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Encyclical for the Feast of the Dormition 2016

"Deliver us, all of your servants, from danger, O Theotokos; After God, we all flee to you, for shelter and covering, as an unshakable wall and our protection." —From the Service of the Small Paraklesis

Dearly Beloved,

For the next fifteen days the Church and her faithful will turn their attention to the life of the Virgin Mary, in anticipation of the commemoration of her dormition and translation to heaven. During this period we will fast and pray together to prepare ourselves.

In our prayers we will ask Mary, the Mother of God, first and foremost, to intercede to her Son, our Lord and Savior, on our behalf to save us. We do so because we believe her Son will listen to her intercession. We will also ask her for comfort, protection and courage for the times of anxiety and trials in our life. We believe her to be an unshakable fortress and wall that can defend us from adversity. We call upon the Mother of God because she is the bridge between heaven and earth.

Every feast of our liturgical calendar that celebrates the life of the Theotokos includes the reading from the Book of Genesis of Jacob's dream at Bethel, of the ladder (Genesis 28:10-17). In that dream, Jacob "dreamt that there was a ladder set up on earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!."

The Church sees the Virgin Mary as that ladder, the link between heaven and earth. In our churches her icon usually adorns the apse in the sanctuary. Being in that space between her Son and us, reminds us of her intercessory role. Her gesture is one of prayer, her act of supplication to her Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. In the divine services of August, the Church reminds us of how she intercedes for us and how she is our protector and comforter. In a hymn for the Burial of the Theotokos on the eve of the Dormition, the Church sings, "Though you have passed away from the earth, yet in no way have you removed yourself from earth, All-Holy Theotokos, who delivers the whole world from perils." In the well-known Paraklesis service, we hear again this refrain quoted above.

Asking for her intercessions and comfort this year seems more needed than ever. We live in anxious times. There is a great deal of uncertainty about our world and nation. The headlines from around the world, from the acts of terrorism and violence to the ongoing refugee crisis, are very disturbing. The news from within our nation and the political commentaries about how to address the issues fuels our concern.

In the face of these concerns, Our Church continues to raise its voice, proclaiming the Good News God's love for all people. At the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church this past June, the Church stated, the apostolic work of proclaiming the Gospel "is the breath of life, that the Church breathes into human society and makes the world into Church." The Church also provides us the opportunity to bring our concerns to Mary, the Mother of God, in the divine services of this period. In these services we experience the comfort of a Mother, the loving embrace that knows our concerns and reassures us that God has already prevailed and will always prevail, and we can be confident that our prayers become her intercessions to her Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the gathering of the community we find strength and mutual support from one another so that we may continue the struggle of living our Christian faith in a troubled world.

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CHURCH SERVICES, EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

Date	Church Service	
August 1st	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 2nd	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 3rd	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 4th	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 5th	Great Vespers, 6:30 pm	Μέγας Εσπερινός, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 6th	Holy Transfiguration; Great Vespers, 5 pm	Της Μεταμορφώσεως. Μέγας Εσπερινός, 5 μ.μ.
August 7th	7th Sunday of Matthew	7η Κυριακή Ματθαίου
August 8th	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 9th	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 10th	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 11th	Paraklisis Service, 6:30 pm	Παράκλησις, 6:30 μ.μ.
August 13th	Great Vespers, 5 pm	Μέγας Εσπερινός, 5 μ.μ.
August 14th	8th Sunday of Matthew	8η Κυριακή Ματθαίου
August 14th	Great Vespers at Assumption, 7 pm	Μέγας Εσπερινός στην Παναγία, 7 μ.μ.
August 15th	Dormition of the Theotokos (services at Assumption)	Κοίμησις της Θεοτόκου, (Θ. Λειτουργία στην Παναγία)
August 21st	9th Sunday of Matthew	9η Κυριακή Ματθαίου
August 28th	10th Sunday of Matthew	10η Κυριακή Ματθαίου
August 29th	Beheading of St. John the Baptist	Αποκεφάλισις Αγίου Ιωάννου Βαπτιστού

ALTAR SERVERS

August 7th & 21st	Jack Hillman, Peter Dudunakis, Nicholas Biros, Yiannis Tsantilas, Nasi Contoravdis, Niko Contoravdis, Phillip Stamolis, James Konugres, Jonathan Poiana, Omar Mallouk, Stavros Panos, Nicholas Marcu-Visan, Theofanis Kalasountas and John Limantzakis.
August 14th & 28th	Joseph Dumont, Nicholas Christianson, Demetre Teodosiadis, Alex Rotar, Manoli P. Tramountanas, Manoli A. Tramountanas, Johnny Tramountanas, Peter Ales, Ethan Weigle, Steven Stanos, John Christofilis, Peter Economou Grunder, Elias Oraivej and Anthony Sitaras.

PARISH COUNCIL SERVERS

Aug. 7th & 21st	John Ales, Stephanos Margaritis, Jim Kost, John Kapelouzos, George Tramountanas, Dale Hazapis Christos Psichos
Aug. 14th & 28th	Georgine Looney, George Papanastasiou, Vicky Christianson, Thomas Dudler, Andrew Aliferakis Bob Read, Louis Kotsakis

EPISTLE READERS—ARTHUR SARIDAKIS—INSTRUCTOR; CHRIS MACRIS— ASSISTANT

August 7th	Evangelia Koceski, in Greek and Alexandra Koceski, in English
August 14th	Jack Hillman, in Greek and Manoli P. Tramountanas, in English
August 21st	Anna Teodosiadis, in Greek and Jenny Kapelouzos, in English

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The culmination of this period is the commemoration of the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary. In this Feast we recapitulate many themes of Pascha, reminding us that Mary has been rescued from the corruption of the tomb. How she faced her death fearlessly and calmly is an icon for us all, when we are confronted with adversity and the reality that we too will pass away one day. Mary's death is an experience of how the resurrection gives all Christians reason for hope and joy.

To all those who are celebrating their Feast Day this year on August 15th as well as those who celebrate on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ August 6th, I extend my personal wishes and pray to God to keep you all safe and always under His Grace and Mercy.

With Love in Christ,
+ G E R A S I M O S
Metropolitan of San Francisco

Sunday Offerings for July 2016

July 3	\$ 3,297.10
July 10	\$ 3,709.00
July 17	\$ 2,491.97
July 24	\$ 4,425.40
July 31	\$ 2,041.93
Total	\$ 15,965.40

Fasting Type	August
Wine & Oil Allowed	7, 13, 14, 31
Strict Fast	1-5, 8-12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29
Fish Allowed	6



BOOKSTORE NEWS:

The Feast Days of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the All-Holy Theotokos (Mother of God) is celebrated on August 15 each year. In the icon of her repose, Christ is shown holding an infant in white swaddling clothes which represents her pure soul. Major Feasts for the Theotokos' life are celebrated to help us embrace Christ wholeheartedly. The events are: **Nativity of the Theotokos** on September 8, **Entrance of the Theotokos** on November 21 when her parents Sts. Joachim and Anna dedicated Mary to God, **The Annunciation** on March 25 when Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Theotokos, the bearer of God; and **The Dormition of the Theotokos** on August 15. Our bookstore has icons, icon cards, and books about the Theotokos, the most blessed of all women. She is the unrivaled protectress and helper of all who call upon her. Most Holy Theotokos intercede with your Son for us!

New Gifts and Books in Stock:

Check out the many new purchases from the Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville. Fr. Photios handpicked several books by Elder Paisios the Athonite, and others by Elder Aimilianos whom Fr. Photios met on Mt. Athos. The books are ones he would like us parishioners to read to help us with our journey with Christ. Books by Elder Paisios are all part of a series called "*Spiritual Counsels*" and are sold separately. The titles are *Family Life*, *Spiritual Awakening*, *Spiritual Struggles*, *With Pain and Love*, and *Passions and Virtues*. Books by Elder Aimilianos include **The Way of the Spirit**, **Psalms and the Life of Faith**, and **The Church at Prayer**. Other books for adults and children and some lovely gifts and icons also are among the newly arrived items.. So stop by in the next few weeks to pick out some favorites.

Your bookstore staff is in the process of preparing to order books, icons, crosses, gift items, censers, oil lamps, etc., for the Greek Festival. If you have a special request, please contact Eugenia at [1-425-888-1327](tel:1-425-888-1327) or Theodora at [206-232-6092](tel:206-232-6092) this week or next, so we can assist you. Thank you for supporting your St. Demetrios Bookstore.

It will be helpful in planning for our festival if the Sunday School Perfect Attendance Certificates are redeemed in the bookstore by August 15. Thank you.

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center is the official Foreign Missions and Evangelism agency for all of the Orthodox Churches in the United States. OCMC has three core focus areas that drive its mission efforts. These include bringing non-Christians to Christ, helping to establish the Church in places where it is newly emerging or re-emerging, and encouraging self-support for the programs and parishes that have been started in the mission field. These focus areas work toward OCMC's overlying vision: to bring all people to know the saving love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

During the years of its existence, OCMC has changed the lives and saved the souls of many thousands of people in over 30 countries through the efforts of long-term Missionaries, short-term Mission teams, local theological seminaries, grants supporting Mission priests, health care professionals, infrastructure development projects, and a number of other programs.

For more information about the work of OCMC world-wide and how you can become involved, go to the website www.ocmc.org and check out the bulletin board and display in the hallway by the Bookstore.

Your tax-deductible contributions are always welcomed either online or by check mailed to OCMC, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086. Thank you for your generosity.

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ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK DANCE and CHORAL KICK OFF EVENT

All new and returning dancers, singers, directors, and parents are invited to join us on **Monday, August 29th, at 6:00 pm** for the **Greek Dance and Choral Kick-Off Event**.

Parents and dancers/singers will learn about the plan for the program this year (including a new choral program for ages 14+), will meet the directors and the new dance board, will see old friends and meet new friends, will do a little dancing, and will get ready for a fun and exciting year of singing and dancing.

Our first performance of the year, **The St. Demetrios Festival**, is right around the corner, so let's get dancing!!

Save time by registering your dancer/singer online at www.saintdemetrios.com, click on "community" and select "greek dance" from the drop down list and click the link to the form. Payment can also be made online at the time of registration.

If you have questions, contact Demetra Biros at StDsDancePres@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing new and returning dancers and singers on August 29th!

Philoptochos News August 2016

A Message From Philoptochos President Nina Varlamos

We are looking forward to sharing a PowerPoint presentation at our September chapter meeting of our experience at the Clergy-Laity/Philoptochos National Conference in Nashville which took place the beginning of July. Philoptochos has been a functioning organization for 85 years!!!! It was a very eye-opening and impressive experience to learn about all of the good works that come out of philanthropy.

There were about 400 Philoptochos members in attendance. These women (and a few men!) shared their visions of Philoptochos as well as the charitable work they do in their individual chapters. There was a lot of information packed into the four days. Information was delivered in General Assembly meetings, discussion groups and evening get-togethers where we would continue our informal talks about Philoptochos and the churches in general. Additionally, we received information on chapter commitments which were explained in detail; chapter projects, our financial responsibilities etc.

We also heard very informative presenters who spoke on St. Basil's Academy, St. Nicholas Shrine in NYC, the Feeding the Hungry Campaign, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Thistle Farms and Magdalene Homes as well as the reigning Miss America Betty (Vasiliki) Cantrell and many more topics. The nature of this conference was upbeat, gave us a sense of unity and that we were all committed to the theme of the convention, "You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World; *As the Father has sent me, so I send you*"-John 20:21. We feel privileged to have been able to attend this worthwhile conference and look forward to sharing our experience with you. Please join us September 13th.

Nina Varlamos – Mary Damascus – Deena Maroutsos

Camp Agape Northwest 2016

Sunday, July 24th was Reunion Day at Camp Agape. The bus left St. Demetrios at noon with a group of Philoptochos ladies, many of whom have been active members of camp in the past. President Nina Varlamos brought along her 'first assistant' Vasili and everyone enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to meet past campers and their families, the staff and volunteers who make camp such a success each year. The most exciting event of the afternoon was the engagement of two past camp counselors. More love at Camp Agape! Georgia Steenis will give a full report of this year's camp in the September issue of The Orthodox Way.

Save the Date ~ Sinatra Chocolate Wine Ball

The Chocolate Ball which is a Philoptochos fundraiser to benefit Camp Agape Northwest will be held on **Sunday, November 13th** this year. This elegant evening of wine, chocolate and the music of Frank Sinatra will again be held at Herban Feast. If you would like to volunteer, contact Chocolate Ball chairperson Susan Reichmann at 425.772.1605 or susanreichmann@yahoo.com. Mark your calendar and plan to attend to help support our camp.

Philoptochos Visitation of Parishioners

If you know of a parishioner who would enjoy a visit from Philoptochos, please contact our Visitation Chairperson Kay Betts at [206.546.2370](tel:206.546.2370) or yassou@frontier.com. Kay and her committee members look forward to hearing from you and to bring news of our parish to those who are not able to come to church.

Jubilee Womens Center

Thank you to Georgene Karambelas who continues to volunteer at Jubilee and brought this wonderful opportunity to our chapter. The monthly dinners have been a huge success, enjoyed by the ladies at Jubilee and our families who have provided the dinners. Clothing donations are welcome ~ extra large clothing is especially needed but all sizes are welcome. If you would like to sponsor a monthly meal for the ladies at Jubilee or for more information, contact Georgene at [206.829.9337](tel:206.829.9337) or karambelas@comcast.net.

Dress for Success

Georgene Karambelas will continue the clothing collection over the summer. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. If you need a receipt, please leave your contact information attached to your donation. Questions? Call Georgene at [206.829.9337](tel:206.829.9337) or karambelas@comcast.net.

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

All are welcome to attend our meetings and events:

- Note - no regular meeting at church until September 13th
- August 18th cook for St Martin de Porres Mens Shelter
- August 24th cook for Jubilee Womens Center

Your Sister in Christ,

Susan Reichmann, Philoptochos Advisor

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OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Alvia and I have been invited to share our spiritual journey to the Greek Orthodox Church, a journey from the Roman Catholic Church on my part and from a non-denominational tradition for Alvia. I will do my best to describe key influences along the reasoned path followed.

Alvia and I were in agreement that we very much wanted to have a mutual religious affiliation which we felt would add a deeper dimension to our relationship and marriage. I was Catholic and she was nondenominational. I explained that I had long been curious about what I perceived to be a divided Catholic Church and that my interest was quickened when, many years ago, the late Pope John Paul II announced his interest in seeking reconciliation between the churches of the East and West. It was at that point that I began reading the deep history of Christianity and came to realize that during the first millennium the center of gravity of the church had been in the Eastern Mediterranean and Asia Minor.

Those historical events prompted the rupture which we recognize today. Wishing to deepen my insight, I read "The Orthodox Church" by Timothy Ware, a past lecturer of Eastern Orthodox studies at Oxford, titular bishop of Diokleia and now a Metropolitan. He persuasively laid out the claim of the Orthodox Church as a faithful transmitter of the authentic, or orthodox faith.

Further reading of the history of General Councils beginning in 325 AD gave me additional insights into the conflict which developed between Rome and Constantinople, a condition, the roots of which were both the move of the emperor to Byzantium (to become Constantinople) and the reality that the major bishoprics and the larger church were in the East. A quickening of conflict came with the imperious interference of the assertive Pope Nicolas II in the affairs of the emperor, and his appointment as Patriarch of Constantinople of the learned and greatly admired Photios. This added to the impetus of difficulties of distance, the progressive failure of Roman clergy to communicate in Greek (the early official language of the church), and the jurisdictional ambitions of Rome, which exacerbated every difficulty.

I had puzzled in the past as to how the papacy might be beneficially redefined. I found answers in reading "Reform of the Papacy, the Costly Call to Christian Unity", written by retired Archbishop John Quinn, formerly a head of the Catholic Bishops Conference. A key proposal was to return the claim of inerrancy to the process of General Councils where authority had previously been exercised. My sense grew that a divided church was an affront before God, that the greater responsibility resided in Rome and grew from its unwarranted aggrandizement and abuse of power.

It became apparent to me that after reading Ware and visiting St. Demetrios that I was actually experiencing the Church in its ancient fullness, bringing with it a sensation of returning to spiritual roots. Alvia embraced the same feelings.

Finding mutual enthusiasm, we contacted Father Photios, a most auspicious development, and began our regular instructional meetings with him in a setting where we frequently encountered Father Daniel. Upon completing our instruction, we obtained sponsors, Cliff and Theo Argue and Des and Bob Read, who ushered us through the process of Alvia's baptism, my chrismation, confession, holy communion -- and our very joyous and spiritual marriage, officiated by Fathers Photios and Daniel, and assisted by Deacon Perry (a man of uncommon charm). An Orthodox wedding is surely the gold standard of weddings and its sacramental blessing and power must be the most enduring.

From the time we first visited a service at St. Demetrios, we have been warmly welcomed - at every opportunity members of the congregation have extended their best wishes. The church itself brings a warm feeling of the heightened awareness of God and the happy anticipation of joining a marvelous community of the faithful, celebrating the intensely mystical liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. We both plan to progress in our spiritual journey and join in the work and ministries of the church.

We have begun like immigrants, happily entering a new and rewarding learning curve.

Robert and Alvia Swegle



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

For our 2016 Stewardship Campaign, we currently have 488 stewards who have returned their signed pledge cards and have pledged \$455,565. Our goal for 2016 is \$520,000. Remember that you can arrange for automatic payments through your bank or paypal. (go to www.saintdemetrios.com/Stewardship/egiving)

We thank the following stewards for their contributions!

The Stewardship Committee



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31 6th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: Romans 12:16-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 1p Baptism	1 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Procession of the Cross</i> 8	2 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Translation of Relics of St. Stephen</i> 9	3 St. Philaret Cook for Homeless 9:30a Open Confession 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Dalmatos, Isaaktos & Faustus, Martyrs</i> 10	4 11:30a Yiayia & Friends Luncheon at Sunfish on Alki 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus</i> 11	5 6:30p Great Vespers <i>Eusegnius, Martyr</i> <i>St. Kassiane the Righteous</i> 12	6 8:30a Orthros 9a Large Hall Rental 9:30a Divine Liturgy 5p Great Vespers <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 13
7th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11:30a General Assembly	8 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Myron, Bishop of Crete</i> 15	9 6:30p Paraklisis 6:30p Stewardship Meeting <i>Glorification of St. Herman</i> <i>Mathias, Apostle</i> 16	10 9:30a Open Confession 6:30p Paraklisis <i>St. Lavrentios the Deacon</i> 17	11 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Euplus the Deacon</i> <i>St. Georgia, Great Martyr</i> 18	12 6:30p Paraklisis <i>Phoios & Anikelos, Martyrs</i> 19	13 12:30p Large Hall Rental 5p Great Vespers <i>St. Maximos the Confessor</i> 20
14 8th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: 1Corinthians 1:10-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 7p Great Vespers @ Assumption	15 8:45a Orthros @ Assumption 10a Divine Liturgy @ Assumption <i>Falling Asleep of the Holy Theotokos</i> 22	16 Metropolis Youth Worker Conference 6:30p Parish Council Meeting <i>Dionides, Alkiviades, Starnaitos, Martyrs</i> 23	17 9:30a Open Confession <i>Myron, Paul & Julianne, Martyrs</i> 24	18 Cook for St. Martin de Porres <i>Floras, Lavros, Leon & Hermos, Martyrs</i> 25	19 12:30p Large Hall Rental 5p Great Vespers <i>St. Andrew the Commander</i> 26	20 <i>Samuel the Prophet</i> 27
21 9th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: 1Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 12p Small Hall Rental 12:30p Baptism	22 <i>Charisimos, Martyr</i> 29	23 6:30p Stewardship Meeting <i>St. Irinalos, Bishop</i> 30	24 Cook for Jubilee Women's C... <i>St. Eulichos, Martyr</i> <i>St. Kosmas Aitolos</i> 31	25 St. Andrew's Cook for Homeless... 10a Wedding Rehearsal 11:30a Baptism <i>Titos & Bartholomew, Apostles</i> 1	26 Father Son Event 12p Hold for set up <i>Adrianos & Natalia, Martyrs</i> 2	27 Eli Pallis wedding reception 3:30p Wedding <i>St. Poemen the Righteous</i> 3
28 10th Sunday of Matthew Epistle: 1Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	29 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Greek Dance Begins <i>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i> 29	30 9:30a Open Confession <i>Alexandros, Paul & John, Patriarchs of...</i> 30	31 9:30a Open Confession <i>Placing of the Holy Cincture of the The...</i> 31	1 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy <i>Sts. Simeon & Meletios the Righteous</i> 1	2 1p Do not rent hall <i>John, Patriarch of C/nple</i> 2	3 <i>Anthimos & Theokistos the Righteous</i> 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms

Congratulations to Armando Guzman and Rebecca Chohlas-Wood whose daughter, Angeliki was baptized on July 31st, 2016. Her sponsor is Theodora Teodosiadis. "Na sas zese!"

We welcome to our faith Sophia (Viamonte) Howard who was baptized on July 6th, 2016. Her sponsor is Eleni Howard.

Weddings

Congratulations to Andrew and Kayla (Roumeliotis) Sophinos who were married on July 2nd, 2016. Their Koumbaroi are Adam L. Sophinos and Nina Varlamos. "Na zesoun!"

Congratulations to Nicholas and Sophia (Viamonte) Howard who were married on July 24th, 2016. Their Koumbaro is Zachary Howard. "Na zesoun!"

Congratulations to George and Courteney (Meehan) Plumis who were married on July 30th, 2016. Their Koumbaro is George John. "Na zesoun!"

Celebration of the Feastday of the Theotokos

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church would like to invite you to join them in celebrating their 2016 Patronal Feast Day

The Dormition of the Theotokos

Sunday, August 14th—7:00 pm Vespers (followed by a reception); Monday, August 15th - 8:45 am Matins, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (followed by a luncheon). <http://www.assumptionseattle.org>.

VIPs Day at Emerald Downs

Join the VIP group for an afternoon at Emerald Downs on August 21st featuring the Bank of America Emerald Champion Challenge for Quarter Horses. The afternoon will start at 2:00 pm. The cost will be \$23/person and will include the following; admission, a program, a tip sheet, a handicapping class, reserved seats, box lunch and a discount in the gift shop. This will be a fun afternoon for everyone in the family so sign up now! Contact Vicki Pallis at 206-948-2922 (cell) or Maria Stavros at 206-783-8259 as soon as you can.

THANK YOU FOR FESTIVAL DONATIONS

We wish to thank Steve Sourapas for the Silver level Sponsorship, Eleftheria Proios of "14 Carrot Café" for the donation of 600 Lbs. Sugar and Joseph and Catherine Burke and Dr. John and Julie Doces for their monetary donation. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Sunday School News

Sunday School registration for the 2016-2017 year is scheduled for September 11, 2016, following Liturgy, in the small hall. Classes begin on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Festival is fast approaching and the ladies are baking away and preparing the many delicious pastries in preparation for this years event. With a few of our regular chairs out of town this Festival I am in search for somebody or a few people to chair the salad bar. I also will be looking for a chair person to handle the new serving area in the Gyro, Souvlaki, lamb sandwich area. This is something new where a guest will be able to get a gyro or Greek fries or lamb sandwich or Souvlaki in any of those lines.

If you are interested in getting involved please email me at jkost@saintdemetrios.com or give me a call.

Tent set up this year will begin on Sunday October 2nd after church. Please plan on coming out for a few hours or what ever amount of time you can to help us set up. The daily hours of set up will be 9am to 5pm and for those working I will have a night shift from 5pm to 9pm to get all of our set up completed. Thanks and hope to see you all out helping us or working shifts at the festival.

Festival Baking in August:

The baking schedule for August is as follows:

Monday, August 22nd: Make Kourambiethes
Tuesday, August 23rd: Make Kourambiethes
Wednesday, August 24th: Make Kourambiethes

From the Boutique

We have the Festival Date! The Boutique needs inventory! Calling all Crafters, Knitters, Crocheters, Painters, jewelry makers. Anything Handmade to fill our booth. Please take time to make a items for The Boutique. Call Julie Legeros 364-1706 or Rita Mavromatis [425-828-2579](tel:425-828-2579) for drop offs or questions. Thank you.

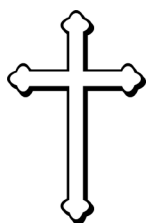
This & That Shop News—Time to Donate...

We gladly accept dishes, flatware, glassware, pots and pans, paperbacks, stationery supplies, adult and children's jewelry, Christmas decorations, toys, knickknacks, purses, small appliances only (and if they work). Please bring your donations early so that the This 'N' That Team will have time to price them. Thank you for your support!

Yiayia and Friends Luncheon

The August Yiayias & Friends luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 4, at Sunfish on Alki. Sunfish is located at 2800 Alki Avenue SW. Sunfish specializes in seafood (fish and chips, prawns, etc.). Time is 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Mary Damascus (509) 951-2975 or mndamascus@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome!

Our Condolences



We express our Deep Condolences to Dr. Christos Dagadakis and Judy Turner and Zaharenia Dagadakis Neuhauser and their families for the passing of their mother, Eftihia Dagadakis. May her memory be eternal!

We express our Deep Condolences to Carrie Becker, Paul and Mark DeLappe and their families for the passing of their mother, Bettye DeLappe. May her memory be eternal! "Αιώνια

αυτών η μνήνη!"

2016-2017 St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday School Enrollment Form—Classes begin on September 18, 2016

Thank you for enrolling your child in the St. Demetrios Sunday School Program. Each Sunday, your child will learn about their faith and Christ and participate in fun and educational activities surrounding the Church. Please complete this form to register your child for Sunday School and submit it to the Sunday School Director.

Child #1			
Child/Youth Full Name:	Last:	First:	
Current Academic School Grade:			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):	Age:	Gender (M/F):	
Patron Saint/Feast Day:			
Interest in joining:		Epistle Reader (Must be in 7 th grade) <input type="checkbox"/>	Altar Server (Must be in 3 rd grade) <input type="checkbox"/>
Child #2			
Child/Youth Full Name:	Last:	First:	
Current Academic School Grade:			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):	Age:	Gender (M/F):	
Patron Saint/Feast Day:			
Interest in joining:	Junior Choir <input type="checkbox"/>	Epistle Reader (Must be in 7 th grade) <input type="checkbox"/>	Altar Server (Must be in 3 rd grade) <input type="checkbox"/>
Child #3			
Child/Youth Full Name:	Last:	First:	
Current Academic School Grade:			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):	Age:	Gender (M/F):	
Patron Saint/Feast Day:			
Interest in joining:		Epistle Reader (Must be in 7 th grade) <input type="checkbox"/>	Altar Server (Must be in 3 rd grade) <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent Information			
Father:	Last:	First:	
Mother:	Last:	First:	
Home Address Information			
Street:			
City/State:		Zip Code:	
Email:			
Home Phone:			
Emergency Contact (other than parent)			
Name:		Phone:	
Medical Information			
Special Medical Condition or Allergies (including any foods or food ingredients):			
Please check the Youth Ministry your child will participate in.			
HOPE Grades K – 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	JOY Grades 4 – 6 <input type="checkbox"/>	Jr. GOYA Grades 7 – 9 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sr. GOYA Grades 10 – 12 <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>PARENTS: would you be interested in volunteering as:</i> Sunday School Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Assist with Coffee Hour</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Assist with Christmas Program</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Assist with Service Projects</i> <input type="checkbox"/>			

We ask that you kindly consider including a voluntary monetary donation with your registration to help defray the cost of materials and purchase of books for the school year. Please note that a child must be 3 years old by August 31, 2016 to register this year. Please mail or Fax registration form to Paula Charuhas Macris, Sunday School Director, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2100 Boyer Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98112; Fax: 206-631-2550; pcharuhas@hotmail.com

MEMORIALS AND VIGIL LIGHTS

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles from last month

A Forty-Day Memorial Service and the Coffee Hour were offered on July 10th, 2016 in loving memory of **Mye Antipas**, by her daughter and son-in-law, Artemis Antipas and Achilleas Stamoulis and George and Mary Haddad.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered on July 24th, 2016 in loving memory of **Bob Barker** (three years since his passing), by his wife, Loula Barker and David and Georgia McFarlan.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered on July 24th, 2016 in loving memory of **Katherine Roumeliotis** (three years since her passing), by Loula Barker and David and Georgia McFarlan.

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights were offered on July 31st, 2016 in loving memory of **Louis Bussiere and Helen Baroumes Bussiere** (three years and fifteen years since their passing), by the families of Ron, John and Mary Bussiere.

Holy Altar Candles for August 7th

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Irene and Tom Toliass** (six months and thirty-eight years since their passing), by Toula and Manny and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Gus Gumas** (thirty-seven years since his passing), by his children, Polette and John Limantzakis, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Alex Kusulos and Andrew Kusulos** (six months, and nine years since their passing), by Dena Kusulos and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Eleni Papanastasis** (two years since her passing), by the Limantzakis and Panopoulos families.

Holy Altar Candles for August 14th

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Tom and Coula Cotton** (forty years and thirty-four years since their passing), by their daughters, Irene Lehman and Family and Mary Cotton.

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Eftihia Dagadakis** (forty days since her passing), by her son, Christos Dagadakis, her daughter, Zaharenia Neuhauser and their families.

Holy Altar Candles for August 21st

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **George Krikris** (three years since his passing), by his sister-in-law, Helene Krikris.

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for August 28th

A Six-Month Memorial Service, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light and the Coffee Hour are offered in loving memory of **Kyriakos Moroseos**, by his wife, Fifi Moroseos and Family.

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Gordon and Katina Ruh
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