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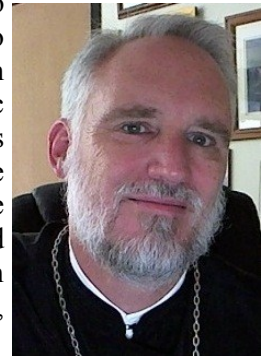
The Monthly Newsletter of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Mission Statement: "To proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the Orthodox Tradition while creating a vibrant, loving, compassionate and supportive community."

The Ordination of Dn. Daniel Triant to the Holy Priesthood

Message from Fr. Photios

On Sunday, February 8th, our parish will have the great blessing to witness and participate in the ordination of Dn. Daniel Triant to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. Holy Ordination is a sacrament (mystery) based on apostolic succession through which the Orthodox Church chooses and ordains spiritual and sacramental leaders to serve the people of God. In the case of the Christian priesthood, apostolic succession occurs through the laying on of hands (greek - *cheirotomia*) by a canonically ordained bishop who is alone invested with the authority to ordain. It is through apostolic succession that the Church maintains its unity of faith, worship, teaching and common life in Christ.



Following the custom of the apostolic church, there are three major orders of priesthood, each of which requires a special ordination. These are *bishop*, who is viewed as a successor of the apostles, *priest* and *deacon*, who act in the name of the bishop. Each order is distinguished by its pastoral responsibilities. Only a bishop may ordain.

The laying on of hands involves a practice that our Lord frequently used in His own ministry of healing and blessing. Christ taught this practice to His disciples who in turn passed the tradition on to their successors, the bishops of the Church. By the laying of hands of Metropolitan Gerasimos together with the prayers of the faithful, the grace of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon Dn. Daniel. This sacrament will empower him to serve God and His people through leading worship, teaching, and pastoral care.

The Holy Spirit preserved the continuity of the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Through ordination, men who have been chosen from within the Church are set apart by the Church for special service to the Church. Each is called by God, through His people, to stand amid the community, as pastor and teacher, and as the representative of the parish before the altar. Each is also a living icon of Christ among His people. According to Orthodox teaching, the process of ordination begins with the local congregation; but the bishop alone, who acts in the name of the universal Church, can complete the action. He does so with the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of his hands on the person being ordained.

The first account of the ordination of priests or presbyters is recorded in Acts 14:23. The apostles Paul and Barnabas "*ordained (cheirotomia – literally by laying on of hands) elders in every church, and prayed with fasting*" and then "*commended them to*

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CHURCH SERVICES, EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

| Date | Church Service | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Feb. 1st | 16th Sunday of Luke—Triodion Begins | 16h Kuriakhv Loukav - Arcivzei to Triwvdion |
| Feb. 2nd | Presentation of our Lord | Upapanthv tou Kurivou |
| Feb. 6th | St. Photios the Great | Agivou Fwtivou |
| Feb. 7th | Great Vespers, 5 pm | Mevga~ Esperinov~, 5 m.m. |
| Feb. 8th | 17th Sunday of Luke—Hierarchical D. Liturgy and Ordination of Dn. Daniel to Holy Priesthood | 17h Kuriakhv Loukav Arcieratikhv Qeiva Leitourgiva kai Ceirotovnhsi~ tou Diakovnou Danihvl ei~ thn Agivan Ierwsuvnh Agivou Nikhfovrou, Mavrturo~ Agivou Caralavmpou~ Agiva~ Qeodwvra~, Autokravthro~ |
| Feb. 9th | St. Nikiphoros, Martyr | |
| Feb. 10th | St. Haralambos | |
| Feb. 11th | St. Theodora, the Empress | |
| Feb. 14th | Saturday of Souls | |
| Feb. 15th | Meatfare Sunday | Savbbato twv Yucwvn |
| Feb. 21st | Saturday of Souls | Kuriakhv th~ Apovkrew |
| Feb. 22nd | Cheesefare Sunday | Savbbato twv Yucwvn |
| Feb. 27th | Presanctified D. Liturgy, 9:30 am | Kuriakhv th~ Turofavgou |
| Feb. 28th | Salutations Service, 7 pm | Prohgiasmevnh Qeiva Leitourgiva, 9:30 p.m. |
| | Saturday of Souls | Cairetismoiv, 7 m.m. |
| ALTAR SERVERS | | Savbbato twv Yucwvn |

Feb. 1st & 15th Joseph Dumont, Peter Ales, Andrew Christianson, Nicholas Christianson, Theodore Looney, William Grosvenor, Demetre Teodosiadis, Alex Rotar, Jack Hillman, Samir Kharoufeh, Paul Dudunakis, Peter Dudunakis, Niko Pagones, Manoli P. Tramountanas, Manoli A. Tramountanas, Johnny Tramountanas, Ethan Weigle and Nicholas Marcu-Visan.

Feb. 8th & 22nd Joseph Dumont, Andrew Christianson, Nicholas Christianson, Theodore Looney, Demetre Teodosiadis, John Christofilis, Nicholas Biros, Nasi Contoravdis, Niko Contoravdis, Themio Pallis, George Pallis, Stassi Tsantilas, Yiannis Tsantilas, Phillip Stamolis, Anthony Sampson, James Konugres, Omar Mallouk, Stavros Panos and Nicholas Marcu-Visan.

PARISH COUNCIL SERVERS

Feb. 1st & 15th John Ales, George Tramountanas, Jim Kost, Dale Hazapis, John Kapelouzos, Stephanos Margaritis, Christos Psichos

Feb. 8th & 22nd George Papanastasiou, Georgine Looney, George Constantine, Thomas Dudler, Vicky Christianson, Bob Read, Louis Kotsakis

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

Feb. 1st Nikos Biros, in Greek and Manoli P. Tramountanas, in English

Feb. 8th Evangelia Koceski, in Greek and Alexandra Koceski, in English

Feb. 15th Manoli T. Tramountanas, in Greek and

Feb. 22nd Ioannis Hillman, in Greek and Samir Kharoufeh, in English

Feb. 27th Anastasia Bekris and Dionisia Tsafos (Salutations Service)

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The Ordination of Dn. Daniel Triant to the Holy Priesthood

the Lord in whom they had believed." Similarly, Saint Paul reminds his apostolic disciple, Titus, *"For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint presbyters in every city as I commanded you"* (Titus 1:5).

The Titus passage brings to mind the first prayer that the bishop prays over the one who is being ordained to the Orthodox priesthood: *"Thy grace divine, which always heals that which is weak, and completes that which is lacking, elevates through the laying on of my hands this most devout deacon to be priest (presbyter)." The bishop continues to ask God to "fill with the gift of the Holy Spirit this man ... that he may be worthy to stand in innocence before Your holy altar, to proclaim the gospel of Your Kingdom, to minister the word of Your truth, to offer You spiritual gifts and sacrifices, to renew Your people through the laver of regeneration."*

A dramatic moment in the service of ordination comes when the candidate is led around the altar three times, kissing or venerating the four corners of the altar. This symbolizes his marriage to Christ, his death with Christ, and his willingness to serve the Church sacrificially after the example of his Master (Christ). Ordination is seen as an eternal appointment, *"for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable"* (Rom. 11:29). It is in this spirit that during each Divine Liturgy, the newly ordained priest prays for his bishop that *"the Lord God remember him in His Kingdom always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages."* Through the sacrament of ordination in His Church, Christ entrusts to the priest the very salvation of His people's souls.

It is with much joy and anticipation that we celebrate the ordination of Dn. Daniel to the Holy Priesthood, and we look forward to his service to Christ, through his ministry to our St. Demetrios Community. I encourage all of you to be in attendance at the ordination of Dn. Daniel, so that we may all proclaim with one voice, "Axios!" "Worthy!" It is truly an honor for our community to be part of this sacred event. I also want to invite everyone to our Large Hall for a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy, to complete the celebration of the ordination of Dn. Daniel. Finally, I want to congratulate his wife Diaconissa Michelle and their daughter, Penelope, together with the entire Triant family for the great blessing that God has given them through Dn. Daniel's ordination. May God grant Dn. Daniel and his beloved family, "Many Years!"

Parish Council President's Message

Dear Members of our beloved St. Demetrios Community,

It is an honor to have been elected as president of the Parish Council for the year, alongside officers. We are supported by remarkable Parish Council members and look forward to working together for a successful year.

Please congratulate the following 2015 Officers:

1st Vice-President, John Ales, 2nd Vice-President, Stephanos Margaritis, Secretary, George Tramountanas, Treasurer, George Papanastasiou

And your Parish Council members: Vicky Christianson, George Constantine, Tom Dudler, Dale Hazapis, John Kapelouzios, Jim Kost, Louis Kotsakis, Christos Psichos and Bob Read.

We look forward to serving you all in the year to come. Please let us know how we can be of service to you and our community.

Also, please be sure to support the All Saints Camp dinner on February 7 and our hope is to see you at Deacon Daniel's ordination on February 8. Best of luck to our FDF participants in Anaheim over President's weekend as well.

Thank you,
Georgine Looney
PC President

LOVE AND THANK YOU FROM JUBILEE WOMEN'S CENTER

February being the "Month of Love", Jubilee wishes to extend its gratitude for all the love and support it receives from St. Demetrios. The donations of clothing, meals and volunteer work is a true testament of how we "Love Thy Neighbor".

In January, a delicious dinner was provided by Peggy Tramountanas and Mary Economou, with help from Patti Kost and Christina Meletis. This meal was donated with love, in memory of their fathers - Tom Falangus and Spiro Xenos, 25 years since their passing.

Jubilee Women's Center provides housing and support services to low income and homeless women. A Philoptochos ministry, the opportunity to help and support is open to all. If you wish to donate or would like further information, please contact Georgene Karambelas karambelas@comcast.net 206 829 9337 www.jwcenter.org

Philoptochos News February 2015

Conference Thank You!

By the time you read this, our Northwest Regional Philoptochos Conference will have taken place. A huge "Thank You!" to everyone who helped make this special event possible and a report of the conference will be in next month's column.

Bus Girl

Sometimes the 'lemons' in life turn into lemonade. My car died in September and so I decided to return to the bus full time. My commute takes me through downtown Seattle daily and sometimes I find myself on 3rd and Pike which can be a pretty rough bus stop depending on the time of day. It has turned out to be a blessing in disguise as it is a very visual reminder of the great need on the streets of Seattle, young people, old people, people in a lot of distress and the very people that Philoptochos is asked to serve in our mission statement. Often it takes an event beyond our control to move us out of our comfort zone, our usual routine. I did not see what I see daily now when I was commuting in a car and I am grateful for the perspective my bus commute has revealed. Challenge yourself to do something a bit differently and see what a different light it sheds.

St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and Shrine at the World Trade Center

Philoptochos chapters across the country stand united in support of the resurrection of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at the World Trade Center in New York City. The rebuilding of this Orthodox Church, the only house of worship destroyed in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 at Ground Zero, is a monumental undertaking and requires the participation of every Philoptochos member. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America has called on our beneficent "army" to assist in bringing life to this hallowed ground with hope, love and faith. This National Shrine will be a sacred legacy for our immigrant Philoptochos ancestors, many of whom arrived in America through the ports of New York, and for all future generations. This house of worship for all the faithful will also serve as a place of healing and comfort to the millions of people who will visit the World Trade Center memorial annually. Further information is available at www.philoptochos.org and your support is greatly appreciated.

UNICEF Philoptochos Initiative

National Philoptochos is pleased to announce a new initiative with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF End Trafficking Program. Human trafficking has been likened to modern day slavery that subjects children, women and men to force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. Our new initiative will focus on the actionable projects that Philoptochos chapters across the country can implement immediately. Information is available on the website www.philoptochos.org.

Go Red for Women



Go Red Sunday is February 15th!

It's not just a man's disease.

Heart disease and stroke kill 1 in 3 women, yet it's 80% Preventable.

Help us raise awareness to end this killer of women.

Wear Red to show your support for saving women's lives.

For more information go to: www.goredforwomen.org

Philoptochos Membership 2015

February continues our membership drive for 2015. We hope you will support us with your annual dues of \$40 and join us when you can for fellowship. All are welcome and if you have time to donate in addition to your check, even better. You will not receive a call when you write a check as we are a volunteer organization and we are grateful for every member whatever their participation. We realize that not everyone is able to come to our meetings but your dues are what allows us to do the work of Philoptochos and are gratefully accepted. Please contact Dorothy Haskell at 425.788.4285 or dndhask@comcast.net

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

February 1st Celebration of the nameday of Fr. Photios after D. Liturgy

February 2nd Presentation of Our Lord

February 7th Assumption St Catherine's Philoptochos Valentines Day Tea (for information, call Nancy Charoniat [425.235.6426](tel:425.235.6426))

February 15th 'Go Red for Women' to support heart health for women, * regular meeting at church after the coffee hour

February 19th cook for St. Martin de Porres Mens Shelter

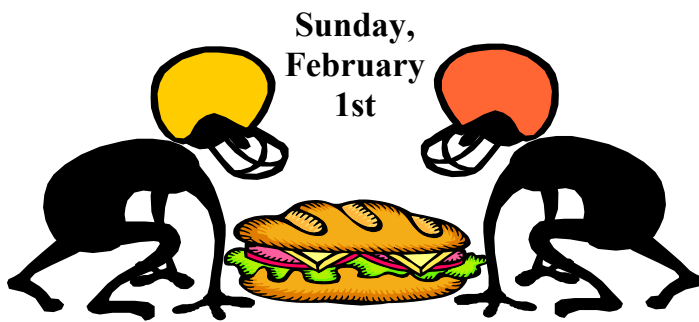
February 25th cook for Jubilee Women's Shelter

March 8th regular meeting at church after the coffee hour

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

St. Demetrios Jr. & Sr. GOYA presents the 15th annual... Superbowl Sub Sale



Five tasty subs to choose from and only \$5 each.

The **SEAHAWK**... Turkey & Provolone
The **RAVEN**... Roast Beef & Provolone
The **AFC Champ**... Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey, American & Provolone Cheeses
The **NFC Champ**... Ham, Turkey, American & Provolone
The **PIGSKIN**... Ham & American Cheese

All subs include lettuce, a packet of mayo & mustard and are wrapped up and ready to eat. Onions and Tomatoes are optional for all subs.

Orthodoxy on Tap - February 18th *Monthly Discussions for our Young Adults*

All college students and young adults are invited to Orthodoxy on Tap. This ministry is a chance for us to meet and talk about our faith in a social environment. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th at 7 p.m. at the Veggie Grill in the University Village. Please RSVP if you can make it. Contact Lefteris Sitaras at 206-631-2504

All Saints Camp 2015:

Counselor Orientation: July 3 – 5

Elementary Camp
for children entering grades 3 to 5: July 5 – 11

Advanced Camp
for youth entering grades 6 to 9: July 12 – 18

High School Camp
for teens entering grades 10 through 12: July 5 – 11

Now Accepting Staff Applications! Staff Applications will be accepted until Monday, March 23, 2015.

Online Camper Registration will open on March 1, 2015 at:
www.allsaintscamp.com

For questions please contact Lefteris Sitaras, All Saints Camp Director at 206-631-2504 or lsitaras@saintdemetrios.com.

2015 GOYA Lenten Youth Retreat

**BE
YOURSELF**

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29

**For all Jr. & Sr. GOYAns
in Grades 7 – 12**

All Saints Camp, Raft Island WA

Registration Forms available at
www.saintdemetrios.com

Contact Lefteris Sitaras for more information
206-631-2504 or lsitaras@saintdemetrios.com

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

February

- 1 - Superbowl Sub Sale & Godparents Sunday
- 7 - GOYA serve at All Saints Camp dinner
- 8 - Deacon Daniel's Ordination
- 13 - 16: Folk Dance Festival
- 14 - 16: Pan-Orthodox Youth Retreat (Registration Closed)
- 23 - Lent Begins

March

- To be announced - Oratorical Festival
- 14 - Mother Daughter Tea
- 14 - Orthodox Teen Talk
- 21 - Greek Independence Day Celebration
- 28 & 29 - **GOYA Lent Retreat**

April

- 4 - Communion Breakfast & Palm Crosses
- 10 - Holy Friday Retreat
- 12 - Agape Service & Egg Hunt
- 18-19 YAL Retreat at All Saints Camp

May

- 2 - St. Demetrios Auction
- 3 - JOY Bible Bowl
- 10 - Mother's Day Brunch

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

For our 2015 Stewardship Campaign, we currently have 198 stewards who have returned their signed pledge cards and have pledged \$ 212,451. Our goal for 2015 is \$535,000. Remember that you can arrange for automatic payments through your bank or paypal. (go to www.saintdemetrios.com/Stewardship/egiving) We thank the below stewards for their contributions!

The Stewardship Committee



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 John and Mary Ellen Zoulas



| Fasting Type | February |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Dairy Allowed | 16-22 |
| Wine & Oil Allowed | 11 |
| Strict Fast | 13, 23-28 |
| Fast Free | 3-7 |

| Sunday Offerings for January 2015 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| January 4 | \$7,350.30 |
| January 11 | \$ 3,702.35 |
| January 18 | \$ 3,153.70 |
| January 25 | \$ 4,331.74 |
| Total | \$ 18,538.09 |

February 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1 Publican & Pharisee God Parents Sunday Epistle: 2 Romans 8:28-38 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 Superbowl Sub Sale 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy | 2 NO FASTING THIS WEEK!!! 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Greek Dance | 3 5p St. Philaret - Cook for Homeless - Large Kitchen 6p Greek School 6p Paraklisis Service 7p Orthodoxy 101 | 4 12p Yiayia & Friends Luncheon at Spiro's Pizza & Pasta 6p Paraklisis Service 7p Orthodoxy 101 | 5 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11a COME Meeting | 6 Camp Dinner 5p Great Vespers 5:30p Camp Dinner | 7 St. Luke the Righteous St. Parthenios |
| 8 St. Tryphon, Martyr Prodigal Son Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Gerasimos and Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Dn. Daniel Triant 1p Celebration Luncheon for Fr. Daniel Triant | 9 Presentation of Our Lord 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Greek Dance | 10 St. Symeon the God -Recliver 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy | 11 St. Isidore of Pelusium 8:30a Open Confession 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 6p Greek School 6p Paraklisis Service 7p Orthodoxy 101 | 12 St. Agatha, Martyr Folk Dance Festival | 13 St. Photios the Great | 14 Saturday of Souls Pan - Orthodox Youth Retreat 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 5p Great Vespers |
| 15 St. Theodore the General Folk Dance Festival Meatfare Sunday Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Pan - Orthodox Youth Retreat 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 12:30p Philotochos Meeting | 16 St. Nikiphoros, Martyr Cheese Fare Week - Dairy Allowed Every Day!!! Office Closed - Presidents' Day 10a WOCA Meeting 6:30p Parish Council | 17 St. Haralambos St. Theodora the Empress St. Viassios, Martyr | 18 Alexios Wndwkr of Russia Meleitos Absbp of Antioch | 19 Cook for St. Martin de Porres | 20 Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria | 21 Isaac of the Kiev Caves Valentine's Day Saturday of Souls |
| 22 Eusebios the Righteous Onesimos, Apostle Cheesefare Sunday Mission Sunday Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 12:30p Baptism 12:30p Reception | 23 5 Egyptian Martyrs, Elias, Jere... Presidents' Day (Washington's...) LENT Begins 6p Greek Dance 6p Small Compline & Dance Practice 7p Great Compline | 24 St. Theodore of Tyron | 25 St. Leo, Pope of Rome St. Nicholas Planas Cook for Jubilee Center 8:30a Open Confession 5:30p Greek School 6:30p Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy - Assumption | 26 Archippos, Philemo & Apphia, A... St. Philothei of Athens | 27 9:30a Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy 7p Akathist Hymn 8:30p Jesus Prayer Service | 28 Saturday of Souls 8:30a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 5p Great Vespers 6p Holy Apostle Crab Feed |
| Righteous Thallasios & Limnaios † | Hermartyr Polycarp † | † 1st & 2nd Finding of the Head of... | † St. Tarasios, Patr. C/nople | † Photini, Samaritan Woman Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza | † Procopios of Decapolis St. Thalelaeos of Syria | Neo Martyr Kyranna St Basil the Confessor |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms/Weddings

We welcome to our faith Molly (Maria) Bede who was baptized on January 17th, 2015. Her sponsor is Rosalie Boulrieris. Congratulations to Brandon and Molly Bede whose son, John, was baptized on January 24th, 2015. His sponsor is Bryson Bede. "Na sas zese!"

Congratulations to Michael and Elaina Shemeta whose daughter, Alexa Frances, was baptized on January 25th, 2015. Her sponsor is Kirsten Moldskred. "Na sas zese!"

Congratulations to Andrew and Diana (Moldovan) Moser who were married on January 18th, 2015. Their Koumbaroi are Mihaela and Angelo Obreja. "Na zesoun!"

Congratulations to Brandon and Molly Bede who blessed their marriage on January 25th, 2015. Their Koumbaroi are Andrew and Rosalie Boulrieris. Congratulations to Bryson and Ashley Bede, who blessed their marriage on January 24th, 2015. Their Koumbaroi are Brandon and Molly Bede. "Na zesoun!"

Yiayia & Friends Luncheon

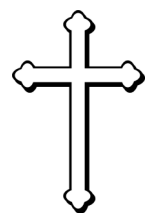
The February Yiayias & Friends luncheon will be held on Thursday, **February 5** at **Spiro's Pizza and Pasta** at **11:30 a.m.** Spiro's is located at **18411 Aurora Avenue North**. There is plenty of parking available. For more information, please contact Mary Damascus [\(509\) 951-2975](tel:5099512975) or mndamascus@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome!

Donations for the plaque on Lynn Street Entrance

Dear Parishioners, as you can see, the installation of the two entrance monuments at the Lynn Street entrance are completed. The overall cost of this project was worked out as a trade-off for allowing Seattle Prep School to use our parking lot during their renovation.

The design of the entrance monuments was prepared by our late parishioner, Paul Panagakis, as a tribute of his dedication to St. Demetrios Church. We are looking for donations to complete the new signage indicating "St. Demetrios Church" and the cost of that will be approximately \$5,000. If you would like to contribute to that, please contact George Constantine (206-957-4400).

Our Condolences



We express our Deep Condolences to Gus Boutsinis, John Dimitriou and their families for the passing of their mother, Irene Anastasiou. May her memory be eternal!
"Aiwniva authv~ h mnvnh!"

BOOKSTORE NEWS:

The Orthodox Church commemorates many Saints during the month of February, including:

St. Symeon and the Prophetess Anna (Feb 3rd) - The Lords' coming into the world was revealed to both Saints and they witnessed the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple as an infant;

St. Photios the Great (Feb 6th) - Patriarch of Constantinople and peacemaker during turmoil at the Patriarchate, also helped convert the Slavs to Christianity

St. Haralambos (Feb 10th) - Early Christian Bishop tortured mercilessly and martyred for Christ when he was 113 years old.

St. Theodore the Tyro (Feb. 17th) - A Fourth century soldier who was visited and strengthened by Christ to endure tortures and ultimately martyrdom.

St. Polycarp (Feb. 23rd) - One of the "Apostolic Fathers" whose writings were close to the Apostles in Church Tradition, later tortured and martyred.

St. Photini (Feb. 26th) - The Samaritan woman who was transformed by an encounter with Jesus into a well-spring of Christian faith.

Take some time to read the lives of these Saints as we approach Great Lent. Our Bookstore stocks many books and icons of the Saints. To know and understand the Saints of the Church is to know and better understand our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Himself.



MISSION SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2015 AT ST. DEMETRIOS

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the United States, representing all of the Orthodox jurisdictions and parishes in this country, has again designated the Sunday before the start of Great Lent as Mission Sunday in support of the ministry of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). Come hear about this important and exciting ministry of our Orthodox Church including work in Africa, Asia, Europe, Central America, and Alaska.

Speaking during the Liturgy will be our own Cliff Argue, a long-time member of the OCMC Board of Directors, and Past President. Our parish OCMC Ambassador Eugenia Macris will present a display of materials and information on how YOU can be involved in helping to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."*

After Easter, there will be a deli sale and coffee hour further supporting OCMC.

GREEK DANCE GROUP NEWS

Faith, Dance, Fellowship (FDF) – President's Day Weekend

Although FDF is only a portion of our program, it's important! "Why?" you might ask. Well, it's because of something we like to call the "trickle-down effect". Whether it is for sports or for Greek dance, the process of competition, promotes excellence! It inspires the directors of our older groups to learn more about the culture in order to find new material, new music, and acquire different costumes for our dancers to use. This competition is a "deadline", encouraging our dancers to develop the specific techniques of each type of dance. This new material is then brought back to our program at home and trickles down for the benefit of the younger groups. GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR DANCERS!

FEBRUARY 7TH - The Spartiates group will perform at 1pm at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) on South Lake Union for the opening of "A PLACE AT THE TABLE" exhibit. Dromeno will perform live music starting at 3pm and the Church of The Assumption shall perform at 11am.

BALKAN FEST – Saturday, Feb. 21st, is the last Saturday night before lent starts so join us at the church from 3 pm-midnight for a bazaar, appetizers, drinks and both Balkan and Greek dancing.

MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS – dinners start before practice at 5:30pm and have been very well received by our community. The dance board would like to thank the Voltsis, Banchero, Makratzakis & Dickerson families for their gracious meal donation on Jan. 12, 2015 and the Psichos and Margaritis families for their "walking taco" dinner on Jan. 19, 2015. Since we will be skipping the Lenten meal nights, there are 3 dinners left, Feb. 2nd (Tsantilas Family), April 20th (Brymerski Family) and April 27th (Tsantilas Family).

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT – Thank you to all who attended this festive event! Thanks, also, to the many people who helped me make this event possible...to the cooks, George Tsantilas, Tom Contoravdis, George Lebesis, Christos Psichos, Stephanos Margaritis and Cindy Theodorou . To the decorations/set up committee...Michelle Escobar, Judy, Vasilis, Hugo and Dino Varlamos, Jiovanna Koceski, Tammy Psichos, Fay Sitaras, Manoli and Eleanor Tramountanas. To all those who wrapped silverware, cleaned and prepped decorations...Andrea Dunbar, Demetra Biros, Katherine Watson, Jiovanna Koceski, Paula Margaritis, Michelle Escobar, Tammy Psichos and Georgia Teodosiadis. To the hosts at the bar...Lefteris Sitaras, George Tramountanas and his side kick. To those who took reservations and welcomed people at entry....Maria Barbas, Katherine Watson and Jiovanna Koceski. To Vasilopeta bakers, Maria Barbas and Katherine Watson. To Peggy Tramountanas for the tarama salata, to Ourania Tzoitis for linens donations, Michelle Escobar for decoration donations and Maroussis family for cake donations. For my dedicated clean-up crew, George, Manoli, Maria, Saundra, Tony, Jiovanna, Fay and Christina Meletis.

JANUARY 24th, CRAB FEED EVENT – Such a wonderful dinner was prepared by Chris Economou, Tom Rakus, Tom Economou, Ron Christianson and Nick Karis. Set up Judy Varlamos, Michelle and Amalia Economou, Sophia and John McShea. Bar tended by Tammy Psichos, Linda Kyrimis and Athena and Nick Diafos. All organized by Chris and Marla Economou. Thank you so much for a successful event!

JANUARY 25th, FDF DRESS REHEARSAL – Congratulations to all the directors and dancers/choral for a wonderful preview performance on Sunday. Thanks again to the Dance Board who did the coffee hour and Dromeno for the live music. BRAVO EVERYONE!!

MEMORIALS AND VIGIL LIGHTS

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for February 1st

A Memorial Service, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light and the Coffee Hour are offered in loving memory of **Dino E. Patas and Toulia Patas** (forty days, and one year since their passing), by their daughter and son-in-law, Sandi and Curtis Kruse and Family.

A Forty-Day Memorial Service, a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light and a donation to St. Demetrios Church (in lieu of the Coffee Hour) are offered in loving memory of **Haritine Ladas**, by the Ladas Family.

A One-Year Memorial Service and a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light are offered in loving memory of **Maria Balopoulos**, by her Church Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Katrina and Michael Markezinis** (sixteen years, and thirty-one years since their passing), by their son, James Markezinis and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Nitsa Kollias** (twenty-six years since her passing), by her Granddaughter, Eleni Carras.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Dimitri Kollias** (fourteen years since his passing), by his cousin, Eleni Carras.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Spiros and Elizabeth Xenos** (twenty-five years, and ten years since their passing), by their children, Mary Economou, Effie and Chris Chriest and Eleftheria Proios and their respective families.

Holy Altar Candles for February 8th

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Maria Chohlas** (fourteen years since her passing), by Cathy Chohlas and Ed Wood and Family.

Holy Altar Candles for February 15th

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Michael and Eleni Damascus** (twenty-four years, and two years since their passing), by their daughter, Eugenia Macris, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for February 22nd

A Forty-Day Memorial Service and a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light are offered in loving memory of **Irene Anastasiou**, by her children, Gus Boutsinis and John Dimitriou and their families.

A Memorial Service and a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light are offered in loving memory of **Connie and Andrew Raptis** (thirty years and twenty-eight years since their passing), by their children, Maria and Tom Barbas and Andreanna and John Zafiropoulos and their families.





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A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Over 100 Years of Greek Food, Culture and Entrepreneurial Spirit

February 7 - May 31, 2015 - Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI), Seattle, Washington
(see www.mohai.org for directions, hours and other details)

In partnership with the [Greek-American Historical Museum of Washington State](http://greeksinwashington.org/), (<http://greeksinwashington.org/>) MOHAI invites you to travel through history with some of the Puget Sound's most beloved Greek restaurants and the communities that created and sustained them. The exhibit features vintage photos, videos, menus, artifacts, and other items, along with descriptive text. One area is devoted to food in the Greek Orthodox Church such as Prosphoro, Artoklasia, and Vasilopita.

Opening day activities for children and families on Saturday, February 7 will include Greek dance performances at 11 am and 1 pm and an opening ceremony with introductory remarks at 3pm followed by live music and dancing.

Greek restaurateurs have been a consistent presence in Washington State for more than a century. Well over 200 Greek-owned restaurants have existed in the Puget Sound region alone, a few continuously since the early 1900s, and over 300 throughout the State of Washington. Restaurants represent the intersection of Greek food, culture, and entrepreneurship, and the profession of choice for many Greeks who put down roots in the area. But beyond the menu, Greek traits were still evident and relationships were the key. Greek traditions of hospitality and building lasting connections with patrons combined to create a code of business that elevates customers to friends.

**A Place
at the Table**
Over 100 years of Greek restaurants, culture and the entrepreneurial spirit.