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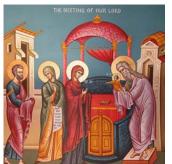
# The Orthodox Way

HE 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,

This short month of February is one of transition. We are coming out of the dark days of winter and, gradually, the days are becoming longer. But in the dark days of winter, we have glimpses of *light*. The feasts of Christmas and Theophany are about *revelation*. In the Ancient Church, these two were celebrated as one feast which collectively were called the Festival of Lights. Currently, we celebrate them both as two bookends of one festal period of light. At Christmas we observe the Lord who was born *secretly* in a cave but at Theophany we worship Him as having *appeared* openly. He has shined on us. The message is clear. Out of darkness, Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned and gradually is beginning to fill all things with His light. But we must wait. We are in transition.



During this transitional period, we observe a special feast on February 2nd, the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple or,  $'Y\pi\alpha\pi\alpha\nu\tau\eta'$   $\pi\alpha\pi\alpha\nu\tau\eta'$  (Ipapandi). This feast which falls 40 days after the Christmas, commemorates the ritual presentation of Christ in the Temple by the Virgin Mary and Joseph. Together they bring Christ along with a customary sacrifice of two turtledoves dedicating him to God His Father.

One of the religious leaders in the Temple, the Elder Symeon, bears Christ in his arms. According to the Gospel of Luke, it had

been revealed to Symeon that "he would not see death before he saw the Lord's Christ." And so, beholding the Christ-child in his arms, Symeon declared,

"Now let your servant depart in peace, Master, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

This prayer, which we read at every Vespers service is the sigh of relief of someone who has labored and hoped, and the Church in her wisdom designates this as a prayer for a peaceful evening. We depart for sleep like Symeon departed this life, having seen the Gladsome Light. But why do we read this prayer about the light of revelation at a time when it is dark? It is because Christ is the light which shines into our darkness. Symeon beheld this light, and even though was at peace he still had to face his own mortality. And as mortals we are in need of assistance.

The Church through this feast is helping prepare our hearts for Great Lent, a season of purification and repentance. The Church helps us by *blessing* the spiritual disposition of  $\chi a \rho \mu o \lambda \acute{v} \pi \eta$  (harmolipi) or joyful sorrow. The Church blesses us to live in this tension at this moment. During Great Lent, we ask God to drive out the darkness inside of us through repentance. Yet at the same time, we await with eager expectation the full dawning of the Sun of Righteousness at Great and Holy Pascha. To recognize that we stand between darkness and light is equally a recognition of our own unworthiness and need of God's mercy.

So, as we celebrate this Great Feast of the Church and observe the days getting longer, let us use this as an opportunity in this transitional period to acknowledge our darkness, that is our sin and unworthiness. But above all, let us hope in the promise of His Resurrection. For as the St John the Theologian has said, "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

I wish you all a truly blessed feast.

In Christ,

Fr. Spyridon

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On January 7, a Forty-Day Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Fadi Oraivej**, by his mother, Insaf Oraivej and family.

On January 14, a Forty-Day Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Angeliki Terevola** (of Greece), by her brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Ann Karis and family.

On January 21, Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights was offered in loving memory of Irene Anastasiou (nine years since her passing), and Tom Barbas (three years since his passing), by Boutsinis and Biros families.

On January 28, a Forty-Day Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Alex Hatziantoniou,** by his brother, George Hatziantoniou and his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Economou

### Memorials & Candles

Hatziantoniou.

On January 28, a Forty-Day Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **Pantelis "Benny" Constantine**, by his daughters, Jiovanna Koceski, Fay Sitaras, his son, Bill Constantine and their families.

On January 28, a Holy Altar
Table Vigil Light was offered
in loving memory of **Andonios Polychronopoulos** (six months
since his passing and in honor of
his nameday), by his daughters,
Maria and Feletsa and their families.

On February 4, Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights were offered in loving memory of **Nitsa Kollias** (thirty-five years since her passing), and **Dimitri Kollias** (twenty-three years since his passing), by her granddaughter, and by his cousin, Eleni Carras.

On February 4, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered in loving memory of **Peter and Katina Ales** (eight years since their passing), by their Goddaughter, Eleni Carras.

On February 6, a Forty-Day Memorial Service was offered in loving memory of **George Kotsovos**, by his mother, Karen Kotsovos-Monroe and family.

On February 11, Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Maria Chohlas** (twenty-three years since her passing), by her family.

On February 11, Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of Panagiotis Manolakos, Kosta, Christos and Evgenia, Niko and Efstathia, Demetri and Panagiotis, by Manolakos family.

On February 11, a Four-Year Memorial Service is offered in loving memory of **Dorina Crasiun**, by her children, Elizabeth and Jonathan Poiana.

On February 18, a One-Year Memorial Service and the Coffee Hour are offered in loving memory of **Maria Nikolidakis**, by her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

On February 18, a Memorial Service, Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights and a donation to the Philoptochos are offered in loving memory of **Theodore Markezinis**, **Carrie Markezinis** (two years, and eleven years since their passing), and **Tom, Michael and Katina Markezinis**, by James Markezinis and family.

On February 18, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Eugenia Macris** (seven years since her passing), by her children, Angelique and Mark Saffle, Chris and Paula Macris, and grandchildren, William and Olivia Grosvenor.

On February 18, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Michael and Eleni Damascus** (twenty-four years and eleven years since their passing), by their grandchildren, Angelique and Mark Saffle, Chris and Paula Macris, and great grandchildren, William and Olivia Grosvenor.

On February 25, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **John Grivas** (sixty-eight years since his passing), by his family.

On February 25, Three Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Alexios Chohlas** (forty-nine years since his passing), by his family.

# **Sunday School Update**

Sunday School kids continue to learn about the Feast Days of the Orthodox Church in addition to lessons from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. We will soon begin learning about the Sundays of the Triodion (pre-Lenten period):

February 25: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

March 3: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

March 10: Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

March 17: Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)

Parent volunteers are needed to help with special projects during Great Lent. For more information or to volunteer your assistance, please contact **Paula Macris** at **pmcmacris@gmail.com** 

# **Psalter Group for Great Lent**

We are forming a Psalter Group for the Great Lent. The Psalter (the book of Psalms) is broken into 20 sections. Each section, or "Kathisma," consists of 7-8 psalms. Individuals are placed in groups of 20, one person per Kathisma. Each person begins their readings for Day 1 of 20 on a different Kathisma. The Kathisma can be read at any time and in any language. At the conclusion of the Great Lent, each individual will have read the ENTIRE psalter twice!



Many of our saints, including St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil, have written on the importance of daily Psalter reading. These groups are a wonderful way to make praying the psalms a part of our daily routine during the Great Lent.

We need at least 20 people to form the group that will begin on **March 18, 2024**. To join the group or for more information, please contact Paula Macris by **March 11, 2024** at pmcmacris@gmail.com.

May God bless our efforts!

### **Bookstore**



Being February, the first thing many of us think about is Valentine's Day and the love we have for our spouses, children, family, and friends. Trying to find the perfect gift for that

special someone? The Bookstore has several nice

gift options, both large and small. Ask about cross pendants from Greece and Ukraine – all are sterling silver and gold plated. Chains are also available. New tapestry pouches have arrived and are perfect for holding prayer cards. They are a beautiful purple color and are zippered so will hold items securely as well. Laminated icon prayer cards are freshly restocked and we continue to get new icons a few times a month. The Bookstore has beautiful icons of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) and Theodore of Tyro





(February 17). Censors have been restocked and are available in many sizes and styles, both brass and enameled. As a special treat, we're carrying a new scent of incense called Desert Flower and have frankincense from Ethiopia, a best grade that burns with a light lemon fragrance.

For elementary aged children we have two new book titles in stock which are part of "A Boy's Journey to Sainthood" series. These books tell the story of three young boys that grow up and become Saint lakovos Tsalikis, Saint Porphyrios Kafsokalivia, and Saint Paisios the Athonite. There's a dedicated hardback storybook for each Saint with sweet, watercolor like illustrations.

# The Stephanie V. Deliganis Service Above Self Award



Stephanie was devoted to Saint Demetrios Parish. She served ministries including All Saints Camp, Sunday School, Choir, and the Greek Festival throughout her 43 years. When her health was failing, she was determined to make the most of her time serving the Church and Faith she loved.

Stephanie volunteered to restart our Choir, an incredible commitment during the final months of her life, demonstrating true  $\acute{a}\gamma \acute{a}\pi\eta$ .

The Stephanie V. Deliganis Service Above Self Award was established to support the youth of Saint Demetrios who have demonstrated commitment to more than one Saint Demetrios Ministry in their pursuit of higher education, another value she held dear. In remembrance of her gifts to our community, we are honored to offer this opportunity.

#### **CRITERIA:**

- 1. Nominated by other than self or family
- 2. Displayed exemplary service

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. Enrolled or intending to pursue higher education
- 2. Member of St Demetrios
- 3. Service in choir and or Sunday school preferred

#### **AWARD:**

- 1. Awarded annually
- 2. Awarded in March perhaps at the March 25th celebration
- 3. Amount of \$5,000

Nominations should be sent to: Stephanie Deliganis Scholarship award, St Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

# **Peter Agris Memorial Journalism/Communications Awards**

The Alpha Omega Council of New England is pleased to announce The 32nd Peter Agris Memorial Scholarship Awards in the fields of Journalism & Communications. Up to six \$5,000 non-renewable grants are available. Criteria include: Greek American heritage, U.S. citizenship, current full-time graduate/undergraduate enrollment at an accredited university in the U.S., majoring in Journalism/Communications, minimum 3.0 GPA, active participation in school, community & church, demonstrated financial need. Application <a href="https://www.alphaomegacouncil.org/scholarships/application-3/">https://www.alphaomegacouncil.org/scholarships/application-3/</a>

Application: Deadline: March 31, 2024 Email to: <a href="Manage@gmail.com"><u>NancyASavage@gmail.com</u></a>

# American Hellenic Institute Foundation Student Foreign Policy Trip

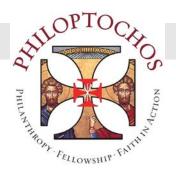
The American Hellenic Institute Foundation College Student Foreign Policy Study Trip to Greece and Cyprus is aimed to help Greek and Cypriot American college students better understand the core foreign policy issues important to the Greek American community.

During the three-week trip, the students will have the opportunity to experience first-hand foreign policy issues pertaining to U.S. interests in Greece, Cyprus, the Eastern Mediterranean, and Southeast Europe. Prior to their departure, students will meet in our nation's capital, Washington, to learn more about these policies by attending meetings and briefings. For more information: <a href="https://americanhellenicinstitute.org/ahif-student-foreign-policy-trip">https://americanhellenicinstitute.org/ahif-student-foreign-policy-trip</a>

# **Philoptochos**

As the cold, rainy days of winter is upon us, it is warm in the hearts of our Philoptochos women!

During our Coffee hour after Liturgy on Sunday, January 28th, we celebrated the wonderful work our women have done throughout the 70 years that we have been an organization at our St. Demetrios Church. From bake sales, rummage sales, cooking for the homeless, food pantries, retreats and visiting the homebound parishioners, good works are our mission.



We invite all of you to join us in our various missions. Please fill out the below Membership form with your \$50. donation. (\$15 goes to National; \$15 goes to the Metropolis and \$20 stays in our chapter). Our goal is to have 200 members. We are more than half way there.

Our major fundraiser for the year is approaching! Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on March 29-31 in our church's hall. Please bring your donations to Room 107 this month. We are meeting on Mondays at 10:00am to help sort and price the items. If you are available, please join us.

Are you wondering how you can get involved? Here are some ministries that could use help-

Visitation Ministry- visit a homebound parishioner 3-4 times a year who lives by you.

Koliva Ministry-a group of women who rotate making koliva for families who are in need of it for memorial services of a loved one. (maybe once a quarter)

Knitting Ministry- knit baby blankets for new babies of our parish or a prayer shawl to give to parents who have a sick child at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Matt Talbot Ministry- make a sack lunch for 30 young people once month.

Or maybe you have an idea for a new ministry that reflects our Mission statement- 'To aid the poor, destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts'.

We look forward to your participation in our various ministries.

Contact us for any questions or ideas-

Emilie John emiliebjohn@gmail.com

Pam Plumis pplumis@comcast.net

Upcoming events:

February 7 Board meeting at 10:00 am in the library

March 29-31 Rummage Sale



Save the Dates: Coming in March!!!

# PHILOPTOCHOS "THIS N' THAT" RUMMAGE SALE

MARCH 29, 30, 31, 2024

St. Demetrios Large Hall

Here's your opportunity to clean out your house and help Philoptochos at the same time!!!

Donated items needed (in good, usable condition):



kitchen items (including small appliances in working order
Housewares/glassware, dishes, serving pieces, silverware
Jewelry, purses, scarves, and accessories
Toys and baby equipment
Holiday and seasonal décor
Artwork/pictures/frames/mirrors
Small furniture, lamps
New, unopened personal care items
Knick knacks, bric a brac
Books, fiction/nonfiction, adult, young adult, children's

Please: NO CLOTHING, SHOES, ELECTRONICS or USED LINENS

Bring items to church and give to Tedros or to the church office on Sunday or during the week. (Call the office—206-631-2500-- to make sure there is someone at the church before bringing items)

Call Tedros (206-501-6003) for help bringing in items.

Volunteers needed to help sort, price, sell, and clean up! Please contact Mary Damascus at 509-951-2975 or <a href="mmdamascus@comcast.net">mmdamascus@comcast.net</a> or the booth chair people to help!

We need YOU!

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# **MISSION SUNDAY**

MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>
St. Demetrios Church

#### **GUEST SPEAKER AT LITURGY**

# Fr. Christopher Rowe

OCMC Assistant Development Director

Since joining the OCMC team in May of 2017, Fr. Christopher has traveled throughout the US as well as visited Kenya and Albania on behalf of the Mission Center. Fr. Chris has been a priest in the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) for 22 years and is currently assigned to Holy Trinity Orthodox church in Overland Park, Kansas where He, Presbytera Mary Ann, and their family have lived for the past 18 years.

Hear the latest updates about OCMC's missionary efforts worldwide and learn how we can help the Light of Christ extend to the ends of the earth this Great and Holy Lent.



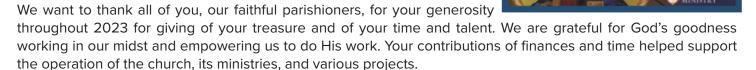
# Followed by:

# Our Annual Greek Deli Sale

To Benefit Orthodox Missions



# **Stewardship Letter**



In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul wrote: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5, NKJV). In this passage of scripture, the Apostle Paul was thanking the Philippians for faithfully working together in their commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Similarly, we are thankful to God for all you have done and continue to do in serving our Lord and supporting His house! Hebrews 6:10 says "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." God will reward the obedience of His children to Him and their faithful commitment to His Kingdom's work.

#### 2023 Highlights:

- We saw an increase in the number of volunteers who spent countless hours using their talents to help where needed.
- We saw a 10% increase in stewardship giving compared to five years ago.
- The median pledge rose to \$600 from \$520 last year.
- 5% (21 households) increased their yearly giving from the \$500 level to the \$1000 level.
- We invested 6% in our church ministries, 2% over last year's amount.

If you have not filled out your pledge card for this year, please do so at your earliest convenience which will help the parish council better budget for this year's projects. You can mail your filled out pledge card or submit your pledge online at: https://www.saintdemetrios.com/stewardship/stewardship-pledge

We pray that this will be a year filled with God's peace, joy, and divine blessings.

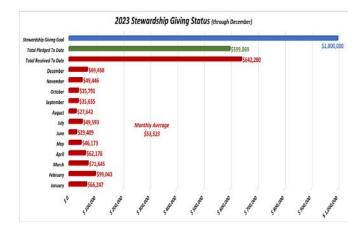
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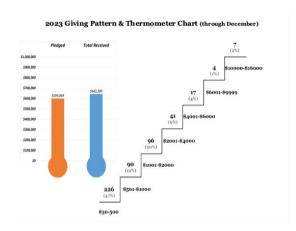
Your Stewardship Committee Members

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome, so please feel free to contact us:

#### Gabriel Bayouk (ggb0719@hotmail.com)

#### or info@saintdemtrios.com





# **Liturgies in February**

Feb	Service	Time
2	Presentation of Our Lord Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
4	15th Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
6	St. Photios the Great Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
8	St. Theodore the General Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
10	St. Haralambos Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
11	16th Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
12	Alexios Wndwrkr of Russia Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
13	Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am

Feb	Service	Time
14	Isaac of the Kiev Caves Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
18	Canaanite Woman Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
20	Bessarion the Great Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
22	Papios of Hierapolis Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
24	1st & 2nd Finding St. John's Head Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
25	Publican and the Pharisee Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:15am
27	Ephraim of Katounakia Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am
29	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30am

# **Yiayias & Friends Lunches**

Our March lunch will be held at KOSTAS OPA, 1924 N 45th St, Seattle, (206) 466-4000, on Thursday, March 7th, at 11:30am.

Please RSVP so we can inform the restaurant how many to expect by contacting **Cathy**, **chowoo@comcast.net** or texting **206-282-9641**.

A reminder that our group usually meets on the First Thursday of each month at 11:30 am - watch the e-News or ask to join our private Facebook page YIAYIAS & FRIENDS for more up-to-date information.

# **Papouthes Group**

Papouthes will gather for their monthly lunch on February 15th, 2024 at the **Voula's Offshore Cafe - 658 NE Northlake Way** 

- **Seattle at 12:00 Noon**. Please RSVP so we can advise the restaurant how many seats to reserve.

Contact Paul Plumis at **pplumis@comcast.net** or by phone at 206-370-2670.



# February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28  15th Sunday of Luke Epistle: 1Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Lluke 19:1-10 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 12:30p Greek Dance	6p Greek Dance	8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6:30p Parish Council Meeting	31  1p Open Confession until 4pm	Feb 1 11:30a Yiayia and Friends at Taki's Mad Greek 12:30p 40 Day blessing 7p Bible Study	2 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	8:30a Orthros (St. Nicholas Tacoma) 9:30a Hierarchical Divine Liturgo, with Met. Gerasimos(Ordination of Aaron Rice to the Holy Deaconate, St. Nicholas, Tacoma) 5p Great Vespers
St. Ephraim the Syrian	St. Ignatius of Antioch	The Three Hierarchs	Sts. Kyros & John, Unmercenaries	St. Tryphon, Martyr	Presentation of Our Lord	St. Symeon the God -Receiver
15th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: 2Corinthians 4:6–15 Gospel: Matthew 22:35–46 8:13a Orthros 9:3a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Met. Gerasimos and Ordination of Aaron Rice to the Holy Priesthood	6p Greek Dance	6 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	10a Philoptochos Board Meeting 1p Open Confession until 4pm 7p OCF St. Luke the Righteous	8 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 7p Bible Study	9 7:30p Cappella Romana	Dance Group Event 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 5p Great Vespers
St. Isidore of Pelusium	St. Agatha, Martyr	St. Photios the Great	St. Parthenios	St. I neodore the General	St. NIKIphoros, Martyr	St. Haralambos
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St. Vlassios, Martyr	Meletios Abshp of Antioch	Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria	Valentine's Day	Onesimos, Apostle	5 Egyptian Martyrs	St. Theodore of Tyron
Feb 18 Folk Dance Festival – Anaheim	19	20 8:30a Orthros	21  1p Open Confession until 4pm	8330a Orthros	23	24 8:30a Orthros
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St. Leo, Pope of Rome	Archippos, Philemo & Apphia, A St. Philothei of Athens	Bessarion the Great	Eustathius, Bishop of Antioch Righteous Timothy of Symbola	Papios of Hierapolis Righteous Thallasios & Limnaios	Hiermartyr Polycarp	1st & 2nd Finding St. John's Head St. Erasmus of the Kiev Caves
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# **New Arrival**

Congratulations to George and Mia Xidias on the birth of their baby boy, **Vassileios Georgios Xidias**, born December 25, 2023, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. The proud grandparents are, Angelos and Mary Xidias and Darlene and Late Basil Vyzis. "Na sas zesei!"

#### **Submissions for the Orthodox Way**

If you would like to offer a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light or sponsor the Coffee 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 Simoni at <u>sshirland@saintdemetrios.com</u> by the 20th of the month to appear in the next newsletter. Submissions 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