

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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The Arena

April - 2018

CLERGY: Fr. Cosmas Halekakis
Fr. John Sardis (Retired)

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:30am Matins
9:30am Liturgy

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.

OFFICE MANAGER: Jackie Vatisstas

CHANTER: Yanni Halekakis

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Louis Karagiannes

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Maria Earth

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Fr. Cosmas Halekakis

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Petros Macheras

Get the Most out of Holy Week!

Holy Week is upon us! This is the most sacred and holiest time of the year for us as Orthodox Christians. Unfortunately, however, most of us do not benefit spiritually as much as we possibly can during this time of year. This happens, in general, for two main reasons: 1) we don't attend as many of the services as we can, and 2) when we do attend the services of Holy Week we don't understand what's being said!

We may have established the routine or habit of attending only a few of the Church services, and ignoring much that our Church has to offer. Palm Sunday evening we celebrate the first of the Bridegroom services, during which we read and chant some of the most beautiful and inspiring prayers and hymns all year.

The services on Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday evening are very similar in form, but with different themes and hymns. The general themes of the first few days of Holy Week are watchfulness, repentance and the bearing of spiritual fruit. Despite the beauty and impact of these services, most of our Churches are basically empty during these days. On Holy Tuesday evening especially, when we chant the beautiful and penitential hymn of St. Cassiani – one of the most powerful hymns we hear all year – few are present to benefit. Please try to attend as many of the services as you can!

However, being physically present isn't enough! How will we really benefit from these beautiful services, if we don't understand the hymns that are being chanted? Many of us have become content to simply stand in Church and let the beautiful hymns "wash over us" in a language we don't understand, while our minds wander to and fro pondering the affairs of life in an uncontrollable manner...That's not prayer! Nor is it what the Church intends.

What unites us as the one Body of Christ, is not only our common beliefs but our ability to worship together. We stand in Church together to pray the same prayers and chant the same hymns. When we raise our voices in unison together in prayer, that prayer becomes stronger, louder and resonates so that all of heaven may hear it!

In an attempt to help with this dilemma, we will be using as much English in our Holy Week services as we can; while still chanting the most well known hymns in Greek as well. Come and experience ALL the beauty of Holy Week, and join us in prayer!

Kali Anastasi! Blessed Resurrection!

- Fr. Cosmas

Parish Announcements

AHEPA

Next meeting is Tuesday April 17 at 6:30pm at Jimmy's Charhouse. Chapter 218 scholarship deadline extended to April 15. High School senior through college junior may apply. Our annual Smoker Dinner Raffle is on April 26 at St. Demetrios Church. Raffle tickets are \$100, dinner included, \$2,500 Grand Prize. For more information on Scholarships, Smoker Dinner and Raffle, Sports Award Banquet, or AHEPA Little Fort Chapter 218 charitable activities please visit us at AHEPA218.ORG or email us at LITTLEFORT@AHEPA218.ORG.

Honor the past. Welcome the future.

Kali Anastasi! As we approach Holy Pascha, our minds turn to new life in the resurrected Christ. If you live anywhere but Minnesota and New England, you will begin to see signs of new life. The grass is greening up. The weather becomes milder, and today, Gordy saw his first robin. The past is over, but the future is not possible without what has gone before. Christ died on the cross, before he rose again. The grass grows from the barren ground, because of what was there before. The new flower shoots up from the bulb that was planted in prior years. The world changes, but new growth springs from the roots of the past.

Our church is also experiencing growth and change. Our founders built a sturdy foundation of faith, allowing those that have come after to grow and move forward. We can't, and would never want to, erase that past. We are called to build on it. Just as every parent hopes for a brighter future for their child, so we hope for our church to grow, to be more, and to be better. Change can be uncomfortable, and we often experience growing pains. Nonetheless, we find our way through it to move forward. Our past is our strength. Our future is our change.

Here's some of what's new: Our church has a new Metropolitan, a new office administrator, and newly improved office space. We have new life in a growing Philoptochos group, where those who have been working for so long are passing on their knowledge and skills, teaching the new folks. We have new life in our AHEPA group who wonderfully honor it's members and support the youth with scholarships. We have new members on the Parish Council who bring new energy and new ideas. We have a new safety committee to address changing needs. We have new activities for our youth and new, beautiful, young male and female chanters. We have new opportunities for caring ministries. (Come be a part of the Feed 6 program.) And, we see new faces, people who are drawn to Orthodoxy and this beautiful church. These things become possible because of all the hard-working members that came before us taking care of the church, helping it grow, and building a strong foundation.

Our new Metropolitan Nathaniel said it so well as he addressed those assembled after his enthronement! He said we cannot be satisfied. We are called to be not just what we are, but something more. "We are not here to be what we were, but what we're becoming." he told the crowd. "God has called us to do something great. The times, they are a-changing, and I ask us to be ready. We will all grow together, because we will all grow in Christ."

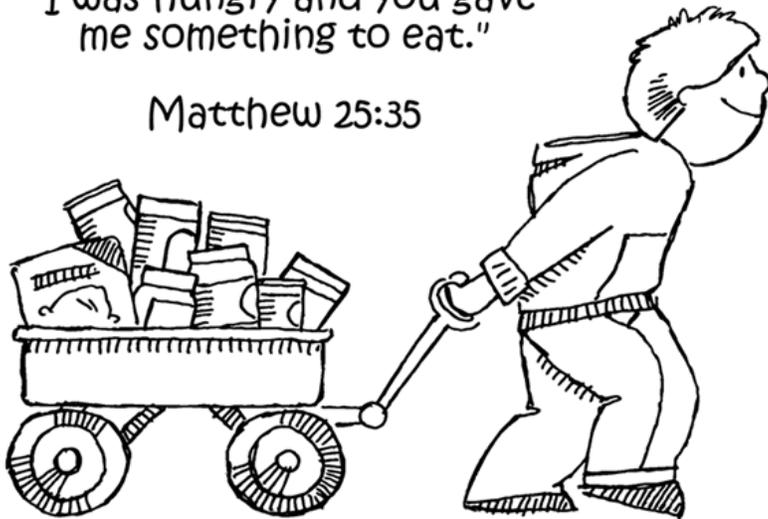
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new things have come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- Connie Jelatis Hoke
Parish Council President

Feed 6 Event!

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



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Enthronement of Metropolitan Nathanael!



From His Eminence's Enthronement Address:

...As I stand before you today, cloaked in the bishop's mantle, and as I hold the shepherd's staff, I do so not as your master, but as your father. And as your father I wish to echo the message of Christ on the stormy sea: "**Do not be afraid**"! Do not be afraid, for your father is prepared to struggle with you. Do not be afraid because, for your father is prepared to cry with you. Do not be afraid, for your father is here to comfort you. Do not be afraid, for your father is prepared to lay down his life for you.

As your father and chief-shepherd, I reassure you that my hierarchal ministry will focus on three basic principles:

First, it shall seek to **unify** all people in Christ. We cannot allow ourselves to be divided along ideological lines. For too long has "brother betrayed brother, and sisters turned against their own," as Saint John Chrysostom notes. Today marks a new day for the Holy Metropolis of Chicago, a new day focused on unity in service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And to cultivate greater unity and trust among us, we will emphasize fundamental Christian principles of governance and administration, including: accountability and transparency.

Second, as your father, I will do all that I can to open those doors that were once shut and be **inclusive** of everyone in the work of the Church—especially those who were once ignored or marginalized. I beseech each of you to get involved so that together we can serve as God's left and right hands, thus sharing His hope and love with the world. As I have in my prior ministries, I intend to continue actively working in the community to help those in greatest need, and I will expect the same of our clergy. We must extend the love of God beyond the walls of our churches and into society, particularly to those in greatest need of that love.

Third, as your Metropolitan and father, I wholeheartedly accept the awesome responsibility and obligation to **lead** you closer to Christ. It is not adequate when we only focus on finances, administration and on social ties; we must simultaneously pay attention to our spirituality. I do not forget that the primary task of every hierarch is the salvation of souls.

As the head of our Orthodox family, I acknowledge and accept that I am nothing more than what Christ was in the world, that is, a deacon and servant. As your shepherd, I am called to serve you, not the other way around. To this end, I stretch forth one hand to Christ, receiving His mercy, and extend my other hand to you, sharing with you and your families His grace.

My beloved children, as we depart and set our *eyes* on what lies on the horizon, I urge you to set your *hearts* on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Moments before His betrayal, and a few hours before His passion and crucifixion, He summarizes the Scriptures for His disciples in a few simple words: "A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13: 34-35). Amen.

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| <p>1</p> <p>Palm Sunday 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy</p> <p><i>Palm Sun. Luncheon</i></p> <p>7pm Bridegroom Service</p> <p>FISH ALLOWED</p> | <p>2</p> <p>7pm Bridegroom Service</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Fr. Cosmas at HAA</p> <p>7pm Bridegroom Service</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>4</p> <p>3pm Holy Unction</p> <p>7pm Orthros of Mystical Supper With anointing</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8am Vespers Liturgy of St Basil</p> <p>7pm Orthros (12 Gospels)</p> <p><i>Epitaphio Vigil</i></p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9am Royal Hours</p> <p>3pm Un-nailing</p> <p>7pm Epitaphios</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9am Vespers Liturgy of St Basil</p> <p>11pm Resurrection Service</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>GREAT & HOLY PASCHA</p> <p>11am Agape Vespers</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>NO FASTING</p> | <p>12</p> <p>5pm Greek School 7pm Philoptochos</p> | <p>13</p> <p>NO FASTING</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Sunday of Saint Thomas 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Ahepa at Jimmys Charhouse</p> | <p>18</p> <p>12pm Book Club</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Fr Cosma at HAA 5pm Greek School</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10am MOM's group 6pm Family Night</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>Sunday of The Myrrh-Bearers 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy</p> | <p>23</p> <p>8:30am Services for St George</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Fr Cosma at HAA Ahepa Smoker In Church Hall</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10am MOM's group</p> <p>FAST DAY</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Sunday of The Paralytic 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | | |

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