve him through our work.

What comes to your mind when you think of the work that you do? Some are blessed to follow a career path that brings satisfaction. Others may find themselves in a position that is neither spiritually nor emotionally fulfilling. Most fall somewhere in between. Our work becomes sacred when we dedicate it to God. In the words of Mother Theresa, “Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it.”

Life on earth is a gift. God gives us the talent, drive, know-how, and skills to work. The work we do is also a gift if we see it as an opportunity to serve God and others. Saint Paul instructs us, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...” (Colossians 3:23). When we see our work in this way, we offer those things God gives back to Him.

What is work? I'm not merely referring to that for which we are paid to support our families.

The fundamental work we do is the Divine Liturgy, which culminates in Communion, or the Eucharist. The word Eucharist literally means thanksgiving. Prior to the consecration of the Gifts, the priest lifts them up and says, “We offer to these gifts from your own gifts, in all and for all.” We give God what He gave to us so that He sanctifies and distributes back to us. This cycle is not simply a part of the worship that happens on Sundays, but is a model for how we should structure our lives--using the talents given to us by God, for which we are eternally thankful.

Our time and talents should be offered up to the Church body itself for glory. We can do this by participating in to weekly and Sunday liturgies, volunteering, joining one of our many ministries, etc. When we do this are also offering thanks to God through our actions.

Speaking of work, you may have heard we have a new staff member at St. Demetrios! Our new Church Office Supervisor, Karen S. Evans, began working here on October 16. She is a welcome addition to our team in the office and is already doing a great job. Some of you have met her, but if you have not, I encourage you to please stop by, say hello, and welcome her. With Karen on board, one of the goals we have is to create more opportunities, small and big, for people to use their talents to serve the Church. In the coming months, we are looking to develop opportunities for you to offer your talents and time to serve. If you have a skill you might want to offer that has not yet been tapped into before, please don't



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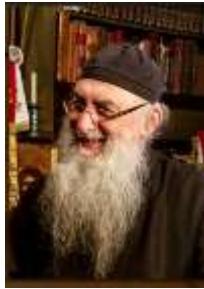
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Special Visit from Fr. Zacharias

Orthodox Home Fellowship Saturday, Nov 4

An exciting new ministry is beginning this Fall called Orthodox Home Fellowship. The idea is to bring people together for fellowship in a home of one of our church families, to spend time with one another, have a meal, and have a presentation on a topic relevant to all of us regarding our Orthodox Christian Faith. We hope to do this on a regular basis, every four to six weeks or so.



The first event will take place at the home of Chris and Vicki Pallis, on November 4th, 2017. A potluck meal will be served. We will have a very special guest and presenter to lead our first OHF, and that is Fr. Zacharias Zacharou of St. John the Baptist Monastery in Essex, England. Fr. Zacharias is a renowned theologian, and is the spiritual son of the late Elder Sophrony, and spiritual grandson of St. Silouan. He will be speaking to us about how to be an Orthodox Christian in the world today, with all it's challenges.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to have an evening with your fellow friends from our parish, and an intimate evening with Fr. Zacharias. As the meal is potluck, we will need to know ahead of time who is coming and what you can bring for the meal. Please call the Pallis home at [\(206\) 232-1113](tel:(206)232-1113) or Vicki's cell at [\(206\) 948-2922](tel:(206)948-2922) to rsvp. Their home address is [9600 SE 33rd Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040](http://9600SE33rdStreetMercerIslandWA98040).

Please note: for this event, a babysitting service is not provided.

Liturgy With Fr. Zacharias Sunday, November 5

Fr. Zacharias Zacharou of St. John the Baptist Stavroegic Monastery, Essex England will be with us at St. Demetrios Sunday, November 5th

Morning Program

8:15am Orthros
9:30am Divine Liturgy with Homily by Fr. Zacharias
11:30:am Light Lunch with Talk by Fr. Zacharias with Questions and Answers

Evening Program

6:30pm Akathist to St. Silouan
7:00pm Talk by Fr. Zacharias with Questions and Answers

Memorials and Candles

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles from October

A Memorial Service and two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights were offered on October 22nd, 2017 in loving memory of **Efthimios Kollias** (thirty-three years since his passing), by his wife, Vivie Kollias and Family.

A Nine-Day Memorial Service was offered on October 29th 2017 in loving memory of **Christos Nousas** (of Greece), by his nieces, Zafeiria Anagnostopoulou and Foteini Anagnostopoulou.

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for November 5th

A Memorial Service, two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights and a donation to St. Demetrios are offered in loving memory of **Emanuel Xenos** (seven years since his passing), by his wife, Demetra Xenos, their children, Spiro and Voula Xenos, Georgine and Glen Looney and grandchildren, Deme, Manny, Sophia and Theodore.

A Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **All Philoptochos Deceased Sisters**, by our St. Demetrios Philoptochos.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in honor of **Terry and Ann Karis**' 60th Wedding Anniversary, praying for continuing good health and our Lord's blessings, by their children and grandchildren.

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights and a donation to St Demetrios are offered in loving memory of **John Pappas and Vaseleke Pappas** (fifty years and sixteen years since their passing), by their sons, George Pappas and Pete Pappas and their families.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Evanthia Christo**, by Eleni Christo and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Aristea Coulousi** (thirty-four years since her passing), by her daughter, Helen Exarhos and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Tom Charuhas** (fourteen years since his passing), by his daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Chris Macris and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Emanuel Xenos** (seven years since his passing), by his cousins, Stella and Jim Nelson.

Holy Altar Candles for November 19th

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Jerry Courounes** (three years since his passing), by his loving wife, Nicoleta Courounes, son Gus and daughter Renee.

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for November 26th

A Memorial Service and the Eight Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Harula Panos** (nineteen years since her passing), by her husband Steve, her children, Artemios and Rebecca, Alexander and Christina and her grandchildren.

Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Kosta (Gust) Koulouris** (eighteen years since his passing), by his sister and brother-in-law, Pota and Jim Johnson and Family.

Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Pete Mykris** (two years since his passing), by his wife, Carol and their children and grandchildren.

A Message from our President

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Photios, Father Daniel, the Parish Council, and the Personnel Committee, please join us in welcoming our new staff members, **Karen Evans**, Office Supervisor, and **Joe Howe**, Bookkeeper.

We are excited to have both Karen and Joe join our St. Demetrios staff! Both are welcome additions to our team and come with the skills and abilities to excel.



Joe Howe

Karen joins us with many years of experience working in the court system, with success in process and policy implementation in her previous roles.



Karen Evans

Joe comes highly recommended from the Assumption Church and brings his insightfulness and bookkeeping expertise.

Please be sure to stop by the office to introduce yourselves and welcome Karen and Joe (on Wednesdays) to our St. Demetrios family.

Please join us in honoring Simoni Shirland for her 20+ years of exceptional and dedicated service to St Demetrios Church and our community on November 19th, 2017. We will serve a light lunch during coffee hour and offer an opportunity for everyone to wish her the best in her 'next chapter'. Simoni has been a wonderful asset to the community and she will be missed as a staff member, but she will remain a parishioner of our church and community. Please be sure to thank her for her efforts and for her service by joining us on the 19th.

Parish Council nominations are open for the upcoming elections. The term for a PC member is three years, this term is for 2018-2020. Elections will be held on 12/10. Please submit your nominees to the church office or to me at looneyegg@comcast.net by 11/25. If you'd like to attend a PC meeting for information or would like to speak to Father Photios or Father Daniel or any current PC member, please feel free to do so as we are happy to share what the expectations and obligations are. Also, please mark 12/3 for our last General Assembly meeting for the year - we will be discussing the 2018 budget and final operational reports. Please make every effort to attend.

Congratulations to **Eleni Christofilis** and **Doug Chandler** on being named St. Demetrios Citizens of the Year for 2017. Their ongoing dedication and love for the church and their ministries is appreciated and acknowledged! We are fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers in our community that lead by **example and are humble in their efforts. Thank you and Congratulations!**

Please note, in light of the current Archdiocese news regarding the recent financial situation, please access the following link that will take you to the news release, in full text, as presented by the Archdiocesan Treasurer, Michael Psaros. We are sure you will find pertinent information here that will clarify current and future plans to address the situation.

<https://www.goarch.org/-/archdiocesan-council-receives-full-report-on-financial-situation>

Thank you all for your support and we're looking forward to serving your the remainder of the year.

In Christ,
Georgine Looney, PC President

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♥ New Arrivals
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♥ Congratulations to the proud parents, Fr. Daniel
♥ and Presv. Michelle Triant on the birth of a baby
♥ girl, *Mia Fotini*, born October 9th, 2017, weighing 6
♥ lbs. 15 oz, 21" long. The proud grandparents are
♥ Bob and Maria Bonanno and Jim and Linda Triant
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♥ Congratulations to Erjon and Dorina Vrame
♥ whose daughter *Natalia* was baptized on October
1st, 2017. Her sponsor is *Ilias Pulluqi*.
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♥ We welcome to our faith Mary Malevitsis who
♥ was chrismated on October 1, 2017. Her sponsor is
♥ Presvytera *Angela Sotiras*.
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A Message from Karen

Yiasou!

My name is Karen S. Evans and I am one week into my job here at Saint Demetrios Church as Church Office Supervisor. I already love my job here: I do not yet speak Greek but I am learning to eat Greek. This community is filled with wonderful and welcoming people. Please feel free to stop by the Church office and introduce yourself. My hours are 9:30-5:30pm on weekdays, but I am looking forward to attending many Church functions. I attended the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival and had my favorite dish: salmon. I am learning about the Orthodox faith at a class taught by Father Photios on Wednesday nights here at the Church.

The best way to describe myself is as a native Northwesterner. I graduated from Anacortes High School, have an English degree from Western Washington University, and I am very good company if you are stuck in a three hour ferry line. My current passion outside of work is hiking the Cascades and Olympics. I grew up skiing, sailing and riding horses.



My children's names are: Erica Anne age 26, Angela Christine age 25, Christian Joshua age 20 and Luke Robert age 17. Christian goes to UW, and Luke lives with me and is a senior at Shorewood High School. My children have been the greatest blessing in my life.

I have been described as enthusiastic, dedicated and diplomatic. That means if we are working on a project together: I will get you involved, keep you involved and hopefully we won't tear our hair out. My motto in life is: be yourself. My philosophy is: kindness counts.

I have a big pink notebook I am working on with little projects around the Church that are perfect for anyone who wants a way to jump in, volunteer and partner with me in keeping our Church looking and feeling her best.

Karen S. Evans
Office Supervisor

Announcements

Yiayia & Friends Luncheon

Our next Yiayias & Friends luncheon will be on **Thursday, November 2**, at **Kafe Neo**, located at **21108 Highway 99 (Aurora) in Edmonds**. Time is **11:30 a.m.** There is a parking lot in front of the restaurant. I appreciate knowing how many to expect, so please let me know if you plan to attend. Contact me, 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!

PAPOUTHES GROUP: A Ministry for our Grandfathers

Please join us for our first Papouthes meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017. We will meet in the Fr. Homer Library at 11:00 am to discuss the details, events and activities for this new ministry.

Please contact Manuel Tramontanas at 206-783-4466 or agapemom@hotmail.com

Ministry Sunday November 12

Did you know that St. Demetrios has nearly 50 ministries? The ministries range from helping others to educating our parishioners to social gatherings. Ministry Sunday is a terrific time to find out more.

Please join us in the large hall after Divine Liturgy on November 12th for Ministry Sunday. Nearly every ministry will have a representative available for questions and discussion. There will be a "passport" activity for the young and young at heart.

Ministry Sunday isn't the only way to find out more or get involved. Each year your stewardship packet contains a ministry brochure and a commitment card. Please consider joining a ministry to grow your faith and engage in our community. Contact KarenSEvans@saintdemetrios.com

Sunday School Update

No Sunday School on **November 26, 2017**.

Join us for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program following Liturgy on **Sunday, December 24, 2017** in the large hall. More details to follow in the December Orthodox Way.

This 'N' That Shop Christmas Sale

The This 'N' That Shop Chairpersons will have a Christmas sale on Sunday, December 3rd, after the Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar and come to shop for some great items that did not sale at the Festival.

All proceeds will go to Hurricane Maria relief fund.

Parish Council Elections, Sunday December 10th

All those who are interested in serving on the Parish Council for 2018-2020 (a three year commitment), need to fill out an application available in the church office and talk with Fr. Photios by Sunday, November 26th, and attend a Parish Council Seminar held by Fr. Photios at the Church office on Monday, November 27th at 7:00PM. Parish Council elections will be held on Sunday, December 10th, following the Divine Liturgy.

What you must be — according to the Archdiocesan Uniform Parish Regulations and our own Parish By-Laws:

- You must be eighteen years old or older;
- You must be a baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christian;
- You must live your life according to the faith and canons of the Orthodox Church;
- You must meet your financial obligation to the Parish; and must have done so at least one year prior to the date of election;
- You must abide by the Uniform Parish Regulations and the Parish By-Laws;
- You must attend an Interview/Orientation Session with the priest prior to the elections.

What you must not be — according to the same documents as quoted above:

- You must not retain membership in a non-Orthodox religion, nor in an “Orthodox” parish which defies the jurisdiction or the ecclesiastical authority of the Archdiocese;
- You must not deliberately disregard nor transgress the moral law as may be determined by a Spiritual Court;
- You must not be a salaried employee of the Parish.

What does living your life “according to the faith and canons of the Church” imply?

Chapter I, Article VII, Section 6, of our Parish By-Laws:

“The religious, moral, and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his or her life and activities, to attend the Divine Liturgy and other Services of worship faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days, to keep the rules and fasts of the Orthodox Tradition, to receive frequently the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, to train and teach the youth according to the Faith and Spirit of Orthodoxy, to respect the Clergy, the ecclesiastical authority, and all governing bodies of the Church, to be obedient in matters of faith and ecclesiastical order, and to cooperate in every way towards the welfare and prosperity of the Parish and the success of its Sacred Mission”



NOON Years Eve Party

Join us on December 31st for a “Noon Years Eve” Party. After Divine Liturgy, join us for a special coffee hour and count down to the new year at Noon. No need for the kids to stay up late! Join us for a party at church and stay to watch the Seahawks vs Cardinals game on the big screen!

Liturgy starts at 9:30 am, Seahawks play at 1:25 pm. Spend the last day of 2017 with friends and our parish family.

Reservations not needed. Just come for the fun. To donate a dish for the pot luck lunch, please contact Karen at 206-631-2503 or by email at karensevans@saintdemetrios.com.

Philoptochos News

Message from President Nina

Our chapter had its first meeting of the year and it will be a busy one. In addition to the regular committees, we have added a Social Services Committee to help with a variety of needs. We are currently assisting two families from Greece with sick children being treated at Seattle Childrens Hospital. Our One Warm Coat Drive begins again and we continue our feeding the homeless programs. I continue to be amazed at all that our ladies do to alleviate suffering and provide comfort to all. On November 5th, we will honor our departed Philoptochos Sisters whose legacy of love and service inspires us. I hope you will consider joining us this year, all are welcome.

Matthew Gray

Matthew has moved to a facility in Colorado that better suits his needs. You can read about his progress at the caringbridge site: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/matthewgray> or ask to be a friend of his dad Jim Gray on Facebook.

His friends have started a "gofundme" to help defray some of the costs. If you feel moved to donate the link is below: <https://www.gofundme.com/matthew-grays-medical-fund>.

The Gray family is extremely grateful for everyone's prayers which they believe has made a huge difference in Matthew's recovery. They also really appreciate the messages people are posting on Facebook and the caringbridge site. Please keep praying for Matthew and his family Andrea, Jim, Abby and Elizabeth. They feel that love will create miracles in their journey.

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

All are welcome to attend our meetings and events:

- November 1 – One Warm Coat Drive Begins
- November 5th – Memorial for departed Philoptochos Sisters
- November 12th - Sinatra Chocolate Wine Ball at Herban Feast
- November 16th - cook for St Martin de Porres Men's Shelter
- November 19th – regular meeting after Divine Liturgy
- November 19th – Make A Difference Sunday, a joint project with the Sunday School
- November 22nd - cook for Jubilee Women's Center
- November 30th - cook for St Martin de Porres Men's Shelter

Please Join Us for the Sinatra Chocolate Wine Ball

Sunday, November 12th please join Camp Agape Northwest for an elegant evening at Herban Feast. Our 9th annual celebration will feature a seasonal dinner menu, Washington wines and chocolatiers, and the music of Frank Sinatra. Proceeds from the event will benefit Camp Agape, a camp for children with cancer and their families. **Again this year there will not be an auction.** Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com for \$100. Tables of 10 are available for \$875. Camp Agape will have a table at the festival to tell the story of our camp and tickets will be available there. For more information, contact susanreichmann@yahoo.com or call [425.772.1605](tel:425.772.1605).

One Warm Coat Drive

Winter is approaching quickly and for homeless families the chill of rainy Seattle is a constant and unwelcome companion. We will again be collecting new and gently used warm coats and outerwear for men, women and children to provide vital warmth in harsh weather. A barrel will be in the Narthex for donations so please look through your closets or purchase items that we can distribute to those in need. Thank you for your help!

Make a Difference with Philoptochos and the Children of Our Parish

On November 19th, our Philoptochos Chapter will once again partner with the Sunday School for Make-A-Difference day. Our goal is to engage in this "cross-generational" initiative (i.e., Philoptochos and children) not only to make a difference but also to do so in honor of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios' Name Day which is on October 26th. Since 2015, our Philoptochos has provided cards in which Sunday School students said "thank you" to Veterans for their service. The cards were then sent to the local VA hospital for distribution to the Vets. This year we will also again be making "get well cards" for patients at Seattle Children's Hospital.

We are the ideal partners for our children in this initiative, bringing together the energy of our youth and the talent and teaching of the Philoptochos. If you would like to join us on November 19th, please contact Susan Reichmann at susanreichmann@yahoo.com or call [425.772.1605](tel:425.772.1605)

Youth Ministry News



Mommy & Me

Next meeting

Sunday, November 5

November's Theme:

"Keeping Christ at the center of our holidays"

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

Next Mommy & Me Date:

December 3: "What to do with all those TOYS."

Orthodoxy on Tap Book Study

Orthodoxy on Tap is for all college students and young adults. This ministry is a chance for us to meet and talk about our faith in a social environment. We continue in November to meet and discuss Everywhere Present: Christianity in a One-Storey Universe by Stephen Freeman. If you would like to join us, please contact [Lefteris Sitaras](#) or [Fr. Daniel Triant](#). Books are available at the St. Demetrios Bookstore. Join us even if you haven't read the book.

- Tuesday, November 7, Fr. Homer Library at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 14, Fr. Homer Library at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 28,

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Meal together to celebrate Thanksgiving. Location to be announced in the weekly eNews.

Orthodox Connections



Next Meeting Sunday, November 5

Follow Orthodox Connections on [Facebook](#), a ministry for our teens and young adults.



- WHO: Teens in Grades 7 - 12
- WHAT: An Amazing Retreat with Orthodox Teens from around the NW! Discussions with Clergy! Fun with Friends, New and Old! Confession and More!
- WHERE: All Saints Camp in Gig Harbor, WA
- WHEN: December 9 & 10, 2017.
- COST: \$125 per person. Scholarships available for those in need.

We invite youth from all of our Orthodox Parishes to attend.

To register please email Lefteris Sitaras at lsitaras@saintdemetrios.com.

Registration Opens on November 15 and Closes on November 29, 2017.

Special Instructions: Please pack for a cold and rainy weekend, bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Oregon Participants:

Meet at 6:00 am at Holy Trinity to take the bus to All Saints Camp on Saturday, December 9. Bus will return around 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 10

Washington Participants:

Meet at 8:00 am at St. Demetrios to take the bus to All Saints Camp on Saturday, December 9. Bus will return around 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 10

Contact Lefteris Sitaras at lsitaras@saintdemetrios.com or 206-631-2504 with questions.

Winter Orthodox Youth Retreat

January 13 - 15, 2018.

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1

This year's speaker will be Fr. Jeremiah Vollman from St Paul Orthodox Church. Come join him for a weekend of fun activities, games and discussion on how to come to the awareness of God and ultimately to own your own faith.

Enjoy fun outdoor activities, Fire on Father, games, dancing, and more! WHO: Junior & Senior High School Teens (7th-12th Grades)

WHEN: Saturday, January 13th - Monday, January 15th 2018

WHERE: Cedar Springs Camp in Lake Stevens, WA

COST: \$160 YOUTH. Deadline for registration is Dec. 4.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/orthodoxretreat

For more information contact Tina Soubeih at orthodoxretreat@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer at www.tinyurl.com/pnworthodoxvolunteers or contact JoyAnn Wise at pnworthodoxvolunteers@gmail.com.

Thanks from our Festival Chairman



So many of you to thank for another successful Festival. I can't begin to name all that assisted with setup and baking this year and if I did I am sure I would miss somebody so I would like to thank all of the parishioners who came out for baking, food preparations, tent setup, tent removal, and all who donated either monetary or product to the success of this years Festival. Without all of this help and support we could not have pulled off this success. Most of all I want to praise our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who blessed us with great weather, a great turn out, and blessed us with another successful festival.



In His Name,

Jim Kost, Festival Chairman

WE WANT YOUR FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

Please take a moment and complete this 7 question survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L7HFL3N>

Thank You!

Photos courtesy of Cliff Argue



Thanks from This & That

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped the This and That Shop this year with their donations, time and talent. We were very successful with a total of \$8299.14!

Many people ask me what happens to all the "stuff" when we finish. Well, I believe in "Highest and Best Use" of all the items we collect. (No, I don't work for the Tax Assessor's Office.) Items such as purses, scarves, costume jewelry etc. are distributed to Jubilee Women's Center which of course we know as an organization that Georgene Karambelas, Patti Kost and the Philoptochos Ladies have been working with for many years. St. Francis House, takes housewares, blankets, towels, clocks and lamps for people coming out of homelessness and are getting into housing. This organization was brought to my attention by Kathy Chohlas-Wood. Treehouse and a Women Infant and Children's program that Kathy Mitalas has brought to our attention receive the books, stuffed animals and anything child related. Of course, our church gets items that are useful to the kitchen, and cloth items such as tablecloths stained and torn sheets towels are given to ReText which makes them into new items such as cleaning cloths, insulation etc. We also gave the rest of "The Good Stuff" to Holy Apostles for their rummage sale, which is to take place later this year. Everything else goes either to Goodwill or NW Center. I encourage all ideas, please let me know of any organizations that are close to your hearts for next year. My number is 206.783.5087.

Sincere thanks to **Kay Betts, Maria Stavros, Dorothy Haskell, Hannah Karis and Betty Lavaris**. Also, "Thank You" to **Maria Kaltounis** who us helped with the cleanup after the festival, and **Litsa Polychronopoulos** cheering us on, with her beautiful smile! It doesn't happen without them!

Thank You, Mary

Thanks from our Youth Director

Thank you to all of our Festival Youth Booth Volunteers. Thank you to:

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Very Special Thanks to Will Weigle. Together our volunteers raised just under \$6000 in the Youth Booth!

Lefteris Sitaras



PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE IS COMING IN DECEMBER



The Philoptochos will be baking Vasilopeta, Tsoureki, Melomakarona, Kourambiethes and other Holiday Sweets next month.

Tsoureki - \$6.00
Vasilopeta with coin - \$15.00
Koulourakia - \$6.00 dozen
Melomakarona - \$10.00 dozen
Korambiethes - \$15.00 dozen
Paximathia - \$8.00 dozen

If you wish to pre-order, please call Lena LaMarche at 206-383-6934. Online order form available soon in the weekly eNews. Please place your order on time for the Holidays!

Pick up all orders on December 17th after Divine Liturgy.

St. Demetrios Philoptochos thanks you for your support!

NOVEMBER Calendar

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 7th Sunday of Luke Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 • 8:15a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy	30 2017 Archdiocesan National Clergy Retreat • Lansdowne, VA • 6p Dance Practice	31 • 11a Book Study: Everywhere Present	1 St. Philaret - Homeless • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 6:30p Greek School	2 • 11:30a Yliavia & Friends Luncheon at Kafe Neo	3	4 Boyer Auction • 10a PNW Pan-Orthodox Clergy Retreat - Vashon Island • 4:30p St. Sava Dinner Fundraiser • 6p Orthodox Home Fellowship with Fr. Zacharias of "=====" Iamamilios the Righteous
5 5th Sunday of Luke Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 • 8:15a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 11:30a Lunch & Talk by Fr. Zacharias • 6:30p Akathist followed by Talk by Fr. Zacharias	6 • 6p Dance Practice • 11a Book Study: Everywhere Present	7 • 11a Metropolis Vicars' Meeting • 11a Book Study: Everywhere Present	8 Koimisis & Daimilia, Ultimereisaias Sancitatis Apollonius & Athanasius Zemelios & Zemelios, Martyrs	9 West Coast Pan Orthodox Clergy Retreat • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 6:30p Greek School • 2:30p Seattle Prep use of parking lot • 7p Orthodoxy on Tap - Book Study	10 Aeolismas/Aeolius & Joseph/Marys Aeolius/Marys/Regulus/Tripolitano/Marys	11 • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 4p Wedding
12 8th Sunday of Luke Epistle: 2Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 • 8:15a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 6:30p Stewardship Meeting	13 • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 6p Dance Practice • 6:30p Stewardship Meeting	14 Athanasios, Maiorite Sofiauthis/Confessor/Paint/Constantine Ciriac	15 Synaxis of the Archangels • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 10a WOCA Meeting (@ Holy Apostles)	16 St. Nahum/Rhodes • 9:30a Open Confession • 6:30p Greek School • 7p Orthodoxy 101	17 Olympios/Doctor/Saint/Emperor/Ab St. Menias the Great Martyr • 2:30p Seattle Prep use of parking lot	18 • 5p Great Vespers
19 9th Sunday of Luke Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 • 8:15a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 5:30p Camp Agape Choc- late Ball	20 • 6p Dance Board Meeting • 6p Dance Practice	21 St. John Chrysostom St. Phillip, the Apostle	22 Samonas, Courias & Avivas, Martyrs • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 11a Book Study: Everywhere Present	23 St. Matthew, Apostle Gennadios & Maximios, Patriarch/Epope • 6p Vespers • 6:30p Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving • 8p Orthodoxy 101	24 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	25 Platon, the Great Martyr • 8:30a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy • 5p Great Vespers
26 14th Sunday of Luke Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 • 8:15a Orthros • 9:30a Divine Liturgy	27 Gregory Delapolis	28 Presentation of the Theotokos	29 Ornissimos & Philimon, Apostles Amphilochios, Bishop of Icium	30 Clement, Bishop of Rome • 9:30a Open Confession • 6:30p Greek School • 7p Orthodoxy on Tap	1 St. Katherine the Great Martyr • 5p Great Vespers	2 St. Katherine the Great Martyr
31 Sts. Stylianus, Athanasius & Philoxenus St. Iakovos the Persian						

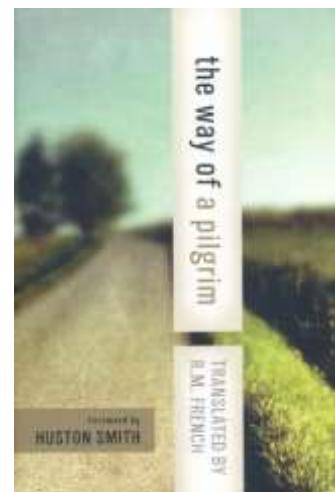
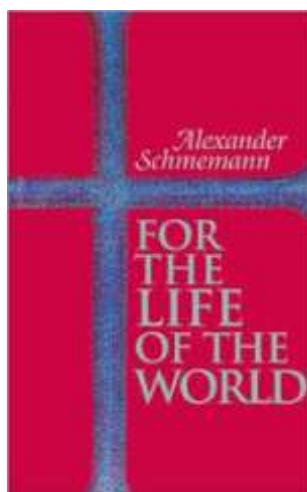
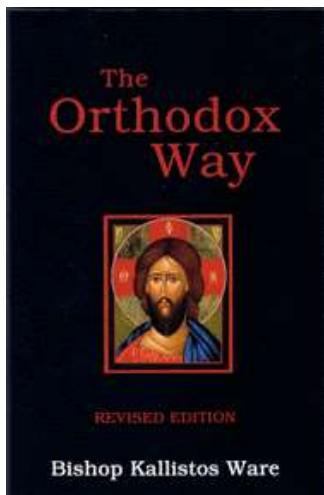
Bookstore News

The holiday season is quickly approaching and November is a great month to start your shopping. We will be getting new items throughout the month so be sure to stop by and visit. We also have a nice collection of gift items in stock such as icons, children's books and Christmas cards. Please submit all special order requests within the next few weeks to allow enough time for delivery before Christmas.

Interested in deepening your understanding of Orthodoxy? There are currently two book clubs reading Everywhere Present: Christianity is a One-Storey Universe by Stephen Freeman. Consider joining the daytime reading group for adults or Orthodoxy on Tap, an evening reading group for young adults. Orthodoxy 101 classes are also underway and are covering a variety of topics. You are encouraged to participate in one or all topics that are of interest. Stop by the bookstore to pick up a copy of the recommended books such as The Orthodox Way or The Orthodox Church by Bishop Kallistos Ware, Beginning to Pray by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, For the Life of the World by Father Alexander Schmemann or The Way of a Pilgrim.

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 23. Your bookstore staff thanks you for your support throughout the year. It's a pleasure being your first stop for Orthodox books and gift items. If you are interested in working at the bookstore please visit our table at the Ministry Sunday event on November 12.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.



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hesitate to call the office and talk to Karen. As we ramp things up we will be sending out announcements, so keep an eye out!

Finally as the feast of Thanksgiving approaches, I pray that we all have a blessed one. While we enjoy the blessings God has given us on that day through fellowship and food, I urge you to consider the talents God has given you in your life. Give some thought to how you can harness them and offer them back to His Church. This is the greatest expression of thanks we can give.

To Him be all the glory, honor and worship!

In Christ,

+Fr. Daniel Triant

**SAVE THE DATE:
General Assembly
Meeting
Sunday, December 3
after Divine Liturgy**

Seattle Chocolate & Wine Ball

A benefit for
Camp Agape NW

A summer camp for
Kids with Cancer and their families

Sunday
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Herban Feast ~ 3200 1st Avenue South, Seattle • 5:30 p.m.

\$100 all inclusive – www.brownpapertickets.com

You're Invited ...

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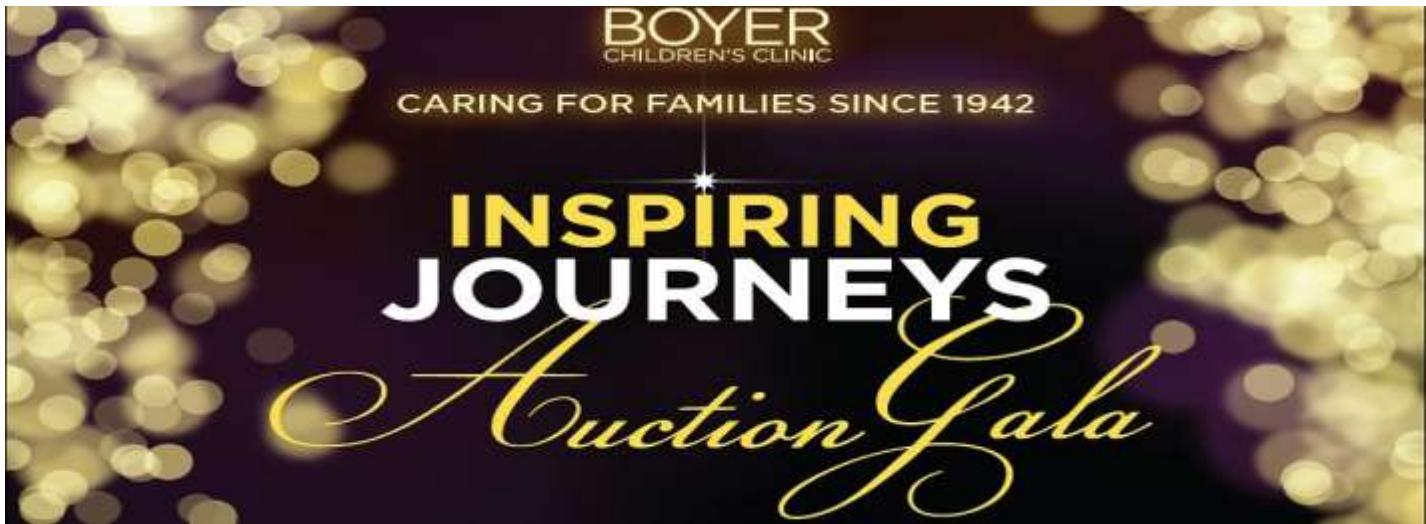


Camp Agape NW Wine & Chocolate Ball

Sunday, November 12 - 5:30 pm
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BOYER CHILDREN'S CLINIC AUCTION GALA



Boyer Children's Clinic: *Inspiring Journeys Auction and Gala*

November 4, 2017- Fremont Studios

To purchase tickets and for complete event information please visit the event website: www.boyercc.org

Dance News

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

Register today on the St. Demetrios website at: [http://www.saintdemetrios.com/
community/greendance/](http://www.saintdemetrios.com/community/greendance/) and come to practice on Monday night.



WREATH FUNDRAISER!

Wreaths will be on sale each Sunday during coffee hour through November 19th, For questions or more information, please contact: [Linda Kyrimis](#) or 206-818-6860.

BUY SEE's CANDY!

All dancers are selling See's Candy during the month of October and November. Find a dancer..... buy some candy. Dancers will be available on Sundays to take your order or contact [Sophia Katinas](#) or [Demetra Biros](#).



FDF 2018 has been announced with a new date and location - San Francisco on January 11-14, 2018!

Make Baklava on Monday, November 6

All dance families are asked to help make baklava during dance practice (Soulites and Akrites, please plan to come early to help before practice).



Make Baklava—November 6



We're Fundraising with
See's Candies!

Help us earn money for our organization
and make the holidays even sweeter.

**See's
CANDIES.**

OUR 2017 STEWARDSHIP PROGRESS

Thank you to all of our 2017 St. Demetrios stewards who have returned your signed pledge cards and contributed to our parish! Your continued support is welcomed and appreciated.

If you haven't become a steward yet and would like to, please visit our website (<http://www.saintdemetrios.com/stewardship/stewardship-pledge>) and sign-up online. You may also download a stewardship card, sign, and return it to the office.

The Stewardship Committee

Goal	\$500,000
Amount Received	\$388,651
Amount Remaining	\$111,349
Total Stewards	511

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