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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,

Now that we are well into the Nativity Season, with the advent of Christmas fast approaching, our preparations and expectations are beginning to take shape, and with them come our questions: Who will travel, and where? Who will host? Will we get a tree this year? How about gifts? Secret Santa? Much of our focus aims at two key days: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day... and what will we eat?? Our family in the San Francisco Bay Area would sometimes have "Christmas Crab," as the local Dungeness crab season would usually kick off just in time. While our planning and anticipation within this narrow scope are fitting and wonderful, let's widen our view to take in the source of this great festival; the Incarnation of the Word of God.



St. Gregory Palamas, in his homily on Christmas, calls this the "Festival of the virgin birth!" He goes on to invite the faithful listener to "...enter into the mystery, as much as this is accessible and permissible, and time allows, that something of its inner power might be revealed even to us." It is toward this inner power and this mystery, that our focus will shift. You see, we are fast approaching the celebration of the moment when prophecy and expectation, travail and history, all turned their gaze upon a child, born in a cave.

Of all the little gifts I may have circled with a highlighter pen, out of the piles of catalogs and magazines delivered in the Sunday paper right around this time of year, and left out for my mother to find, there's one little thing that used to capture my attention as a young boy, but I refused to circle it. It was a pair of x-ray glasses. Of course, I knew that this was an impossible offer... but it had the strange effect of stirring my imagination. To see through walls, through skin to the bones, through televisions and radios, and even wrapped presents... oh if only!

But what if there was such a thing as spiritual x-ray vision? If there were such a thing, then we would be able to take the physical events of God's Incarnation and see through them to spiritual realities going on inside of us, or rather with anticipation and expectation of Christ being formed in us. We may have more than enough evidence to suggest this from the mind of just one of our Church Fathers, who collectively demonstrate the mind of the Orthodox Church. St. Athanasius, in his work, "On the Incarnation," states, "The Son of God became man, that we might become god." It is with this hope that brings us back to the present; our attempt to see the inner power of the Nativity.

For this we must look back to the Theotokos; the Virgin Mary and the Annunciation. It was her "yes" to the Archangel Gabriel that set the miracle in motion. And then we must look into ourselves... are we prepared to give our, "yes?" For another great miracle to take place within us, by our Lord and God who humbled Himself to the point of taking up our flesh which He created, who stands at the door to our souls and knocks, it would be helpful for us to use our spiritual x-ray vision to see through Christmas.

Today we pray for and remember Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ's Incarnation, each time we pray the prayers before receiving Holy Communion. St. John Chrysostom, through his prayer, gives us spiritual vision in an image, "And as you willed in the cave to lie in a manger of dumb animals, take it upon yourself now to enter the manger of my dumb soul and into my soiled body." May the inner power and joy of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fill our hearts with desire for Him, and peace in now knowing God in Trinity. Christ is born, glorify Him!

In Christ's love,
+Fr. James

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On October 26th Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Demetrios Polychronopoulos and Demetrios Kamopoulos, by Andonios Polychronopoulos and family.

On November 8th Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Michael Deligan, by his daughter, Kay Betts, and honoring Michael and Michael Betts for their Nameday, by his mother, and grandmother, Kay Betts.

On November 28th a Six-Month Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of Georgios Nevretakis, by his wife, Lori Nevretakis and his daughter Christina Nevretakis and family.

On November 28th a Forty-Day Memorial Service and a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light are offered in loving memory of George Delegans, by his wife, Alexandra Delegans, his children and grandchildren.

On November 28th Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of George Tsiakilos (thirty-three years since his passing), by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On December 5th a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of Kostadinos and Panayiota Makris (nineteen years and twelve years since their passing), by their niece and nephew, Paula and Chris Macris.

On December 5th a Forty-Day Memorial Service, the Eight Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights and the Coffee Hour are offered in loving memory of Presbyteria Artemis Demopoulos, by her children, Dr. Peter and Diane Demopoulos, Dr. Gregory and Kate Demopoulos, Dr. Christina and Gerry Kaelin, and her grandchildren.

On December 6th Four Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Nicholas Katholos (in honor of his nameday), by his wife, Kalliopi Katholos, his children, Kathy and Aliki and grandchildren.

On December 12th a Memorial Service and Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Peter Economou (twenty years since his passing), Spiros and Elizabeth Xenos (thirty years and seventeen years since their passing), by his wife, and their daughter, Mary Economou, his children, and their grandchildren, Eva and George, Elizabeth and George, Christina and Rich and grandsons, John and Peter.

On December 12th Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Georgios and Vasiliki Christopoulos (sixteen years and thirty-nine years since their passing), by their children, Angela and Harry Tourikis, Dora Fournarakis and their families.

On December 12th Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Mary Cotton (ten years since her passing) by her daughters, Barbara Cotton, Vickie Huff, and Nick and Linda Huff.

On December 19th a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of Nick Petratos (eighteen years since his passing), by his wife, Eleni Petratos and family.

On December 19th Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Chris Chriest (five years since his passing), by his wife, Effie Chriest, his children, Valentina, Harry and George and their families.

On December 19th a Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of Despina Kassab (twenty-two years since her passing), by her son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Sally Kassab and grandchildren.

On December 26th a Two-Year Memorial Service, four Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights and a donation to Philoptochos are offered in loving memory of Alex Kolios, by his wife, Leta Kolios, his children and grandchildren.

On December 26th Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Katina Halkia (eleven years since her passing), by her daughter, Dimitra Stavros, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Parish Council President's Message

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the holiday season, I want to personally thank each of you for your support to the Parish Council, to me personally and to our clergy without whom we would not have the spiritual life we cherish in our parish.



While we have endured another year of Covid restrictions and the lack of fully being together, we hope and pray the coming year brings us health and the full return of our members to worshipping in person. While we will continue our online services, we are hopeful that our families/members will return more completely next year. At this point our average Sunday attendance is about 100-115. Normally we would have closer to 300 in attendance. As Fr Photios has mentioned in his message, perhaps we are no longer in the habit of coming to Church, perhaps some worry understandably about their health, and perhaps there are other reasons unknown to us. Orthodox and other churches across the country are struggling with attendance. Orthodox churches have been struggling with fewer weddings, baptisms and new members for several years now. Please continue to pray for our parish and others during this time.

In spite of our challenges, we continue to make progress:

- ◆ Received update from John T. John as President of the Philanthropia Board of Directors on the status of Philanthropia
- ◆ Approved Saint Demetrios Strategic Plan at a special General Assembly
- ◆ Conducted our first “virtual” auction with success in June 2021
- ◆ Welcomed Fr James to his first full year as Assistance Priest with St Demetrios
- ◆ Provided multiple support to those in need via our Philoptochos ministry
- ◆ Initiated a centennial celebration for 100 years of Saint Demetrios
- ◆ Conducted an assessment of our Stewardship Program by Bill Marianes who offered recommendations for improvement
- ◆ Approved an exciting new project led by Fr Photios and Chris Pallis to have Tonelli Fine Arts Studio in Italy create mosaics for the interior of the Church.
- ◆ Approved and initiated planning for restroom renovations throughout the facility
- ◆ Completed multiple repairs many through donations:
 - Completion of repair of stained-glass doors on the Boyer side of the street
 - Completion of repairs to the small cooler in the small kitchen
 - Approved repair of door to walk in cooler in large kitchen
 - Approved repair and cleaning of tiles in Narthex Candle area
 - Cleaned and replaced tiles in the Narthex candle area
 - Reviewed list of current projects requiring funding:

Current Targeted Capital Improvement Projects	Est. Cost
Recarpet Church Sanctuary	\$75,000.00
Repaint Church Interior	\$100,000.00
Walk in cooler replace door/motors	\$7,500.00
New Classroom Windows	\$350,000.00
Remodel All Bathrooms	\$334,000.00
Pressure Wash Roof & Exterior	\$25,000.00
Complete Church Iconography	\$565,000.00
New Audio Speaker System	\$25,000.00
New Primary Heating System	\$500,000.00
Replace ovens in large kitchen	\$24,000.00

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- ◆ Approved Bylaws revision for December General Assembly approval

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- ♦ Attended Clergy Laity conference in April
- ♦ Re-assessed and made revisions in restricted accounts to be presented at December General Assembly
- ♦ Supported the re-opening of several of our ministries including Youth Groups, Sunday School and Dance

On behalf of Parish Council, **thank you to all those who participated in these efforts.**



May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

+ In Christ,

Barbara Trehearne
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General Assembly

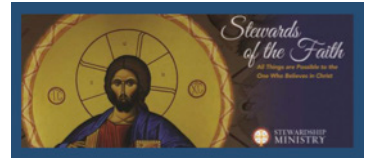
Please note the December General Assembly will be **December 12, 2021**, not December 5 as originally announced.

Services in December

December	Service	Time
1	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
2	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
4	Orthros & Divine Liturgy Great Vespers	8:30am 5:00pm
5	10th Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
6	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
11	Great Vespers	5:00pm
12	11th Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
17	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
18	Great Vespers	5:00pm
19	Sunday Before Nativity Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
20	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
24	Eve of the Nativity Royal Hours of Christmas Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:30am 5:00pm
25	Nativity of Christ Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
26	Sunday After Nativity Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
27	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am

Stewardship Letter

Another year comes to a close. Regardless of the challenges each one of us faced throughout the year, let us always “give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.” (1 Chronicles 16:34).



In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul instructed them to “give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 3:20). We give thanks to the Lord for you, our church family, and “we remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters, loved by God, that he has chosen you.” (1 Thessalonians 1:3-4). As servants of the most high God, He sees all that you do for Him and He rewards His faithful accordingly.

Without our faithful volunteers and those who give of their time and talent, we could not do the work of God that is set before us. Likewise, without your faithful giving, we wouldn't be able to sustain the church operations and meet the church's financial obligations. **We sincerely thank you.**

As stewards of our faith, it is our duty before God to decide in our hearts to give without reluctance or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7). By volunteering our time and talents and by offering our financial support, we team up with our clergy and the Parish Council in taking care of God's house, our church!

To accomplish this, we offer you the following **three things to consider**:

- 1. Pray and ask God to make you a more compassionate steward.**
- 2. Get involved.** In most churches, ours included, about 10% of the faithful do 90% of the work of the church and in the community. Let's show God how thankful we are for the gifts and talents He has given each one of us by using these gifts to serve Him and His church. At Saint Demetrios, we have 35 Ministries so please look at which one you might be interested in and reach out and get involved. As stewards, if we are not confident in our mission, we'll never fulfill God's mission. Many people want to volunteer but are unsure how to proceed. Please reach out to Gabriel or Barbara for guidance or Fr. James/ Fr. Photios.
- 3. Fill out your stewardship pledge card.** We need your financial gifts to be able to keep the church running. Giving without a pledge commitment does not allow us to properly plan expenses against contributions, so please complete a pledge commitment card. Of the parishioners who give, 50% give less than \$500 a year. **A gift of \$1700 per family would make a huge difference in meeting our goals and funding operations 100% with Stewardship dollars.** For families with young adults, your generous and cheerful giving speaks loud to them of your commitment as stewards of the faith. Help them become active in stewardship by offering their time, talents, and treasure, as small as they may be for this establishes a pattern of giving and faithful stewardship of the faith.



For the past two years we were dependent for the most part on our stewardship giving to sustain the church operations. It appears that we will fall short of meeting our target giving goal for the year unless each of us fulfill our pledges and give a little extra as we are able to within our means. We know that not everyone can do so, but as one church family, we call upon those who can to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond their pledged amount.

Our church is celebrating its 100 year anniversary and we are prayerful that our church will be here serving our families' spiritual needs as well as reaching out to those in our community for generations to come. There is nothing greater than building God's House and seeing lives changed for eternity. Thank you for being a part of making a difference in our church and our community.

Let us end 2021 strong and with generous hearts so that we can enter 2022 ready for what God has for us! Will you prayerfully consider what your most generous gift will be this Christmas season?

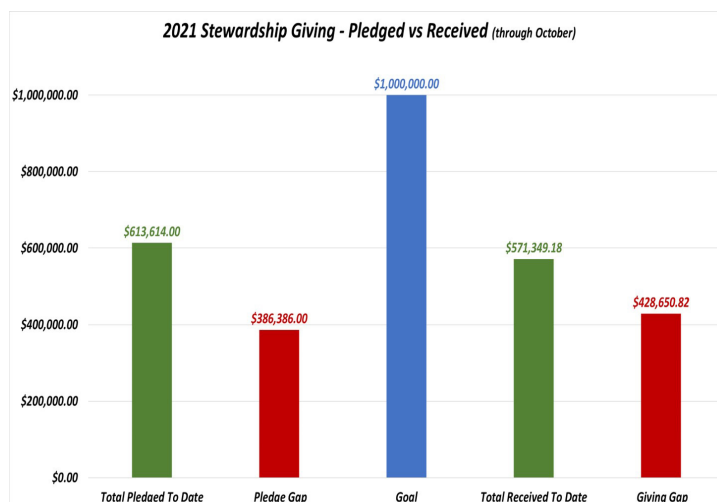
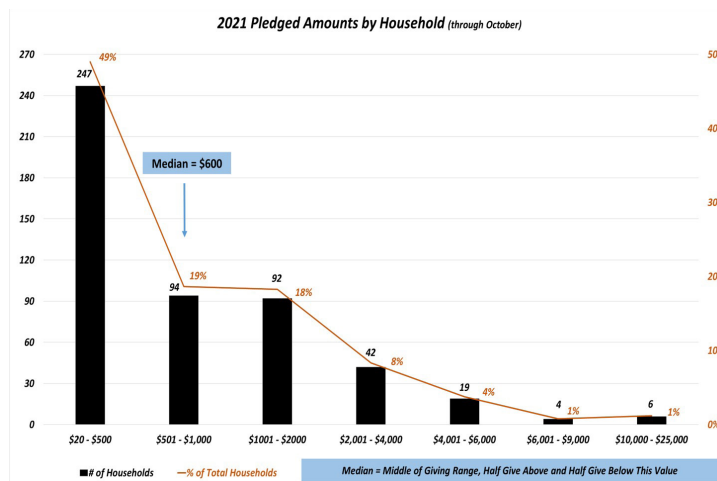
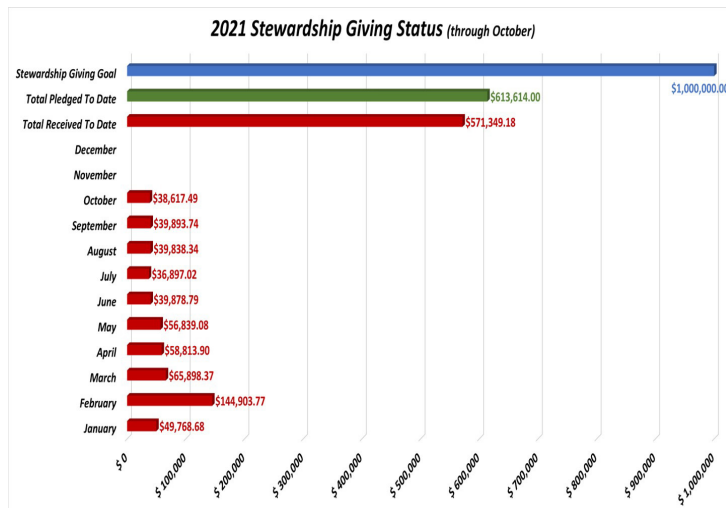
We wish all of you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We are thankful for each and every one of you and pray that the Lord's blessings and divine health will be yours during this Holy season and always.

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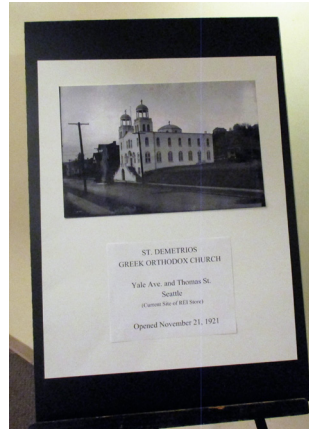
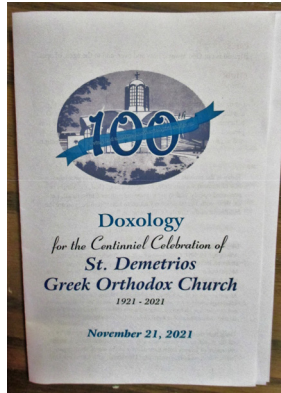
If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Trehearne (pcpresident@saintdemetrios.com) or Gabriel Bayouk (ggb0719@hotmail.com).

For your convenience, you can give on line at: <https://www.saintdemetrios.com/stewardship/egiving>.



St. Demetrios 100th Anniversary Doxology

On November 21, 2021, Saint Demetrios celebrated it's 100th Anniversary. A special service of Thanksgiving was held by Fr. Photios and Fr. James. We look forward to a larger celebration in 2022.



Philoptochos President's Message

As this year comes to a close, our St. Demetrios Philoptochos chapter would like to extend our appreciation for our parish's ongoing commitment during 2021. With your support, we achieved a membership record; more than 170 women (and some men!) joined us in our mission to provide assistance to those in need. We are humbled and grateful for all our members. Thank you!

We know the translation of the word, philoptochos, is friend of the poor. We are the charitable arm of the Greek Orthodox Church whose express mission is to serve those in need near and far. At the national level we pool our resources with the other 450 chapters in the country; at the metropolis level, we collaborate with the 59 parishes within our diocese. Locally, we support individuals and charities, including our neighbor, the Boyer Clinic, as we strive to make life easier for people.

Father Homer, of blessed memory, used to refer to the Cross as a "plus sign" made up of two intersecting bars. The vertical dimension has to do with our relationship to God. It is the faith dimension. The other, the horizontal bar, has to do with our relationship to our fellow human beings—how we relate and respond to the needs of others, as well as how we spend time in fellowship with one another. Together, the vertical (love of God) and the horizontal (love of neighbor) is our response to Christ's commandments to Love God and Love your Neighbor.

It's that simple. Philoptochos is "faith in action."

Our 2022 membership goal is 200 members. While ambitious, this goal is achievable with your help. If you believe in our mission, Philoptochos is for you. New ideas are welcome! Please use the membership form included in this issue of the Orthodox Way. **Membership is \$45.00**, thirty dollars of which goes to fund national and metropolis projects. If you are able to give more, we would be most grateful. To use a credit card, please call our Treasurer, Maria Barbas, at 206-794-5659 or 206-631-2505. Maria will process your donation over the phone and email you a receipt. Membership and donations are tax deductible. **Our 2022 membership form is on page 9.**

May God bless you and your families throughout this Holy Nativity Season and in the coming year. Christ is Born.... Glorify Him!



Wedding

Congratulations to Konstantinos Demetrios and Catherine Marie (Romberger) Skepetaris who were married on October 29th, 2021. Their Koumbaro is Ioannis Cardaras. "Na zesoun!"

A Special Thank You!

We wish to thank Ana Omosuru of "Pantanassa Flowers" for donating the flowers and her time and talent to decorate the icons of Saint Demetrios for Saint Demetrios Feast Day. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos

Membership 2022

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 \$45 or more makes our work possible. Men are also welcome to join!

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/ZipCode_____

Home phone _____ Cell phone_____

Email_____

I am a new member_____ returning member_____

Please return this form, along with your check payable to *St. Demetrios Philoptochos*, in the enclosed envelope. Send to *St. Demetrios Philoptochos / 2100 Boyer Avenue E. / Seattle, WA 98112*. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please call Maria Barbas to pay by phone:

206-794-5659 or 206-631-2505.



Jubilee Women's Center

Please Join Us In Gifting Joy To Our Low- Income Neighbors



In Holiday Seasons prior to Covid-19, St. Demetrios generously supported Jubilee Women's Center by providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners along with hosting a Christmas Giving Tree, giving individual gifts to our sisters-in-need. It's hard to believe another season is upon us and we cannot give in our traditional manner, as JWC still has not fully opened its doors to the public.

Even so, Jubilee continues to offer its services of food, shelter, work search and preparation, school placement and financial education as the residents work their way out of poverty and onto independent living.

Jubilee still needs our support and so this year, instead of a Giving Tree, they have made a specific wish list to benefit the residents. Along with the ongoing request of clothing donations, items needed are:

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| ⌘ New Twin Size Sheets, Blankets And Pillows | ⌘ Full-Size Shampoo, Conditioner And Bodywash |
| ⌘ New Bath And Hand Towels | ⌘ Toilet Paper And Facial Tissue |
| ⌘ New Umbrellas | ⌘ Grocery And Drug Store Gift Cards |

Please place donations in the bin marked for Jubilee Women's Center at the Entry of the Large Hall. If you have questions or need tax deductible receipts, please contact Georgene Karambelas 206 817 2523 cell or email karambelas@comcast.net or www.jwcenter.org.

Thank you and Wishes to you for a Blessed Holiday Season!

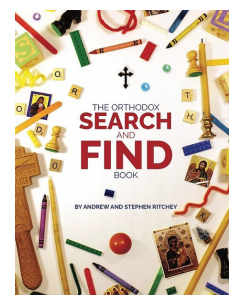
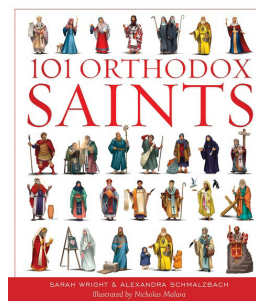
Bookstore News

Gift Items: Your St. Demetrios Bookstore's **Christmas Shop** is still going full strength. The beautiful **Christmas ornaments** have been selling like hot cakes and several more have arrived. Elegant **large golden wall crosses** with jewels and icons in their own presentation boxes make great gifts and can grace any room in your home. Popular always are the **cobalt blue glass ornaments** in several sizes with the silver-tone Theotokos and Christ Child on them. **Ceramic icons** and **incense burners** of various sizes make good gifts also. Various scents of **incense and wicks** make great stocking stuffers. Miniature, blue-roofed churches that are boxes will be perfect for storing religious items.

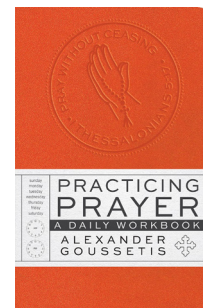
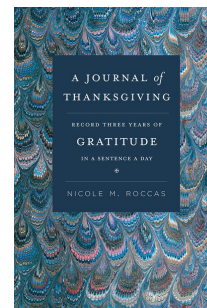


New Prayer Ropes in various sizes and thicknesses of wool have arrived, many made by nuns and monks. One is the boxed wedding prayer rope in white with gold beads, and two others are from Mt. Athos in light blue with widely spaced knots for ease of use.

Great Books: Christmas books for young children came and went and have been replenished for you in the Christmas Shop. The two new hardbound books are *101 Orthodox Saints* and the *Orthodox Search and Find Book*—perfect for sitting on the floor or having Mom or Dad read. One copy each remaining of the Potamitis book Χριστουγεννα/*Christmas* and of *The Holy Nativity of Our Lord* are perfect for the young child too.



For adults and teenagers, *A Journal of Thanksgiving: Record Three Years of Gratitude in a Sentence a Day*, is a way of recording daily devotions of appreciation. The columns for three years are not consecutive, rather for whenever you want to record your appreciation. Under each day's title is a quotation by a saint or from an Orthodox source, along with seven blank lines. *Practicing Prayer: A Daily Workbook* by Rev. Dr. Alexander Goussetis seeks to help us learn to pray without ceasing (Thess. 5:17). The cover shows Sunday through Saturday A.M through P.M. The 28-day workbook of an exercise per day is to lead you to a sustainable prayer rule.



Fast and Feast Days: The month of December is a time of continuing preparation for the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It also is a month with many beloved saints' feast days, starting with Barbara on the 4th, Nicholas the 6th, Conception of Anna the 9th, Spyridon the 12th, Herman the 13th, Eleutherios the 15th, Anastasia the 22nd, Eugenia the 24th, with the Birth of Christ on December 25, and Stephen the first martyred on December 27. Icons of some of these saints and feasts are available in the bookstore. May all our parishioners who celebrate their name days during December have blessings from their saints and from the newborn Christ, and Many Years to everyone!!

Καλα Χριστουγεννα
A Blessed and Joyous Christmas

Sunday School Update

Sunday School is sponsoring a **food drive for Seattle's Ronald McDonald House** (www.rmhcseattle.org) as our Christmas service project. The Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home," for 80 families with children who face life-threatening illnesses and travel to Seattle for treatment. Canned foods and dry goods for the house pantry will be collected **through December 19** and may be brought to the Sunday School office. Help us reach our goal of collecting at least 100 food items!

Also, join us on **Sunday, December 19** for our **Sunday School Christmas Party!** All grades will meet in the small hall during class to celebrate the birth of our Lord. There will be plenty of games, Christmas carols, gifts, and Lenten snacks. Wear red and green and join in fun!

By the way, **no Sunday School on December 26.** Wishing you a blessed Nativity!!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Orthodox Christian Mission Center Seek First the Kingdom!



In the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, our Lord tells us not to be like the people who get anxious about their clothes, or what they will eat or drink. Instead of seeking after those things, He teaches us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and everything else will follow (Matthew 6:32).

By supporting OCMC missions, we are proving how important it is to seek God's kingdom as well as to share it with others! In this time when everything seems so unstable, the world desperately needs the witness of God's transformational love and grace.

Thank you for considering an **end of year gift to OCMC** to share His kingdom and righteousness with hungry hearts all over the world!

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

Papouthes Group Luncheon

November's Papouthes group luncheon was well-attended and a great success!

Our next Papouthes group luncheon will be on **Thursday, December 16 at Bay Cafe** at 1900 West Nickerson Street, at Fremont at **12:00pm**. Those who wish to carpool may meet at Saint Demetrios at 11:00 am.

Please **RSVP to Manuel Tramountanas** (see below) so we can let the restaurant know how many seats to reserve. Thanks!

For reservations/questions, contact Manuel Tramountanas at agapemom@hotmail.com or 206-783-4466.



Saint Demetrios Dance Group

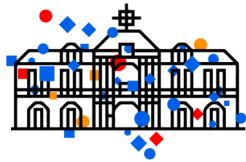


As in previous years, the Dance Group is **taking Baklava orders** for the holidays.

To place your order, please email stdsdancepres@gmail.com or call Maria at 206-794-5659.

Full Pan (approx. 170 pieces)	\$110.00
One-Half Pan (approx. 80 pieces)	\$ 60.00
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28</p> <p>13th Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 18:18-27</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>8:15a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Irenarchos, Martyr</p> <p>St. Stephen, the Confessor</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5p Vigil at St. Andrew's - Arlington</p> <p>6p Greek Dance</p> <p>St. Paramonos & 379 Companions</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6:30p Parish Council</p> <p>St. Andrew the Apostle</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>1p Open Confession until 4pm</p> <p>7p Orthodoxy 101</p> <p>Naoum, Prophet</p> <p>St. Philaret the Almsgiver</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>10:30a HOPE</p> <p>1p Metropolis Vicars</p> <p>7p Bible Study</p> <p>Habbakuk, Prophet</p> <p>St. Porphyrios</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1p Metropolis Clergy</p> <p>7p Capella Romana</p> <p>Zephaniah, Prophet</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11:30a Philopotochos Christmas Luncheon - Large Hall</p> <p>5p Great Vespers</p> <p>St. Barbara</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10th Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 13:10-17</p> <p>8:15a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>12p Liturgy and Life</p> <p>12p Greek Dance Pre-K - 2nd</p> <p>St. Sabbas</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6p Greek Dance</p> <p>7p PC Candidates Meeting</p> <p>St. Nicholas</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7p All-Saints Camp Board</p> <p>Pataplos the Righteous</p> <p>Sosthenes & Apollo, Apostles</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1p Open Confession until 4pm</p> <p>7p Orthodoxy 101</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30a HOPE</p> <p>1p Metropolis Vicars</p> <p>7p Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1p Metropolis Clergy</p> <p>4p Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2p Wedding</p> <p>5p Great Vespers</p>
<p>12</p> <p>11th Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 14:16-24</p> <p>8:15a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11:30a General Assembly & PC Elections</p> <p>12p Greek Dance Pre-K - 2nd</p> <p>St. Spyridon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6p Greek Dance</p> <p>Auxentios, Eugenios & Eustratios</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1p Open Confession until 4pm</p> <p>7p Orthodoxy 101</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30a HOPE</p> <p>1p Metropolis Vicars</p> <p>7p Bible Study</p> <p>Conception of St. Anna</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>1p Metropolis Clergy</p> <p>Prophet Daniel</p> <p>St. Dionysios of Zachynthos</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5p Great Vespers</p> <p>Sts. Daniel & Luke, the Stylites</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Sunday before Nativity</p> <p>Epistle: Heb 11:9-10:32-40</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25</p> <p>8:15a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11a Baptisms</p> <p>12p Greek Dance Pre-K - 2nd</p> <p>Boniface & Ares</p> <p>Eutechios & Thessaloniki</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6p Greek Dance</p> <p>St. Ignatios of Alexandria</p> <p>St. John of Kronstadt</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30p Parish Council</p> <p>Thyrso, Philemon & Apollonios</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1p Open Confession until 4pm</p> <p>7p Orthodoxy 101</p> <p>St. Eleutherios</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30a HOPE</p> <p>1p Metropolis Vicars</p> <p>Prophet Haggai</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30a Royal Hours of Christmas</p> <p>5p Vespers Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Sebastian & Zoe</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Sunday after Nativity</p> <p>Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>8:15a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Juliana and Her 500 Companions</p> <p>Themistokles of Myra</p>	<p>29</p> <p>St. Anastasia, Martyr</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10 Martyrs of Crete</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6p Wedding</p> <p>Eve of the Nativity</p>	<p>1</p> <p>St. Basil the Great</p> <p>8:30a Orthros</p> <p>9:30a Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Nativity of Christ</p>
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