



The Orthodox Way

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Beloved Faithful of St Demetrios,

Christ is risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

As we begin the month of June, we close the Paschal season with the Feast of Pentecost. We commemorate every year the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the upper room on the fiftieth day after Christ rose from the dead. In this moment, at the sound like a “rush of a mighty wind” (Acts 2:2), they were filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations, many of which were present on that feast in Jerusalem. The Lord had told the Apostles that He would make these uneducated fishermen to be, “fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). “Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You have shown forth the fisherman as most wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit and so through them, catching the whole world in Your net...” (Dismissal Hymn of Pentecost). On this “final post-festal feast,” the Apostles received not only everything necessary for their salvation, but they received *power* from on high (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8) to proclaim the Gospel.



The Apostles each went out to the nations to spread the Gospel of Christ, to cast His *fishing net* far and wide. St Paul went to Greece and beyond, St Matthew to Ethiopia, St Mark to Alexandria, St Thomas to India, etc. The missionary efforts of the Apostles of Christ can be found not only in the Holy Scriptures, but also in the lives of the saints of the Orthodox Church. It is remembering their missionary efforts and giving thanks to God, that we begin the Apostles’ Fast on the 2nd Monday after Pentecost.

Christianity is actually an *evangelical* faith, meaning it is centered around the preaching of the news that Jesus Christ has come to impart salvation to all. Every man, woman, and child at some point is called to appropriate this faith and make it their own regardless of whether they were raised in the Church, or if they come later in life. Truly, *no one* is *born* into the faith. And we know this: we all must be born again through the waters of baptism. Nobody possesses Orthodoxy as their birthright.

If you look around our community you will notice a lot of unfamiliar faces, faces of people who are seeking the truth of the Christian Faith and finding it in the Orthodox Church. St Demetrios is not the exception. This is happening in all of the Orthodox Churches in the Seattle area, and beyond. And being welcoming to those who are coming into the Church is something that is not only our obligation, but something that should inspire us. How beautiful is it to see a life transformed in Christ with the faith and practice of our Church? Haven’t we received this great gift for ourselves? Perhaps we take it for granted. But we see many hungry souls coming to the faith to be nourished on Christ.

We know that welcoming those from non-Orthodox backgrounds is not some “concession” or “exception,” but actually the *norm* in Christianity. Nobody possesses Orthodoxy as their birthright and, as St John Chrysostom says, “the Master is generous and accepts the last even as the first.”

It is my prayer that as we close the Pentecost season and we begin the Apostles’ Fast in a few short weeks, that the Lord would open the hearts of many to seek him. During this fast let us not only remember the Apostles, but continue their work. I ask that by the prayers of Saints Peter and Paul, whose feast we celebrate on June 29th, we would be enlightened and *empowered* to share the Gospel with everyone who comes through the doors of our church.

In the Risen Lord,
Fr Spyridon

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On May 4, a Holy Altar vigil light and a donation was offered in loving memory of **Sam Treperinas** (six months since his passing) by his wife Elly; his sons, George (Thelma), Steve (Cindy), Luka (Angela) and his grandchildren Sam (Megan), Pete (Colette), Sam and Maria.

On May 11, a forty-day Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Maria Dumont**, by her children and grandchildren.

On May 18, a nine-year Memorial Service and the coffee hour was offered in loving memory of **John Babarakos**, by his daughters, Nina Varlamos, Eleni Christofilis, and their families.

On May 18, a Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Welete Senbet** (five-years since her passing), by her daughter Ghennet and family.

On May 18, a one-year Memorial was offered in loving memory of **Andreas Pantelis Michelakis**, by his wife, Irini, his daughters, Despina and Efsevia, and granddaughter, Irene.

On May 18, a Holy Altar Table vigil light was offered in loving memory of **George Macris** (twenty-two years since his passing), by his children, Angelique and Mark Saffle, Chris and Paula Macris and grandchildren, William and Olivia Grosvenor.

On June 1, a forty-day Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Nikos Papkonstantinos** by his nephew, Panos Exarhos (and Angelina), and family.

On June 15, a one-year Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Gus J. Boutsinis** by his wife, Joan Boutsinis, his daughters, Demetra (Panayotis), Catherine (Kevin), Julie (Ken), and his brother, John Dimitriou and their families.

On June 15, a forty-day Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Mary Malesis**, by her children Mary Ann Giakoumatos and husband Kostas, Georgia Malesis-Best and husband Roger, and Alex Malesis and wife Cyndi and her grandchildren.

On June 15, a Holy Altar Table vigil light is offered in loving memory of **Afendopoula Halkides** (fifty-six years since her passing), by her grandchildren, Paula and Chris Macris.

On June 22, a Memorial Service, a Holy Altar vigil light and the coffee hour are offered in loving memory of **Maria Cooper** (one-year since her passing) by her daughters Alexa & Katina, and their families.

On June 29, a six-month Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Peter Stavros**, by his wife, Maria Stavros and family.

On June 29, a Memorial and the Coffee Hour is offered in loving memory of **Annette Skoulis** (forty days since her passing), **Ioannis Gormanos** (five years since her passing) and **Kyriaki Gormanos** (six years since her passing) by Alex, Vassie, Alexandros and Yianni Skoulis.

On June 29, four Holy Altar Table vigil lights are offered in loving memory of **Nicholas Katholos** (four years since his passing), by his wife, Popi Katholos and family.

Condolences

We express our Deep Condolences to Mary Ann Giakoumatos, Georgia Malesis-Best, Alex Malesis and their families for the passing of their mother, **Mary Malesis**. May her memory be eternal!

We express our Deep Condolences to Alex Skoulis and family for the passing of his mother, **Annette Skoulis**. May her memory be eternal!

Sunday School Update

We are grateful to this year's Sunday School teachers for sharing their volunteer time and talents with the youth of our parish:

Pre-school/Pre-Kindergarten: Lana Georges, Christina Bayouk

Kindergarten: Elena Smagley, Noreen Bayouk

1st Grade: Laura Kemmerer, Zoe Facilla

2nd/3rd Grade: Eleni Athans, Nicole Balkenbusch

4th/5th Grade: Andrew Aliferakes, Christina Tapia, Stephanie Dikeakos

6th Grade: Presv. Katherine Dumont, Carmen Karagiorgos

7th-12th Grade: Gabriel Bayouk, Paul Kassab, Gil Morgan, Chris Hegge

Our last day of class is **June 1** and we will be recognizing our outstanding attendance award recipients following Liturgy. We also invite all kids to join us for an end of year pizza party and games celebration in the Small Hall after church.

Sunday School classes will resume in mid-September. We are looking for volunteers to help us over the summer as we prepare for the 2025-2026 Sunday School year. For more information, please contact **Paula Macris** at pmcmacris@gmail.com.

Wishing you a safe and blessed summer!

Thank You to “Adopt a Senior” Program Participants!

The St. Demetrios “Adopt a Senior” program connects Sunday School kids and parishioners with our beloved senior citizens who are unable to regularly attend church services. Participants send cards, drawings, or hand-written notes to their assigned senior. This program has created wonderful friendships between our families and seniors, who greatly appreciate the connection.

We wish to thank the following families for participating in our program:

Aliferakis	Hatziantoniou	Omusoro
Balkenbusch	Jones	Rice
Bariames	Karagiorgos	Sankey
Bayouk	Kemmerer	Smagley
Daoura	Kyrimis	Spies
Dikeakos	Maciejewski	Tosto
Economou-Grunder	Manolopoulos	Weirich

If you wish to join the group, please contact **Paula Macris** at pmcmacris@gmail.com.

Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery Update

As we are aware, our parish of St Demetrios Church beginning in 1971, purchased a number of grave sites so as to create an identifiable section at Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery for parishioners. As needs increased additional grave sites were purchased in 1976, 1999, 2001 and finally in 2015 expanding to both sides of the service road. In total approximately 585 sites were purchased. Additionally a Chapel was added to better identify our area as a place for the Orthodox to offer prayers.



With less than eighty (80) gravesites now available, the parish will need to explore the possibility of purchasing additional gravesites to meet future requests. Purchasing graves within the confines of the City, as many of us know, is expensive and any new purchases from Washelli will be much higher than our 2015 purchase price.

Currently, our parish offers grave sites in our section at just under one-half the standard rate Washelli charges for similar graves sites throughout the cemetery. We have not increased our sale price since 2017. Thus, so as to help build a reserve for future consideration of adding more gravesites to our inventory, a price increase is now necessary.

The purchase price for those who are Stewards of St Demetrios for a single grave site will increase \$1,300 (to \$6,900) for flat marker sites and increase \$1,600 (to \$9,400) for those wishing to have a site for an upright monument. Non stewards of St Demetrios and members of our sister parishes will have an additional \$3,000 added to their purchase price.

This price increase will be effective **September 1, 2025**. Until such date, current pricing will remain in effect.

On **Sunday June 22nd** during coffee hour, representatives from Evergreen-Washelli will be with us to both answer questions and offer in-office appointments for further information regarding purchases. Our contact at Evergreen-Washelli is **Patrick Conlan** who can be reached at **(206) 834-1971 or (206) 228-0774**.

For any initial questions prior to our visit from Evergreen-Washelli representatives, you may also contact **Paul Plumis** at **206-370-2670**.

Philoptochos

We are called in Matthew 5:14-16 to be the light of the world and to put our light on a lamp stand to give light to all in the house and to shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.

This is what your Philoptochos organization is trying to do... to bring light and good works to those who need it. As our year comes to an end, we are reflecting on some of our accomplishments with hopes that our efforts have brought a little relief and peace to those in desperate need. We have provided college scholarships to immigrant women to help them adapt to working in America, helped to feed the hungry, helped to clothe the disadvantaged, helped to give comfort to the homeless, helped to support struggling parents with essential infant needs, and supported our own youth with give back projects, the Philoxenia House, our own St Demetrios, and much more.

God willing, with our amazing Philoptochos ladies and your constant support, we will continue this path of good works.

We have elected a new panel of Philoptochos board members for the next year. Please know that these ladies represent you and are always willing to support and address issues you may be concerned with. Please congratulate our newly elected members, Maria Hillman, Sofia Kenny and Georgia Teodosiadis. They will join our existing board consisting of: Kim Angelis, Maria Barbas, Fran Barnecut, Duaa Bayouk, Mary Damascus, Dale Hazapis, Emilie John, Linda Kyrimis, Sandra Maroussis, Deena Maroutsos, Rita Mavromatis, Pam Plumis, Vassie Skoulis, Joann Stergachis, Alexa Thompson and Nina Varlomos. We are saying to goodbye to Susan Morgan, Helen Christofilis, and Elaine Pagones. We are so thankful for the love and amazing contributions they have made our organization.

It is not too late for making reservations to our annual end-of-year dinner on June 10, at 5:30 in the large hall. This is always lots of fun as we visit, learn about what Philoptochos has been doing and enjoy the entertainment. We thank Kiki Dotis for providing the food from Taki's Mad Greek. Make reservations with Sandra Maroussis at 206-819-7285.

- June 10: Year-End Dinner – 5:30pm @ St Demetrios

Emilie John and Pam Plumis

Co-Presidents



Donations

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos

Membership 2025

We are a volunteer organization that supports many church and charitable projects, both locally and nationally. Our mission is to embody the principles of our Orthodox faith, while offering support, encouragement, and assistance with dignity and respect to the poor, the elderly, the sick, and to all those in need. Your tax-deductible membership contribution of \$50 or more makes our work possible. Men are also welcome to join!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZipCode _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____



One of our goals is to engage more of our younger members who lead busy lives and may be interested in networking with other younger women to work on projects of interest to the group. Please check if you want to learn more about upcoming opportunities. _____

Amount Received _____ Paid by cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____

If you prefer to join by mail, send this form along with your check to St. Demetrios Philoptochos, 2100 Boyer Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112. To pay by credit card, call Maria Barbas to pay by phone (206-631-2505).

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP 2024 (AS OF MARCH 23, 2025)

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 Angelis, Pres. Anna
 Angelis, Kim
 Antipas, Artemis
 Argue, Theodora
 Asimakopoulos, Carole
 Aswani, Margarita
 Athans, Eleni
 Barbas, Maria
 Barnecut, Frances
 Bayouk, Duaa
 Bekris, Theamando
 Biros, Demetra
 Broutsakis, Theodora
 Burke, Lauren
 Burke, Maria
 Chan, Julie
 Chigaras, John
 Chohlas, Cathy
 Christie, Pandora
 Christo, Eleni
 Christofilis, Eleni
 Christophilis, Nikki
 Christothoulou, Tula
 Constantine, Kay
 Collins, Marie
 Dalas, Angela
 Damascus, Mary
 Deleganis, Chryssa
 Delegans, Alexandra
 Demopulos, Arianna
 Demopulos, Diane
 Demopulos, Kate
 Dennis, Demetra
 Derezes, Tina
 Modenas-Diafos, Athena
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 Dikeakos, Stephanie
 Dikeakos, Voula
 Dodd, Voula
 Dotis, Kiki
 Dumont, Pres. Katherine
 Dunbar, Andrea
 Economou, Christina
 Economou, Elizabeth

Economou, Marla
 Economou, Mary
 Farmasonis, Nicolette
 Fournarakis, Dora
 Geving, Anastasia
 Ginosatis, Kaarin
 Economou-Grunder, Christina
 Georgiadou, Fotini
 Gianotas, Sandi
 Gikas, Wanda
 Haskell, Dorothy
 Hazapis, Dale
 Hillman, Maria
 John, Emilie
 Kaltsounis, Christina
 Karambelas, Georgene
 Katholos, Popi
 Kavounas, Angela
 Kenny, Sofia
 Kobiashvili, Mariam
 Koceski, Jiovanna
 Kolios, Leta
 Kolios, Vickie
 Kollias, Vivie
 Kost, Maria
 Kost, Patti
 Koutlas, Toula
 Kusulos, Dena
 Kusulos, Dolly
 Kyriakou, Kristen
 Kyrimis, Ali
 Kyrimis, Linda
 LaMarche, Katerina
 LaMarche, Lena
 Leckie, Georgia
 Limantzakis, John
 Limanzakis, Lucy
 Limantzakis, Polette
 Lines, Amy
 Macris, Paula
 Mang, Aleni (Routos)
 Mann, Andrea
 Maroussis, Alexandra
 Maroutsos, Deena
 Mastor, Jean
 Mavromatis, Rita

McFarlin, Georgia
 McIntosh, Tania
 Mitalas, Irene
 Modonas-Diafos, Athena
 Molskred, Fran
 Morgan, Susan
 Moroseos, Maria
 Moroseos, Teresa
 Umaij-Moroseos, Nazli
 Mykris, Carol
 Nelson, Stella
 Oraihev, Insaf
 Pagones, Elaine
 Pallis, Margie
 Pallis, Tina
 Panagakis, Alice
 Panagiotou, Colleen
 Panagiotou, Lisa
 Panopoulos, Johnette
 Panos, Rebecca
 Patrao, Angela
 Pedersen, Anna (Ellie)
 Petratos, Helen
 Plumis, Kristina
 Plumis, Pam
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 Proios, Eleftheria
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 Read, Bob
 Read, Bryan
 Read, Despina
 Rice, Pres. Ranae
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 Rockwell, Karen
 Rozis, Haroula
 Ruh, Katina
 Sakellaris, Penny
 Samolis, Katina
 Sancken, Barbara
 Shinas, Terri
 Shirland, Simoni
 Shnorhavorian, Margaret
 Skoulis, Vassie
 Spyridis, Pauline
 Stamolis, Vicky

Stavros, Dimitra (Toula)
 Stavros, Maria
 Stergachis, JoAnn
 Stotz, Heather
 Stotz, Lindsay
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 Teodosiadis, Georgia
 Teodosiadis, Steve
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 Theodorou, Valerie
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 Tourikis, Angela
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 Tsagalakis, Pres. Pat
 Tveit, Jody
 Tziotis, Ekaterini
 Velaoras, Erene
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 Varlamos, Nina
 Voltsis, Aspasia
 Walker, Effie
 Watson, Katherine
 Xidias, Mary

***Don't see your
 name on the
 list?***

***Please come join
 us! Fill out the
 membership form in
 this newsletter and
 mail to Maria Barbas
 at St. Demetrios with
 your \$50 membership.
 Your help allows us to
 continue to reach out
 in Christian love to
 those in need.***

ST. DEMETRIOS
PHILOPOCHOΣ



Invites You to
Join Us at
**OUR ANNUAL
END OF YEAR
DINNER**

**June 10th, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Donation \$30

St. Demetrios Hall
2100 Boyer Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112

For Reservations Call or Text Message to
Alexandra Maroussis at 206-819-7285 OR
Maris Barbas at 206-794-5659

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Philoxenia House Ministry Update



We are happy to inform you that our Philoxenia House mission is well underway serving cancer patients who come to Seattle for cancer treatment.

Unit B has a lovely couple from Alaska as residents since mid-March. They are very gracious and thankful to be housed at Philoxenia House while they are in treated for cancer and additional complications. They will be staying until the end of June.

Unit A first residents will be staying with us until May 30. On June 1, we will have new residents who will be staying in the until the end of July.

We are thankful the for helpful people at Fred Hutch who have directed our apartments to folks who need housing during this serious time in their lives.

If you see our guest residents around the yard or parking lot, please extend a thoughtful greeting to welcome them.

See our website

<https://philoxenia.org/>

like us on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Seattlephiloxenia>



Sharing the Word of God in Every Language!

The primary focus of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is to bring people into the fullness of life in Christ. We galvanize Orthodox Christians in the United States to support the work of Orthodox Missions around the world. Through collective action, we strengthen our community and magnify our impact – enhancing engagement, fostering faith, and igniting discipleship.

Over the years, our missionaries and ministries have played a vital role in the spiritual growth of thousands of people. The Pentecost mission is abundantly clear: the good news of Jesus Christ should be available to all people in their native language. This is a hallmark of the Orthodox Missions approach, which aims to embrace the rich tapestry of cultures across the globe and integrate local language and customs into worship and community life.

Continuing the mandate of Pentecost, the Liturgical Translations Program is a full-fledged department of OCMC. Through this program, people are equipped with the tools needed to experience the beauty of the Orthodox Liturgy in their respective languages.

For more information on the work of the OCMC, visit www.ocmc.org or call **877-GO-FORTH**.
God Bless You!



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SUMMER

PICNIC POTLUCK

June 3rd at 10:30am
Montlake Playfield Park

Please bring a picnic dish to
share and something to sit on

SAINT DEMETRIOS



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HELPING ORTHODOX PARENTS EDUCATE

Auction Update



Thank you to everyone who attended the 2025 Saint Demetrios Auction on May 17th! We had a wonderful time and raised a lot of money for the ministries of the church. As always, a portion of the proceeds will go to our partner and neighbor, the Boyer Children's Clinic. Additionally, the money raised from the Fund A Need will go to improvements designated by the Beautification Committee and approved by the Parish Council. A special thanks goes to everyone who donated a dessert for the very successful Dessert Dash, donated an item or items to the silent and live auctions, or volunteered their time for set up and decorating. The auction committee, **Margaret Ales, Kaarin Ginosatis, Dale Hazapis and Steven Stanos**, and your auction co-chairs, **Eirene Bekris and Brian Koceski**, thank everyone for their contributions.

The theme of this year's auction was Head Back to the 70s for a Night of Funk and Flair.

As you can see from the pictures, participation was outstanding! The decorating committee went over the top with the décor; the food from Old Ballard Catering was fabulous, and our auctioneer DJ Yanni and MC Demetri Georgakopoulos did an amazing job! The Auction Committee is already looking ahead to next year!

If you weren't able to attend the auction but would still like to donate, please contact the auction committee at auction@saintdemetrios.com, or use this handy link: <https://saintdemetrios.ejoinme.org/FundANeed>. Thank you!

Yiayias & Friends

On **Thursday, June 5th, at 11:30am**, our Yiayias & Friends will gather at a Chinese restaurant, **ROYAL UNICORN, 615 NW Richmond Beach Rd, Shoreline, WA 98177. 206-629-4538**. Our ladies wanted to occasionally try different cuisines, and this will be the first time for our group.

****An important reminder to RSVP** It is difficult for restaurants to plan seating and staffing - so it is important they know how many to expect.** Much appreciation to those who always take the time to reply! To those who just show up - please be considerate and let us know if you plan to be there.

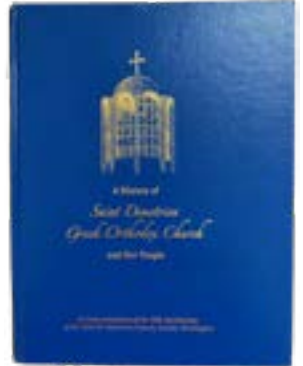
For further information or to RSVP for June 5th, please email **Cathy** at chowoo@comcast.net, text **206-282-9641**, or ask to join our private Facebook group, YIAYIAS & FRIENDS. We hope you will join us!



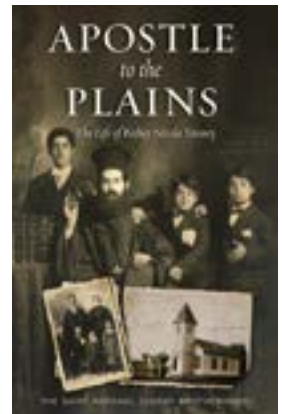
Bookstore News

Welcome to June when we look forward to celebrating Father's Day, among other celebrations. In our Orthodox parishes, we are blessed to have priests as our spiritual fathers. Here in America, with its fairly short Orthodox life since the 1800s, we have much to be thankful for, including special priests who left homelands and family and came here not just to make better lives for themselves, but to minister to unchurched groups of Orthodox Christians.

Here in Seattle, first at the Greco-Russian Church from 1892 to 1915, readers can learn about the early priests of our joint community from our **A History of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and Her People** (pages 39 to 41), and the start of St. Demetrios Church itself from 1916. Copies are still available at sale price for purchase in the bookstore. The earliest priest, Fr. Hieromonk Sebastian Dabovich, was born in San Francisco in 1863. He was the first American Orthodox ordained to the Holy Priesthood in America and assigned to the Pacific Northwest as a missionary to determine where the local Orthodox populations were and to establish parishes in those places. Other priests who served St. Demetrios still in the formative years were subsequently sent to other parts of the United States. Fr. Michael Andreades, in particular, played a major role in the growth of the faith in the United States. In 1931, Fr. Andreades, with his experience in trilingual services, became a member of the Mission Program Executive Board of the Greek Archdiocese.



Apostle to the Plains: The Life of Father Nicola Yanney, also available in the bookstore, is a page turning account of a young man who, in the early 1890s, left his home village in Lebanon and sailed to America, with his new wife, in search of a better life. He eventually settled in Nebraska and after a series of events became the first priest to be ordained by Bishop Raphael during Great Lent of 1904. Bishop Raphael later became Saint Raphael of Brooklyn. Fr. Yanney spent the rest of his life traversing the Great Plains as a circuit-riding priest and pastored to thousands of Orthodox Christians.



Another book about the early days of **Orthodoxy in America** is **Lost Histories: The Good, the Bad, and the Strange in Early American Orthodoxy**, by Matthew Namee.

Papouthes Group

The June Papouthes luncheon will be:

Thursday, June 19, 2025, 12:00 noon at:

Spiro's Pizza and Pasta
18411 Aurora Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

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

Reminder: The Papouthes Group usually meets on the third Thursday of each month at noon.



YAL Seattle Updates

Here's what's new for YAL Seattle.

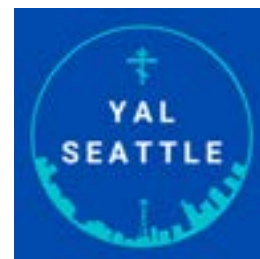
Upcoming Events



Vespers & Dinner: Join us on Saturday, June 7, for Vespers at St. D's (5 pm), followed by dinner at Varlamos Pizzeria (3617 NE 45th St, Seattle, WA 98105).

Sacred Alaska Screening: Join us on Friday, June 13, for a viewing of Sacred Alaska at St. D's. This event is a fundraiser for YAL and is open to all. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased after church during coffee hour or at the door.

Father's Day Coffee Hour: We're hosting coffee hour for Father's Day on Sunday, June 15, at St. D's and are looking for volunteers to help us set up and clean up. Please see the GroupMe for more information.



Connect with YAL Seattle

GroupMe: https://groupme.com/join_group/95398216/v3zQQsYC

Email: yalseattle@gmail.com

Instagram: [@yalseattle](https://www.instagram.com/yalseattle)

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

If you are a college student in the Seattle area, join our OCF group at the University of Washington. Meetings are paused for the summer and will resume in Fall Quarter.

Join our GroupMe group chat: https://groupme.com/join_group/85524228/CUbVqV5a

Follow us on Instagram: [@ocf_uw](https://www.instagram.com/ocf_uw)

Email us: ocf@uw.edu



"Sacred Alaska" Screening

Friday, June 13, 2025
7 p.m.
St. D's Large Hall

Tickets: \$10

Purchased at the door or during Coffee Hour

All proceeds will benefit the YAL Seattle ministry.

For questions or more information, please email yalseattle@gmail.com.



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

High School Graduates

Demetrios (Jimmy) Taylor

Graduating from Kennedy Catholic High School
Attending University of Idaho in the fall

John Limantzakis

Graduating from University Preparatory Academy
Attending Indiana University Bloomington, majoring in Business in the fall.

College Graduates

Stephen Panteleakos

Ohio University
Doctorate of Athletic Training

Katie Stanos

Columbia University, New York City
Bachelor of Arts, Film and Media Studies

Petros Magoulas

University of Washington
Master's in Electrical Engineering
Dean's list GPA 3.82/4.0

Wishing all our graduates great success in their future endeavors!

Liturgies in June

June	Service	Time	June	Service	Time	June	Service	Time
1	Fathers of the 1st Ec. Council Orthos & Divine Liturgy	8:15am	18	Samaritan Woman Orthos & Divine Liturgy	8:15am	29	Apostles Peter & Paul Orthos & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
8	Pentecost Orthos & Divine Liturgy	8:15am	22	2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthos & Divine Liturgy	8:15am			
15	All Saints Orthos & Divine Liturgy	8:15am						

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Fathers of the 1st Ec. Co... Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 2... Gospel: John 17:1-13 Sunday School Graduation 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>St. Charitos, Martyr St. Justin Martyr</p>	<p>Lg Hall Seattle Prep 10a Philoptochos Board Meeting</p> <p>St. Nikiphoros Pat. of C/ple</p>	<p>Loukilianos & Paula, Martyrs</p>	<p>10a Philoptochos Board Meeting 1p Open Confession 4p MEM Monthly Meeting 5p Greek School Graduation</p> <p>Mary & Martha</p>	<p>Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyros</p>	<p>Ilarion the Righteous Vissarion of Egypt</p>	<p>7 Bite of Greece at Assumption Saturday of Souls 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 1p Baptism 5p Great Vespers</p> <p>Theodotos of Ankara</p>
<p>Pentecost Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:... Bite of Greece 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 2p Baptism</p> <p>Calliope, Martyr</p>	<p>NO FASTING THIS WEEK Grow Orthodox Mission Conference • St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church • Irvine, CA 11:30a Philoptochos General Meeting 7p Philoptochos End of Year Dinner</p> <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria</p>	<p>Alexander, Antonia & Theoph...</p>	<p>Bartholomew & Barnabas, Ap... St. Luke the Surgeon</p>	<p>St. Peter of Mt. Athos</p>	<p>13 4p Wedding Rehearsal Large Hall Wedding 4p Wedding 5p Great Vespers</p> <p>Aquilina, Martyr</p>	<p>14 Prophet Elisha St. Methodios Pat. of Constan...</p>
<p>All Saints Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-... Gospel: Mt: 10:32-33; 37... 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Achaikios, Stephen & Fortunat... Jonah, Met. of Moscow</p>	<p>FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 10a WOCA Meeting - St. Demetrios</p> <p>St. Tychonon, Wonderworker</p>	<p>Manuel, Savel, Basil & Isavros</p>	<p>1p Open Confession</p> <p>Leontios, Hypatios & Theodo...</p>	<p>10a Lg Hall Set Up</p> <p>Apostle Jude, Brother of the L... St. Paisios the Great</p>	<p>20 Lg Hall Tedros 3:30p Wedding 5p Great Vespers</p> <p>Methodios, Hiermartyr of Pat... St. Nicholas Cabasilas</p>	<p>21 Julian, Martyr & Nikita of Nisy...</p>
<p>FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 6p Vigil - St. John's Monastery 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 12p Baptism</p> <p>Eusebios Bishop of Samosata Zeno & Zenas, Martyrs</p>	<p>8a Hours and Divine Liturgy - St. John's Monastery 6:30p Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</p>	<p>24 Righteous Fevronia</p>	<p>1p Open Confession</p> <p>David the Righteous of Thes...</p>	<p>5p Wedding Rehearsal 4p Wedding 5p Great Vespers</p> <p>Mary & Joanna, Myrrhbearers Sampson, Host of Strangers</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed 5p Great Vespers</p> <p>Trans. of Relics of Kyros & John</p>	<p>28</p>
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