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SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

To glorify God by creating an Orthodox Community that loves others as Christ loves us

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May 2024 Newsletter



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Sundays, Orthros: 8:15 AM, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM

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Spiritual News

Reflection from His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos for Holy Week

Reflection for Holy Week 2024

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming!

Ἰδοὺ ὁ Νυμφίος ἐρχεται!

This is the way the well-loved hymn we will hear in the services this week calls us to attention. The imperative “Behold!” wakes us up from the slumber of our everyday busy-ness to stand on watch to greet the Bridegroom of the Church, our Crucified Lord. Truly, this is Great and Holy Week as we prepare for our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection. It is a time for us to take a breath and direct our life to God through prayer. We live in a time in history when it is easy to fall asleep as we grow numb to the unfolding traumas on a global scale. But now, more than ever, we are called as Orthodox Christians to dedicate our precious time to prayer and reflection on our Lord’s sacrifice on the Cross. It is through this small effort on our parts the angelic message of the empty tomb will become a reality for others.

How will the Bridegroom come to us this week?

The Bridegroom will come in the middle of the night – a time of peace and quiet – it is a time when most of us are not expecting any great visitor, let alone our Lord. Let us be like the wise virgins who have their lamps of oil ready, eagerly anticipating His arrival so that we can enter the Bridal Feast with Him. There is still time in these last days to go and purchase oil from the markets – to do acts of mercy and kindness for the oppressed – so that the soul’s flame remains kindled. When we couple the purity of our fasting with the abundance of our good works, truly we will be wise.

The Bridegroom will come to us dressed in a robe of mockery, facing an unjust trial, beatings and the Cross. He will not come arrayed in fine clothing to receive praises and accolades. Let us be like the beloved disciple John who is not ashamed of Jesus Christ but accompanies our Savior even through His most trying hour. Perhaps, there is still time to re-arrange our schedules this week to attend the holy services. Let us make an effort to bring our families to the services, especially young children, to teach the next generation of Orthodox Christians how to accompany our Lord as faithful, beloved disciples.

The Bridegroom will come to us to give up His spirit, descend into Hades, break the bars of brass, and resurrect Himself. He will do all of this and the first who will learn this

indescribably good news will be the myrrh-bearing women. They came with eagerness in the early hours of dawn to anoint the body of our Lord. In everything that we do this week, let us have their dedication as our model. May they be an inspiration for us to find practical ways to assist our parishes in this holy period: cleaning the church, decorating the kouvouklion, and singing with the choir and the chanters.

My beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord - "Behold!" "Ἰδοὺ!" "Take notice" - our Bridegroom is coming. May we be found worthy to worship His glorious Resurrection as one Body of believers.

Καλή Ανάσταση!

Father Panteleimon's Pascha Letter

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

Holy Week comes to an end at sunset of Great and Holy Saturday, as the Church prepares to celebrate her most ancient and preeminent festival: Pascha, the feast of feasts. The time of preparation will give way to a time of fulfillment. The glorious and resplendent light emanating from the empty Tomb will dispel the darkness. Christ, risen from the dead, cracks the fortress of death and takes "captivity captive" (Psalm 67:19). All the limitations of our createdness are torn asunder. Death is swallowed up in victory and life is liberated. "For as by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:21-22). Pascha is the dawn of the new and unending day. The Resurrection constitutes the most radical and decisive deliverance of humankind.

Our blessed community has experienced its time of Passion, but now we are at the threshold of our Resurrection. We will gather this Sunday to vote on the site plan of our

new Holy Sanctuary, and how we secure our donations for our Capital Campaign.

The AHEPA is sponsoring a Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon for our community with all proceeds going to the church.

We have also planned a Pascha Picnic for our community to celebrate Pascha together as a church family.

I pray that Our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to strengthen our community during this Great Lent and that we are all gathered together to witness His Glorious Resurrection. Kali Anastasi!!!

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Panteleimon Maillis

Church News

As we say goodbye to April, a month filled with enriching liturgies and vibrant community events, we eagerly welcome the opportunities that May brings. Let's reflect on the blessings of April.

Throughout April, every Wednesday we had extra Liturgies, the **Pre-Sanctified Liturgies**, led by Father Panteleimon during the Lenten season. Additionally, the **Salutations to Theotokos and the Akathist Hymn Services** every Friday enriched our spiritual journey, deepening our connection to our faith.

The celebrations of **Lazarus Day** and **Palm Sunday** were particularly poignant moments in our community. After the Lazarus Day Liturgy, parishioners came together to craft palm crosses, accompanied by delicious Lenten pancakes. **Palm Sunday saw AHEPA's generous sponsorship of a luncheon**, with proceeds benefiting our beloved St. Demetrios Church. The overwhelming support from our community made this event a resounding success, showcasing our unity and generosity.

Our **Sunday School** also played an active role in fostering community engagement through various fundraisers. The **book fair fundraiser and the sale of Easter candles and lamb cakes** were a huge success!. Moreover, the Hygiene Product Pascha Drive was another philanthropic activity of the Sunday School.

As we transition into May, a month brimming with anticipation and celebration, let us turn our focus to the upcoming events at our church:

Holy Week Schedule:

Please refer to the schedule in the following pages for the liturgies and services celebrating the Holy Week and Easter.

Pascha Picnic:

Following the Agape Service on Easter Sunday, our church invites you to join us for a joyous Pascha picnic at 2pm. Let us come together as a community to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Sunday School Graduation Day:

On Sunday, May 19th, we will gather to celebrate the achievements of our Sunday School students on Graduation Day. Join us as we commend their dedication to learning and growing in their faith.

As we embark on the journey of May, let us carry the spirit of renewal and resurrection in our hearts. May this month be filled with blessings, joy, and the warmth of community. **Wishing everyone a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter! Καλή Ανάσταση!**

Greek Market

The St. Demetrios Greek Market is preparing for its grand opening! Thank you to the generous parishioners who have contributed funds or donated furniture for this endeavor. Your kindness brings us one step closer to launching the market, with all proceeds earmarked for the building fund of our cherished St. Demetrios Church. Our dedicated organizers are diligently liaising with potential suppliers and arranging the layout of shelves and furniture within the space. Keep an eye out for updates on the official opening date!



Greek traditions for May (Holy Week)

Holy Thursday: dying the eggs red, making Easter Butter cookies

Holy Thursday is the time Greeks dye the eggs red to represent the blood of Christ. The hard eggshell symbolizes the sealed tomb of Jesus, and red the blood and the suffering upon crucifixion. Let us not forget that eggs have been a symbol of the renewal of life since antiquity. On Easter Day Greeks will play an egg battle game (tsougrisma), which children very much enjoy. Choosing each side of the egg, one person cracks the other, to see who gets the most durable egg. The first one wishes "Christ is Risen" whereas the other one answers back "Truly He is"! On that same day, Greek children assist with the making of Easter butter cookies- koulourakia (like braided or round cookies) and breads (tsourekakia and tsourekia respectively) but don't eat them before the end of Saturday.



On the island of Crete, kalitsounia (–sweet cheese pastries) are traditionally made on this day as well.

Typically, an Easter bread, tsoureki, has three plaits that are braided within it. It is a mixture of aromatic spices such as mahleb, mastic, and coriander, which represent the Holy Trinity; God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Usually, Greeks decorate them with red-dyed eggs.

Holy Friday

On Holy Friday morning, the mournful, saddest day for Greek Orthodox Christianity, children assist women with decorating the tomb of Christ (Epitaph) with flowers of various colors and sizes. Later on that morning, when Jesus is taken down from the Cross, the Epitaph is ready to hold an image of His body. During the evening mass, most of the religious ritual occurs outside the church. The ornate Epitaph is carried out by men, accompanied by young girls who hold baskets full of flower petals. The girls are usually dressed in white dresses and are called the "Myrofores" (which translates to the girls who bring the holy oil). The believers follow the priest holding a candle in their hands and start marching around the neighborhood, ending in the church. The procession pauses before the church's entrance so that every attendee who wishes can enter the church by passing under it and, therefore, get blessed. On this day, the traditional dish is lentil soup, usually with vinegar (or lemon), which symbolizes a gospel

scene about Christ being thirsty on the cross, asking for water, but being given vinegar soaked on a sponge instead.

Easter Weekend: Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

By Holy Saturday, each Greek child has received its Easter candle (lambada) with a unique decoration. Traditionally, it is the godmother (nona) or godfather (nonos) who gives the godchildren their Easter candle along with an Easter gift (usually new clothes, shoes, or money). A big chocolate egg, chocolate rooster, or bunny is a favorite accompanying treat. On Saturday morning, the so-called First Resurrection takes place at the church. The bells ring happily, a pigeon is released to freely fly inside the temple, while the priests throw bay leaves and flower petals dipped in spring aromas to everyone in attendance.



On that same evening, people go to church in formal outfits holding their votive candle for the evening mass, a ritual that the majority of Greeks attend. The priest will deliver the holy light to everyone, and with candles lit, Resurrection will take place at midnight.

In several parts of Greece, lots of fireworks and shootings take place. A scarecrow of Judas might be set on fire that same night, symbolizing “catharsis”.

Then, people head home to crack red-dyed eggs and eat the magiritsa soup (a meat and vegetable broth that officially breaks down the fasting period). That Easter soup is made of lamb intestines, lettuce, and other greens, and prepares the stomach for a non-vegan diet.

On Sunday, the smell of spit-roasted lamb and other meat delicacies is everywhere. Wherever in Greece, you may be, just follow the smell and the laughter. Almost everyone in Greece visits a village in the countryside on that day when the whole kinfolk gathers to grill lamb and dine together.

Early in the morning on Sunday, the preparation of the lamb starts. The fast is over, so grilled lamb, as well as other meat-based recipes, like kokoretsi, a dish consisting of lamb or goat intestines wrapped around seasoned offal, including sweetbreads, hearts, lungs, or kidneys, and typically grilled, are definitely on the menu.

Traditional Greek folk music can be heard everywhere throughout Greece and people indulge in lots of food while drinking and dancing the day away. It’s the perfect chance

for family and friends to reunite. Everyone gathers together to celebrate with music, lots of egg cracking, food, and drinks. The feast doesn't end until later that day.

Financial Committee News

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL REPORT 2023 \$\$\$

Month	Income	Expenses	Net Operating	Net Other Income	Net Other Expense	Total-Net Income
January	12,507.00	20,781.00	-8,274.00	4,150.40	635.99	-4,759.59
February	17,917.78	21,440.03	-3,522.25	10,957.71	556.09	6,879.37
March	22,023.23	27,170.76	-5,147.53	16,799.52	882.04	10,769.95
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
YTD	52,448.01	69,391.79	-16,668.78	31,907.63	2,074.12	13,164.73

Fundraising Committee News

Would you like to have fun while serving our St. Demetrios church community?

Do you enjoy being creative?

Our St Demetrios Fundraising Committee **meets on Zoom every first Tuesday of the month at 6pm.** We have created a list of a dozen fundraising ideas that are scheduled over the next year but we are always open to new ideas to raise funds for our community. We are very excited about having a full Greek Festival in the Fall of 2024.

We have great ideas but we are lacking one key ingredient to make these events successful. That special ingredient is “YOU”.

We need volunteers for the many ways and details involved in making these events successful for the future of our community.

The fundraising events we are currently working on include and are not limited to the following events:

Jim Click Raffle – Co-chairs Lee and Julie Horner

Greek Food Festival 2024

Farmer’s Market at St. Philip's Plaza

The St Demetrios Day dinner 2024

Culver’s Night

Youth Car Washes

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 7th at 6pm.

We work hard but we also have fun because we enjoy each other’s company while doing something positive for the future of our community.

“JOIN US!

You can obtain login info from a Fundraiser or Parish Council Member

Contact Vasiliki Kyriakakis, songcat@hotmail.com

Building Committee News

During the General Assembly on April 21st parishioners were invited to vote on the location for our new church building. The Building Committee presented detailed information on three different plans provided by our architects, outlining the various options for the church's placement. **After careful consideration and thoughtful deliberation, we are delighted to announce that the parishioners unanimously voted in favor of Option 3. This plan entails constructing the new church on the current parking site, eliminating the need to demolish any existing buildings at this time.** By selecting Option 3, we are ensuring a seamless transition to our new church while maintaining the functionality of our existing facilities. Moving forward, the Building Committee will

continue to work closely with our architects to progress with the next steps of the construction process. We are dedicated to ensuring that every detail is carefully considered as we embark on this transformative journey. Thank you to all stewards for their participation and support during this process. Together, we are laying the foundation for a bright and promising future for St. Demetrios Church. Stay tuned for further updates as we move forward with this exciting endeavor.



Stewardship Committee News



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our 2024 stewards who have made a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to St. Demetrios. As of April 28th, we have **100 steward families**, with a total amount pledged of **\$150,060**. This is 80.9% of our budgeted goal of \$185,500. Orthodox

Christian Stewardship is a way of life that acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. **If you haven't joined us, please prayerfully consider doing so and supporting our Church and its ministries.** Stewardship forms can be found on the pangari/candle stand and in the church office. For your convenience, stewards can also complete a form online in the Stewardship tab on our church website.

2024 Stewardship to Date: April 28, 2024

Amount Pledged	2024 # of Steward Families (100) to Date	% of Total Amt Pledged to Date \$150,060
< \$999	52	\$17,980 (12%)
\$1,000 - \$1,999	25	\$28,520 (19%)
\$2,000 - \$2,999	9	\$20,500 (13.7%)
\$3,000 - \$3,999	3	\$9,660 (6.4%)

\$4,000 - \$4,999	4	\$17,000 (11.3%)
\$5,000+	7	\$56,400 (37.6%)

2024 Stewards

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 Sophia, and Alexia
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 Constance
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Bourika, Helen
Bouris, Marianne
Bornstein, Robert & Rena
Conaty, Viola
Costaras, Thomas
Cutler, Mark & Cherie
Dailey, Ernest
Davis, Virgil and Connie
Delfakis, Panos
Demetriou, Jim & Bessie
 Dragatis, Peggy
Eliopoulos, Frank & Tina
Eliopoulos, Gabriella
Eliopoulos, Niko
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Horner, Sotiri (Lee) & Julie
Joannides, Timothy
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Kastis, Angeliki
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Kollias, Diane
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Sarelis, Philip
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Terrell, Thalia
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Tokkaris, Themis & Ana Chavez
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Capital Campaign Foundation News

The Capital Campaign Foundation has taken a significant step towards ensuring transparency and accountability in its fundraising efforts for the construction of the new church. At the General Assembly of April 21st, **stewards voted unanimously to establish an escrow account dedicated solely to the funds earmarked for the building of the new church.**

The establishment of an escrow account marks the Foundation's commitment to financial integrity and transparency. With this account in place, **donors can rest assured that their contributions will be utilized exclusively for the construction of the new church and related expenses.**

The Capital Campaign Foundation is actively working towards the opening of the escrow account, in tandem with the preparation of comprehensive documentation outlining the precise utilization of the raised funds. This document will have clear guidelines and it will ensure adherence to the highest standards of financial management. In the coming weeks, the Foundation will provide further details regarding the establishment of the escrow account and the formulation of the document.

For any inquiries or additional information, please visit the Capital Campaign Foundation's official website at stdemetriosfoundation.org or reach out to us via email at admin@stdemetriosfoundation.org.

Sunday School

1. Children's Clinic Donations Drop-Off:

We invite parents and students to participate in our donation drive for the Children's Clinics. The drop-off date and time will be determined. Stay tuned for further details on this meaningful opportunity to support those in need within our community.

2. Sunday School Graduation:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th, as we come together to celebrate the culmination of another successful year of Sunday School. On this special day, we will be hosting our Sunday School graduation ceremony, marking the last day of classes for this academic year.

3. **Photo release form.**

We invite all parents to fill in the photo release form, so that the images may be used in the printed bulletin and newsletter or in the blast emails.

Please follow this link

<https://forms.gle/cueMKQZmuEfUunHQA>

or contact Themis Tokkaris.

Greek school

Greek school for adults: At the moment, there is a **single class for beginners that meets every Wednesday at 6 pm, over Zoom**. We are open to new students, but we are about 10 - 15 classes in, so depending on your level, it might be useful to set up a study plan to catch up with the rest of the class before participating. The pace is fairly slow, and there is no expected performance whatsoever, so even if you are a total beginner, it is not going to be an extreme amount of work to get up to speed. It might just be overwhelming to drop in immediately.

If you are interested, regardless of background, or if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to shoot an email to Manolis Drimalas at egdrimalas@gmail.com.

At the moment **we don't have a kid's Greek class**. However, if you want your child to learn Greek do not hesitate to **enroll your child and you will be notified if there is a new Greek class in the near future**. For more information contact Efie Sourla at efiesour@gmail.com

Greek Dancing

Kids of all ages are invited to join the St. Demetrios Greek Dance program! It is a great opportunity for kids to learn how to dance traditional Greek dances, come closer to our Greek culture and make lasting memories. **The registrations are open this month and you will have news when the classes are about to start**. Contact Stephanie Aspiotis, stevieaspiotis@gmail.com and Alexia Demitsas ADemitsas@gmail.com for more information and to enroll your child.

Let's create unforgettable moments together!

Philoptochos

The Philoptochos, an organization deeply rooted in the Greek Orthodox community, is dedicated to philanthropy and charitable works. **The next scheduled lunch meeting is on May 18th at 11:30 AM at Scordato's restaurant.** To RSVP contact Vasiliki Kyriakakis. To join the Philoptochos and for more information contact Vasiliki Kyriakakis, songcat@hotmail.com

St. Michael the Guardian Security Ministry

We understand the importance of creating a **safe environment** where everyone can worship and fellowship without concerns. If you want to volunteer at our church's Security Ministry contact Niki Kirkpatrick, kirkpan24@comcast.net

Philoxenos Ministry- Greeters

The Philoxenos Ministry translates to "friend of strangers" in Greek. It is a very important ministry in our church which is dedicated to hospitality. Those who join this ministry have the responsibility of greeting individuals as they enter the church, ensuring that each person feels valued and embraced and also welcoming new visitors to our church. For more information contact Connie Walker, connie.walker@noirlab.edu

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Weekly Church Services and classes

- ❖ **Orthros:** Every Sunday at 8:15 AM
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy:** Every Sunday at 9:30 AM
- ❖ **Orthodoxy 101.** Thursdays at 6:00 PM on Zoom. For access contact the priest or any Parish Council member
- ❖ **Sunday School:** Sundays after Holy Communion.
- ❖ **Greek School for adults.** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm over zoom. For access contact Manolis Drimalas egdrimalas@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- ❖ **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM:** Fundraiser Meeting on Zoom . For more information contact Vasiliki Kyriakakis
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 PM:** Stewardship Meeting . For more information contact Connie Kollias
- ❖ **Saturday, May 18th at 11:30 at Scordato's restaurant.** Philoptochos Meeting
- ❖ **Sunday, May 19th after the Divine Liturgy:** Sunday School Graduation
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00 PM:** Parish Council Meeting



St. Demetrios Parishioners

Pascha Picnic

Dear St. Demetrios parishioners,

Join us after the Agape Service for a delightful Pascha Picnic! Enjoy our traditional lamb and an array of mouthwatering side dishes, including potato salad and rice.

When: Easter Sunday, May 5th at 2pm after the Agape Service

Where: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church at the outdoor area.

Tickets:

- Adults: \$15
- Kids (older than 6yo): \$10
- Kids 6 and younger: Free

Kindly RSVP as soon as possible to assist us in preparing for this wonderful celebration.

Let's celebrate the resurrection together in the spirit of joy and community! We look forward to seeing you there!

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY	8:15 AM: Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM: 1st Bridegroom Service
HOLY MONDAY	9:00 AM: PreSanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM: 2nd Bridegroom Service
HOLY TUESDAY	6:00 PM: 3rd Bridegroom Service
HOLY WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM: PreSanctified Liturgy 3:00 PM: Holy Unction 6:00 PM: Matins for the Mystical Supper (with unction)
HOLY THURSDAY	9:00 AM: Vespereal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:00 PM: Holy Passion (12 Gospels)
HOLY FRIDAY	9:00 AM: Royal Hours 2:00 PM: De-nailing Service 6:00 PM: Epitaphio Lamentations
HOLY SATURDAY	9:00 AM: First Resurrection Service 11:15 PM: Matins of Pascha 11:59 PM: Resurrectional Service followed by 1st Divine Liturgy
PASCHA SUNDAY	12:00 PM: Agape Service 2:00 PM: Pascha Picnic

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