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LIVE YOUR ORTHODOX FAITH

OCTOBER

SAINT DEMETRIOS THE GLORIOUS GREAT MARTYR AND MYRRBEARER

Each October 26, our holy Orthodox Church celebrates with many glad festivities the feastday of St. Demetrios the glorious martyr and myrrbearer.

He's referred to as glorious because of his many spiritual accomplishments. He converted thousands of young adults and a host of Roman pagan soldiers to Orthodox Christianity, and this when it was outlawed to be a Christian by the Roman government. He did this by the grace of the Holy Spirit through his preaching and godly life. Thus, the pagan temples became empty and the Christian catacombs overflowed with new Believers in Christ and in His Church.

St. Demetrios was born and raised in the city of Thessalonika, Greece. It was there and later in Macedonia where he brought many people to Christ enhancing their opportunity to be saved. He constantly studied Holy Scripture, he communed often the Body and Blood of Christ; he defended Christ's truths and preached to everyone that Christ is the Son of God and God is Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

He is called a Martyr because, like Jesus, a Roman soldier pierced his side with a lance. This, after he had undergone severe tortures. His faith in Christ never wavered.

He is called Myrrbearer because after his death myrr (healing oil) continued to exude from his body for over 200 years!

And today if you were to visit his Church in Salonika you'll find a pipe from which his myrr flowed to the street, healing thousands throughout the years. St. Demetrios Church is built over his tomb in the cave in which he was martyred and where his body still lays.

Today, St. Demetrios promotes Christ's message by the miracles he still performs. Throughout the world many Churches bare his name. He is always depicted on a brown horse in his icons, as he was a high ranking cavalier in the Roman army.

Many of our parishioners are named for him. And that is a blessing and an honor., Hronia polla to all of you who bare is name. Dimitra is the feminine name for the Saint.

Father George, Proistamenos

On October 25, Bessie Michos will baptize the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kurtz. The child will be named Demitroula.



In memory of George Cheronis

All donations made to the Johnson Scholarship fund

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From Teresa Knight

"Each Life Is a Song"

A life is like a song we write
 In our own tone and key,
 Each life we touch reflects a note
 That forms the melody.
 We choose the theme and chorus
 Of the song to bear our name,
 And each will have a special sound,
 No two can be the same.

There is an exquisite
 melody in every heart. If
 we listen closely, we can
 hear each other's song. A
 friend knows the song in
 your heart and responds
 with beautiful harmony.

A friend is the hope of the heart.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

May life's greatest
 gifts always be
 yours—happiness,
 memories, and
 dreams.

I wish you sunshine on your
 path and storms to season your
 journey. I wish you peace—in
 the world in which you live
 and in the smallest corner of
 the heart where truth is kept....
 More I cannot wish you except
 perhaps love—to make all
 the rest worthwhile.

ROBERT A. WARD

The supreme happiness
 of life is the conviction
 that we are loved, loved
 for ourselves, or rather
 loved in spite of
 ourselves.

VICTOR HUGO

ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Oct 5th 2nd Sunday of Saint Luke
 Divine Liturgy 10 AM
 (National Choir Day)
- Oct 12th Sunday Devine Liturgy: 10 AM
 7th Ecumenical Council & Saint Symeon
 The New Theologian
- Oct 19th 3rd Sunday of St. Luke Divine Liturgy, 10
 AM Annual Choir Luncheon to follow
 (Proceeds to help defray choir needs dur-
 ing the year.)
 Menu: Pot Roast:
 Adults \$10 & children free
- Oct 25th 3 PM Baptism
 (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kurtz)
- Oct 26th 6th Sunday of St. Luke: Divine Liturgy
 10 AM St Demetrios The Myrrbearer
- Oct 28th OXI Day

Note: Parish Council meetings are held on
 the third Wednesday of each month

The frene philoptochos meetings are held
 on the first Wednesday of each month

The orthodox study class is held every
 Thursday morning at 10 AM

NOVEMBER

- Nov 2nd 5th Sunday of Saint Luke: Divine Liturgy
 10 AM
- Nov 8th Saturday: Divine Liturgy, Gathering of all
 Angels Feastday, 9:15 AM
- Nov 9th 7th Sunday of Saint Luke: Divine Liturgy
 10 AM Honoring Saint Nectarios the
 wonder worker.
- Nov 15th Christmas Fast Commences
- Nov 16th Sunday Divine Liturgy:
 Apostle Matthew, 10 AM
- Nov 21st Friday- Divine Liturgy: Commemorating
 the entrance of the Theotokos into the
 temple. 9:15 AM
- Nov 23rd 9th Sunday of Saint Luke, Divine Liturgy
 10 AM
- Nov 25th Tuesday- Divine Liturgy to commemorate
 Saint Katherine the Great. 9:15 AM
- Nov 29th (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 30th Sunday Divine Liturgy: Feastday of Saint
 Andrew the first called apostle. 10 AM

PRAYER LIST

Please keep these Church Members on your prayer list:



Helen Bruner
 Christian Cheronis
 Virginia Cummings - now at
 Greenhurst
 Tomaida and Louis Dimas
 Athena Dimitri
 Helen Douvlos
 Sophia Gianas
 Violet Kianos
 Stephanie Lampropolos
 Tony & Nancy Marano
 Cathy Petro

Jimmy Saines
 Loretta Searles
 Helen Verleni
 Jessica De Jesus
 Anthony Voulgaris

Please let us know if we have missed
 anyone.

Congratulations to our Teresa Duro for being accepted as a volunteer on the OCMC 2014 Kenya 11 Orthodox Mission Team. This will take place this November 12-23. Many papers and information and recommendations are submitted before one is chosen for this great mission. God Bless her and all the Missionaries who spread the word of Christ to other people.

G.O.Y.A. Will be starting up again on Friday evening Oct 10th. Time will be 6pm to 8 or 8:30 pm in the fellowship hall. All St. Nicholas youth are invited to attend. Meeting's will be held every other Friday evening. Planned events this year will be movies, cooking, and crafts. All related to the Old Testament. We have decided to begin at the beginning and work our way through to the New Testament. We are also asking for donations from the congregation for a large area rug and large pillows we can put on the floor in front of the TV to make movie time more comfortable and a more relaxed atmosphere. During the winter season there could be occasions that meeting's may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Every attempt will be made to contact those that attend. We hope this will be an enjoyable experience for all.

In Service, Wendy Kum and Christine Tsitso

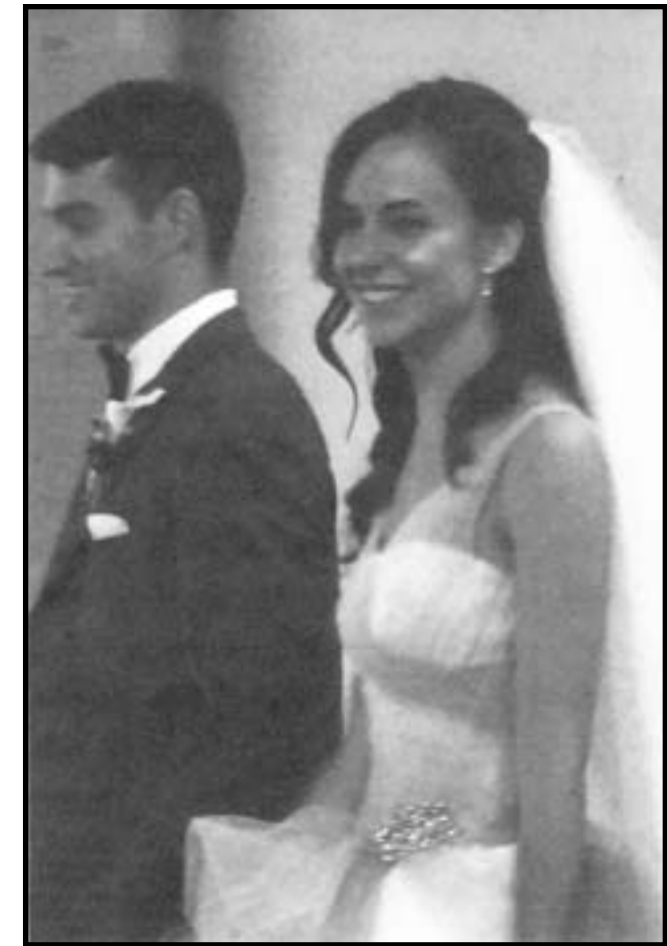
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We need 2-3 Sunday School teachers to carry on the education of our children. Please talk to Father George if you are able to fulfill this need. Otherwise, the Sunday School parents will be given catechism materials to teach their own children at home the basic faith.



If anyone is interested in a Junior Choir, please speak to Presvytera Anne.

TEODORA CRISTEA
AND PANAGIOTIS SPANOS
MARRIED ON AUGUST 23RD.
THE KOUMPAROI WERE
THOMAS SPANOS AND
ANDREAS & THENIA CHRYSAFIS



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CUMMINGS
MARRIED ON JULY 19.
THE KOUMPARA WAS
BRITTANY CRANDALL



MAY ALL HAVE JOYOUS LIVES!



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Total Pledged: \$65,102 • Total Paid as of 9/15/14: 54,226 • 101 Stewards

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Dimitri, Athena B.	Morrison, Heath & Kathleen	Verleni, Nicholas & Helen
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Elia, Mark & Vanessa	Panteli, Pantelis & Linda	Zervos, Rev. George & Anne
Enserro, Ethel Goller	Pappas, Elizabeth "Betty"	Zorich, Ron & Voula, (Jimmy)
Fanaritas, Magdaline	Petro, Harriet G.	

CHOIR CORNER

Mark your calendars for October 19 when the choir will host its annual choir luncheon. Chef will again be our baritone Jerry Newburg. The menu will feature Roast Beef and all the accompaniments. The choir members will bring the side dishes, including rice, potatoes, salads, vegetables, breads and desserts.

Donations will be \$10.00 per person. As usual, all youth will be complimentary. Please support this wonderful event as it helps us to fulfill our necessary obligations to the National Music Forum and to MFGOM. We have tried for several years to buy new robes also, but that has not happened yet. Unfortunately, we will soon be needing a new organ as the repair master has informed us they do not make parts for this organ any longer.

The best part of our special event will be a talent show presented by our own members. So plan to attend and enjoy a great event!

Presvytera Anne

SUPPER OF SALVATION

In Father Eusebius Stephanou's book, *The Belief and Practice in the Orthodox Church*, he calls partaking of the Holy Eucharist, the "Supper of Salvation." It is the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Blessed Lord explicitly said, "he that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in Me and I in him." In this way the Creator unites with us—the Created!

So as we prepare to receive our God through Holy Communion we are to previously fast according to our ability, pray and forgive one another and approach the Communion with the proper reverence.

In a practical manner on Sunday, we are to form one line down the middle aisle, and refrain from talking with one another. In reality we should approach the Divine Eucharist, (which means Thanksgiving) prayerfully. And as the Very Reverend Father Stephanou concludes, "we do not know the day nor the hour when we will depart this ephemeral world. In this way our soul will always be prepared to make its exit in a state of forgiveness and the chances to win the Kingdom of Heaven will never be jeopardized." (P. 44)

Father George Zervos
Proistamenos

Irene Society

Submitted by Athena Constantine, President

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, September 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. I was the Refreshment Hostess. Birthdays for September were for Helen Bruner and myself. Presvytera Anne led us in prayer.

Plans were made for our fall rummage and bake sale to be held on October 3rd and 4th. Set up is on Thursday the 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Please---donations of clothing, white elephant items, books, bedding etc. are deeply appreciated. But most importantly we need bakery items. The public loves our bake sales, especially Greek and Albanian sweets and pies. There are never enough spinach or cheese pies.

We need the help of all of you for setting up, baking, cleaning up. This is not just a Philoptochos event. What we make at our sales inevitably goes to our Church for her immediate needs. Therefore, we need those who are NOT members to help us also.

Donations to the community and national requests went to the following:

1. Childrens' Hospital of Buffalo
2. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
3. Habitat for Humanity
4. St. Labre Indian School
5. Muscular Dystrophy

A short meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2 instead of on Wednesday.

We will start baking soon for our annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon to be held on Saturday, December 6th. All members and ladies of the Church are asked to help to make it a success.! Thank you.

" A MORNING PRAYER"

O God we would Your presence ask, and pray Your strength for every task. We thank You for these gifts which you give us. Teach us the way You would have us live. Amen

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