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The Orthodox Way

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mission Statement: Loving God and One Another in Spirit and in Truth

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On September 14th each year, we celebrate the elevation of the Holy, Precious and Life-Giving Cross. In the life of the Orthodox Christian, there is no symbol more sacred, more powerful, and more central than the Holy Cross. We see the Cross in our churches, we make the sign of the Cross when we pray, we wear it around our necks, and we encounter it throughout the Divine Services of the Church. Yet, the Cross is far more than a religious symbol. The Cross is the revelation of God's love. It is the throne upon which Christ our God reigns, the altar upon which He offers Himself for the salvation of the world and the doorway through which death is transformed into life.



The Orthodox Church does not look upon the Cross as an instrument of suffering and death. We call it the Life-Giving Cross, because the One who hung upon it is Life Himself. The wood that became an instrument of execution became, through Christ, the source of salvation. What appeared to be defeat became victory. What appeared to be death became the doorway to eternal life.

The mystery of the Cross is understood by the church through the practice of self-denial, prayer, sacrifice, humility, and love for Christ. For us as Orthodox Christians, the Cross is not something we look at; it is something we live. All difficulties and trials in our lives are meant to become crosses through which God leads us toward salvation. God allows each person a cross according to each one's strength and that the purpose is not suffering for its own sake, but spiritual ascent. In the words of Saint Paisios, our personal cross is "a stairway to Heaven."

This is an important lesson for us because we often pray that God will remove every difficulty from our lives. We pray for our problems to disappear; our illnesses to be healed; our financial burdens to be lifted; our family struggles to end, and our disappointments to be taken away. There is nothing wrong with asking God for relief. Our Lord Himself prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Let this cup pass from Me." But He immediately added, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39).

As Christians we do not seek suffering, per se. However, what we do desire is Christ. What we discover most profoundly in the midst of our suffering is Christ. When we encounter a trial, we should not immediately ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Instead, we must learn to ask, "Lord, how can I use this cross to come closer to You?" This changes everything. A difficulty becomes an opportunity for patience. An injustice becomes an opportunity for humility. An illness becomes an opportunity for prayer. A disappointment becomes an opportunity to place our trust in God. A difficult person becomes an opportunity to learn forgiveness and love. The Cross teaches us that God can transform even our greatest struggles into opportunities for sanctification.

Christ did not go to the Cross because He was defeated. He went voluntarily because He loves us. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). The Cross reveals a God who does not remain distant from human suffering. Our God enters into our suffering. He takes our humanity upon Himself. He bears our wounds. He carries our sins. He enters into death itself—and destroys death from within.

This is why the Cross is a call for us to participate in the pain of others. Authentic Christian love means not remaining distant from another person's suffering but carrying something of that suffering with them. When we visit someone who is sick, we carry a little of their cross. When we comfort someone who is grieving, we carry a little of their cross. When we forgive someone who has hurt us, we carry a little of Christ's Cross. When we sacrifice our time, our comfort, our money, or our desires for another person, we carry the Cross.

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Memorials & Candles

July 26:

Two Holy Altar vigil lights are offered in loving memory of **Tom and Coula Cotton** (fifty years and forty-four years since their passing) by their daughters, Irene Lehman and family, and Mary Cotton.

August 30:

A ten-year memorial service is offered in loving memory of **Peggy Tramountanas**, by her husband, Manuel Tramountanas, children and grandchildren.

September 6:

A Holy Altar vigil light is offered in loving memory of Paul Panagakis (fifteen years since his passing), by his wife, Alice.

Philoptochos

Philoptochos Grants – Do you know a small, local nonprofit whose mission inspires you and aligns with Philoptochos values? Here's your chance to make a meaningful impact! Philoptochos Grants offer a fantastic opportunity to help your favorite charity grow and thrive. Simply complete the Grant Application below and drop it off in the Philoptochos box at the church office by September 30. Let's work together to support causes that matter most to our community!

Men Who Cook – Get ready for one of the most exciting and beloved events of the year! The Men Who Cook fundraiser is back, and we need your help to make it unforgettable. If you know a man who loves to whip up delicious dishes and enjoys sharing his culinary talents, encourage him to join our friendly competition. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community, have some fun, and support a great cause. Only 20 spots are available, so encourage your favorite chef to sign up soon and bring his signature dish to wow our guests. Let's make this year's Men Who Cook event the best one yet!

Date: **Sunday, November 8**. For more information contact Emilie: emiliebjohn@gmail.com or Pam: pplumis@comcast.net



Donations

Dates to remember:

Sept 14 – Luncheon after services to benefit our seminary \$5 donation

Sept 30 – Grant Applications Deadline

Oct 2-4 – Festival

Nov 8 – Men Who Cook Fundraiser

Philoptochos Grant Application 2026

Deadline September 30th

Philoptochos wants to partner with your favorite small non-profit or charity organization to strategically support our Orthodox ministries and local community which align with our mission statement. The local charity mission may not reach beyond King County to include national and internal charitable support. *Large charities receiving corporate and/or government funding are considered well-endowed and will **not** be eligible.*

2025 Philoptochos Awards totaled over \$14,000: Philoxenia House, Bellevue Lifespring; King County Sheriff Blessing Bags, Union Gospel Mission, Pregnancy Aid of South King County, Lake Washington Institute of Technology Foundation (ESL scholarships), We Heart Seattle, yarn for baby blankets, Toys for Tots and Friends of Echo Glen (juvenile facility).

To Apply, please answer the following questions (please use additional paper for extended responses):

- Sponsor Name: _____
- Organization Name: _____
 - Address: _____
 - Year Established: _____
 - 501(c)(3) Yes or No
 - Point of Contact Name/Title: _____
 - Email Address: _____
 - Phone Number: _____

- Brief Organization Description (serving local and/or greater Seattle area)

- Sponsor's engagement in the Organization

- Specific Purpose of Grant

- Population Served (e.g., individual, family, school, community charity)

- Describe how this aligns with Philoptochos mission statement (*see below*)

Please Submit application directly to Philoptochos Mailbox in the Church Office no later than September 30, 2026.

Philoptochos is excited to partner and support targeted identifiable projects to both Orthodox ministries and local Greater Seattle charities.

Philoptochos Mission Statement

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, and to aid anyone who may need the help of the Church through fundraising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America,
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs.
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

For the Festival Boutique



**Calling all crafters, knitters,
crocheters, paper crafters, painters,
embroiderers, seamstresses...**

Do you have a craft or handiwork you like to work on in your spare time? It is time to think about sharing your creativity and what you can make to sell for the Boutique Booth during our annual Festival. Your lovely handmade items add personality and dimension to the festival and are wanted for the booth. Popular items:

**baby blankets and hats, Thanksgiving and
Christmas decorations, handmade cards,
placemats, napkins, sport and college or Greek
themed items such as blankets, aprons, hats,
slippers, knitted/crocheted stuffed animals, etc...**

**Contact Leta Kolios 425 430 0702
Or Rita Mavromatis 206 799 2196**

Sunday School Update

We have an exciting year planned as we learn about our Orthodox faith through a new national Sunday School curriculum! This year's theme is the **Divine Liturgy**. Sunday School classes will resume on **September 20, 2026**, with a "welcome back" celebration in the small hall following Liturgy. We will also have the annual blessing of the school backpacks



The 2026-2027 Sunday School registration form is included in this month's Orthodox Way; please complete and follow the instructions at the bottom of the form - before the first day of class, **September 20, 2026**.

Finally, we are continuing our Sunday School "Adopted Senior Program," whereby we pair Sunday School kids with our beloved St. Demetrios seniors to correspond with them throughout the year, sending notes, cards, handmade drawings, etc. As we have several seniors, we are looking for more Sunday School families to join our program.

We look forward to having your child/children join us and welcome parent volunteers (as noted on the registration form).

Thank you for your support!

Sunday School Thank You!

The Sunday School program wishes to thank **Eleni Athans** and her daughters **Angelina and Victoria** for their assistance in helping to prepare for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year. God bless you.

2026-2027 St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday School Enrollment Form

Classes begin on September 20, 2026

Thank you for enrolling your child in the St. Demetrios Sunday School Program. Each Sunday, your child will learn about their Orthodox faith and Christ. Please complete this form to register your child for Sunday School and submit it to the Sunday School Director. If you are able, we welcome a voluntary monetary donation to help cover cost of materials, snacks, and supplies.

Please note that a child must be 3 years old by August 31, 2026 to register this year.

Child #1			
Child's Full Name:	Last:	First:	
Current Academic School Grade:			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):		Age:	Gender (M/F):
Patron Saint/Feast Day:			
Child #2			
Child's Full Name:	Last:	First:	
Current Academic School Grade:			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):		Age:	Gender (M/F):
Patron Saint/Feast Day:			
Child #3			
Child's Full Name:	Last:	First:	
Current Academic School Grade:			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):		Age:	Gender (M/F):
Patron Saint/Feast Day:			
Parent/Guardian Information			
Father:	Last:	First:	
Mother:	Last:	First:	
Home Address Information			
Street:			
City/State:		Zip Code:	
Email:			
Home Phone:			

Volunteer Opportunities for Parents:

____ Christmas Program

____ Coffee Hours

____ Special Projects

Please return to Sunday School office, mail, or scan and email registration form to: Paula Charuhas Macris, PO Box 2660, North Bend, WA 98045; pmcmacris@gmail.com; 206/795-8204.

Liturgies in September

Sept	Service	Time
1	6:30a 1st Hour & Pre-Communion Prayers 7a Divine Liturgy	6:30am
6	14th Sunday of Matthew Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:15am
8	Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:30am

Sept	Service	Time
13	Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:15am
14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:30am
26	Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:15am
27	1st Sunday of Luke Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:15am

Yiayias & Friends

On **THURSDAY, September 3rd at 11:30am**, our Yiayias & Friends will gather at **MIKE'S CHILI PARLOR, 1447 NW Ballard Way, Seattle, WA 98107, 206-782-2808.**

The City of Seattle has just converted the area to metered parking, so please try to carpool if possible.

****Please RSVP**** It is very important our restaurants know how many to expect.

Email **Cathy** at chowoo@comcast.net, text **206-282-9641**, or ask to join our private Facebook group, **YIAYIAS & FRIENDS**.

We hope many of you will join us!



Papouthes and Friends

The September Papouthes and Friends luncheon will be:

Thursday, September 17, 2026 12:00 noon at:

**Voula's Offshore Cafe
658 NE Northlake Way
Seattle, WA 98105**

RSVP or Questions to: **Michael Gikas** at mwgikas@gmail.com or text/call **206-295-4349**.

Reminder: The Papouthes and Friends meet on the third Thursday of each month at noon.



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When we do these things with love, the Cross becomes not a burden that destroys us, but a path that transforms us.

The Holy Cross stands at the center of our Orthodox Christian faith because Christ is at the center of the Cross. Let us therefore never be ashamed of the Cross. May we wear it with reverence. May we make it's sign with faith and without fear and may we live it in our lives. The Cross leads us to Christ. Our Lord reminds us, "Whosoever would be my disciple must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

In Christ's love and service,

+Fr. Photios

St. Demetrios Auction

A Benefit for Boyer Children's Clinic and
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

September 12th

Tailgating
at Twilight!

5:30-10:00

Dress
casual!

Register now!



The Saint Demetrios Annual Auction is fast approaching! The theme this year is Tailgating at Twilight, and we will be throwing a homecoming/tailgating themed extravaganza, with the chance to have your table decorated in your alma mater's colors, plenty of tailgating food provided by Old Ballard Catering, a silent auction featuring a wide variety of goodies from restaurant gift certificates to Seattle sports memorabilia and more, and a lively, and spirited live auction. Among the live auction items this year are a very special edition Glassy Baby votive featuring the Greek flag with only 15 available and only available at the auction, concert tickets, golf outings, vacation stays in Arizona, Oregon, and elsewhere, Seahawks and Sounders tickets, and the chance to see a genuine Super Bowl ring from your Super Bowl champion Seahawks! Tickets are only \$85, or \$150 if you would like your table decorated to support your favorite team. The auction is September 12th in the Saint Demetrios Large Hall, from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm.



The Saint Demetrios Auction is an annual event to support the ministries of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and to benefit our friends and partners at Boyer Children's Clinic in their mission. Your participation is crucial as it ensures our continued growth and unity. Please feel free to reach out to auction chair Brian Koceski (bkoceski@saintdemetrios.com or auctionchair@saintdemetrios.com), if you would like to make a contribution to the live or silent auction, or simply if you have a question about the auction. You can follow this link <https://saintdemetrios.ejoinme.org/auction> to register for the auction or to make a donation, or you can scan the QR code from the auction flyer below. Every donation, regardless of size, is deeply valued and essential to the success of the auction, and we sincerely appreciate your past support. Together let's strive to make this year's auction a remarkable celebration of our faith and community.



ATTENTION: GREEK AMERICAN AND
GREEK ORTHODOX STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Washington OXI Day Foundation** is offering five college scholarships to Greek American and Greek Orthodox senior high school and college students who best describe an example of "philotimo" from their lives.

Philotimo is defined as love of honor; pride in self, family, and community; and doing the right thing. It is also defined in this short video seen by millions: **The Greek Secret**

The total of the scholarship grants will be \$10,000.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER 9, 2026

To apply, visit **this link** to complete the application and submit your 500-word essay by October 9, 2026.

The first-place winner will be invited to Washington, DC to be recognized at our annual black-tie banquet at the **Washington National Cathedral** on the evening of October 28, 2026.



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Printed Directory Update

Whose names will be in the directory?

All parishioners who have completed a stewardship pledge card in 2025 or 2026 (**by October 1, 2026**) will be included in the printed directory. See the current list of names in this edition of the Orthodox Way. Names with an asterisk are 2026 Stewards.

My name is not on the list – how can I be included?

Make a Stewardship pledge by filling out a paper copy or online Pledge Card. Paper copies are available in the pangari and the church office. You can mail your completed pledge card to church (2100 Boyer Ave E, Seattle, WA 98111) or drop it into the Stewardship box outside the church office. To complete the online Pledge Card, visit SaintDemetrios.com and select Stewardship. From there you will have the option to complete your [Stewardship Pledge](#) and pay online with [e-Giving \(Zelle, Tithe.ly or PayPal\)](#).



I made a Stewardship contribution – why isn't my name on the Stewards list?

We may have not processed your pledge card yet, or you did not complete a 2025 or 2026 pledge card to accompany your contribution. Use the “Complete your pledge” QR code below to complete your pledge online. If you have questions, please reach out to our Stewardship Administrator, Maria Barbas at mbarbas@SaintDemetrios.com or call at 206-631-2505.

What is the deadline?

To be included in the printed directory, we ask that you **make** your pledge by October 1, 2026, and fulfill your pledge by December 31, 2026. Please note: **Making a pledge is stating your annual commitment.** Fulfilling a pledge is making the payment by December 31, 2026, in accordance with the stated pledge.

What information is in the printed directory?

The contact information provided on your pledge card: name(s), address, email(s) and phone number(s). Other than occasionally printing a directory, the church does share your contact information.

How is the printed directory distributed?

All 2025 and 2026 stewards will receive a hard copy of the directory in their 2027 Stewardship packet. The packets will be distributed in November 2026 after Divine Liturgy (during social hour) or by mail if not picked up at church. Additional copies of the directory are available to stewards upon request for a nominal fee.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your stewardship pledge this year!

Learn about Stewardship



Complete your pledge



Make a payment



Introducing Tithe.ly A New Way to Give

Saint Demetrios staff and Parish Council are excited to share that Saint Demetrios is now using Tithe.ly, a simple and secure platform designed to make giving easier than ever.



With Tithe.ly, you can:

- Give anytime, anywhere – right from your phone or computer
 - Stewardship (one time, weekly, bi-monthly, 1st & 15th, monthly)
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 - Candles
- Set up recurring gifts so you never miss an opportunity to support our church and community

Getting started is quick and easy! You can create a Tithe.ly account online with the QR code below, download the Tithe.ly app (see next page), or learn more on the Saint Demetrios e-Giving Page

<https://www.saintdemetrios.com/stewardship/egiving>.

Want to learn more about Tithe.ly? Reach out to Johanna Rios our Parish Administrator at jrios@SaintDemetrios.com (206-631-2503) or Maria Barbas our Stewardship Administrator mbarbas@SaintDemetrios.com (206-631-2505).

Get started with recurring or one-time donations.

Scan the QR code to create your giving account with Saint Demetrios.



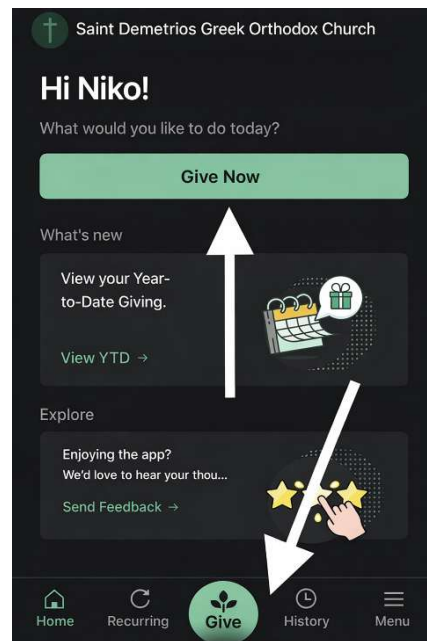
Giving to Saint Demetrios with the Tithely Giving App

1. Download the Tithe.ly Giving App

Install the app from your phone's app store (search "Tithely")

- **iOS (iPhone/iPad):** Search "Tithely" in the App Store and install.
- **Android:** Search "Tithe.ly" in Google Play and install.

Tip: If you already have the app, open it and continue with Step 2 below.



2. Log in and find Saint Demetrios

Open the app, log in (or create an account), then search for "Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church".

3. Tap "Give" (or "Give Now")

This opens the giving screen where you'll enter your gift details.

4. Complete the giving form

Fill out the required fields to set up your gift:

- **Amount** (your gift total)
- **Fund** (where you'd like your gift designated)
- **Frequency & date** (one-time or recurring)
- **Contact details**
- **Payment method** (Apple Pay, card, or bank, as available)
- **Memo** (optional, if available)

5. Review, then tap "Give"

Double-check your details, then submit your gift.

6. Save your confirmation

You'll see a confirmation screen when your gift is processed (and may also receive an email receipt, depending on settings).

Need Help?

- Visit the Stewardship Table after Divine Liturgy on Sundays during Social Hour
- Scan or click the QR code to see Tithe.ly's **How to Make a Donation** page



A WELCOME TO CONSUL GENERAL OF GREECE
GRIGORIOS TASSIOPOULOS



Thursday, October 8th 2026
5:30pm to 7:30pm
(Presentation at 6:30pm)

Assumption
Greek Orthodox Church
1804 13th Ave Seattle, WA

Join us as we welcome Mr. Tassiopoulos as Consul General who serves as the official representative of Greece for the eight western United States. A brief presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions from the Community.

Hosted by Hellenes of the NW and Order of AHEPA
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September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30 13th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: 1Corinthians 16... Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	31 Holy Cincture of the Theotokos	Sep 1 6:30a 1st Hour & Pre-Communion Prayers 7a Divine Liturgy St. Meletios the Righteous	2 John, Patriarch of C/nple Mamas, Martyr 1p Open Confession 6p Tharros Dance 6p Choir Practice	3 Metropolis YAL Conference Anthimos & Theoktistos the Ri...	4 Babylas, Bishop of Antioch Moses the Prophet	5 5p Vespers Zacharias & Elizabeth
Sep 6 Metropolis YAL Conference 14th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: 2Corinthians 12... Gospel: Matthew 22:2-14 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	7 Church Office Closed	8 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	9 1p Open Confession 6p Tharros Dance 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Greek School	10 Auction St. Demetrios Auction 5p Great Vespers	11	12
Archangel Michael's Miracle Kalodotis, Martyr	Sozon & Nikomache, Martyrs Labor Day	Nativity of the Theotokos	Severian, Martyr Synaxis of Joachim and Anna	Menodoras, Nymph...	Evanthia the Martyr Theodora & Efrasinos the Righte...	Autonomos, Martyr
Sep 13 Sunday Before the Holy C... Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17 Sm Hall Sunday School 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11:45a Sunday School Teach-ers' Meeting	14 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	15 1p Open Confession 6p Tharros Dance 6p Choir Practice 6p Vespers (at St. Sophia) 6:30p Greek School	16	17 8:45a Orthros (At St. Sophia) 10a Divine Liturgy (at St. Sophia)	18 5p Great Vespers	19
Cornelius, Martyr	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Bessarion, Philotheos & Gerasimos Nikitas, Martyr	Euphemia, Great Martyr	St Sophia & Her Daughters	Ariadne, Martyr Eumenios, Bishop of Cortyna	Trophimos, Martyr
Sep 20 Sunday after the Holy Cr... Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 Sm Hall Sunday School 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Sunday School Begins	21 5:30p Philoptochos Meeting 6:30p Parish Council Meeting	22	23 6p Tharros Dance 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Greek School	24 Consecration of the Katholikon at St. John the Forerunner... 6p Great Vespers and Orthros of the Consecration (Monastery) 8a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Consecration (Monastery)	25	26
Eustathios, Great Martyr & Family	Jonah the Prophet Kodratos, Apostle	Phocas the Gardener	Conception of St. John the Baptist	St. Silouan the Athonite St. Thekla the Martyr	Euphrosyne the Righteous Kallimachos, Martyr	St. John the Evangelist
Sep 27 Library: Bookstore Setup 1st Sunday of Luke Epistle: 2Corinthians 6:1... Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Sunday School	28	29 6p Tharros Dance 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Greek School	30	Oct 1 St. Demetrios Greek Festival 6p Great Vespers	2	3
Kallistratos, Martyr & 49 Compa...	Baruch the Prophet Charlton. Confessor	Kyriakos the Anchorite Petronia. Martyr	Gregory, Hiermartyr of Armenia	Ananias the Apostle Romanos the Melodist	Martyr & George, Neoma... Kvrianos. Hiermartyr	St. Dionysios the Aeropagite

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Submissions for the Orthodox Way

If you would like to offer a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light or sponsor the Social Hour in memory of a beloved family member or friend who has fallen asleep in the Lord, please contact the church office at 206-631-2500.

Please submit announcements for Memorials and Candles to Johanna at jrios@saintdemetrios.com by the 20th of the month to appear in the next months newsletter. Submissions recieved after the 20th will appear in the following newsletter.

All other inserts and announcements can be sent to the Orthodox Way editors at info@saintdemetrios.com.

The above are parishioner contributed announcements to The Orthodox Way