

# Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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## The Arena

April - 2019

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 9:30am Matins  
10:00am Liturgy

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**OFFICE MANAGER:**  
Presvytera Michelle Halekakis

**CHANTER:** Yanni Halekakis

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**EVANGELISM:**  
Daniel Alvarez

**CHARITABLE GIVING :**  
Nancy Paganis

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**  
Maria Earth

**GREEK SCHOOL:**  
Jackie Vatisstas

**YOUTH NIGHT:**  
Rae Anne Alvarez / Nectaria Zouras

**GOYA :**  
Demetra Utter / Jennifer Stianos

**PHILOPTOCHOS :**  
Niki Tziavaras

**AHEPA:**  
Petros Macheras

**BOOKSTORE:**  
Dr. Mary Nunchuck

**COUPLES GROUP:**  
Allena Barbato

**ATHLETICS:**  
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

**YOUNG AT HEART** - Don't forget our Young at Heart Lunches every third Tuesday of the month!...next lunch on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 11am, lunch at noon. For all those 55 and older...Please join us for lunch and fellowship! There were over 40 people at our last lunch!

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** - Please save the date for our annual Vacation Church School. Our summer camp will run August 5th - 9th from 9 am - 12:00 pm. We hope you will be able to join us!!

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION** - On June 9th we will be recognizing the graduates of our community. Please contact Maria Earth ([earthmg1@yahoo.com](mailto:earthmg1@yahoo.com)) before May 5th if you are graduating from high school, college or post grad.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS** - Jr Olympics will be here before we know it. If your child is interested in being a part of the St Demetrios Jr Olympics team please contact Maria Earth ([earthmg1@yahoo.com](mailto:earthmg1@yahoo.com)). Jr Olympics is for kids 7 years old and up. It takes place Memorial Day weekend at Sts Constantine and Helen in Palos Hills with the bulk of sports on Saturday. We can compete in track and field and individual sports. Depending on team sizes we could compete in basketball, volleyball and/or soccer.

**BOOKSTORE** - The bookstore has stocked an expanded Lenten reading selections. We will have our Easter book selection available starting March 31. We are open during the Palm Sunday Luncheon this year. Please come visit us!

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** - On March 17th the children at church walked in a procession around the church. Between the icons brought from home, icons in the bookstore and a box of donated icons all the children were able to personally choose which Saint/Feast Day they wanted to hold. It was a true Triumph of Orthodoxy! After the procession, during class time the students talked about which icon they held and why they chose it. We try to encourage the kids to remember that the Saints are very much alive and among us.



**ORATORICAL FESTIVAL (left)** - On March 17th, we held the Saint John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival. We heard seven speeches about our Orthodox Faith. The kids worked very hard to prepare for these speeches even using our newly donated iPads for research during class. Clara Macheras and Anastasia Earth will represent our parish at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival which will take place on May 11th at Assumption Church in Town and Country, MO. Congratulations!

**PHILOPTOCHOS FOOD DRIVE** - Our Philoptochos is having a non-perishable Lenten food drive. Please bring in any donations to the Church (big

basket in the north hallway by the cryroom), and we will deliver the food to a local food pantry.

**AHEPA** - Thanks to everyone who applied for the chapter scholarship, we look forward to announcing the recipients at our dinner dance. Our Smoker is scheduled for Thursday April 4 at Jimmy's Charhouse in Libertyville. Tickets are still available. Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 16. Location is TBD. May 19 District 13 will be screening Greece: Year Zero at the Pickwick Theater. More details to follow. Saturday June 1 is our annual dinner dance. We will also be hosting District 13 Convention as well. June 11 the Chicago White Sox will be hosting Greek Night. If you have any interest, questions, or concerns. Please contact us at [littlefort@ahempa218.org](mailto:littlefort@ahempa218.org) or [ahempa218.org](http://ahempa218.org).



# **Palm Sunday Luncheon**

*Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019*

*Following Services in the Church Hall*

Donation: \$15 for Adults and \$5 for Kids

Reservations can be made on Sundays during Coffee Hour

All Proceeds to Benefit our “Feed 6” event which will give 25,000 meals for those in need in Lake County!

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## **Feed 6 Event!**

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Church Hall: 11am - 1:30pm**

**We'll be providing more than 25,000 meals  
for those in need in our own Lake County!**

**Volunteer and Donate Today!**

**For more info please contact the Church Office**

# Parish Finances as of March 1st

EXPENSES	2019 Proposed	Expected YTD	YTD Actual	Difference
Mortgage	\$ 314,000	\$ 52,333	\$ 52,259	\$ 74
Assessment	\$ 48,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 800
Insurance	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,334	\$ 2,568	\$ (234)
Misc. Expenses	\$ 22,000	\$ 3,666	\$ 6,360	\$ (2,694)
Utilities	\$ 33,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,513	\$ (2,013)
Maintenance	\$ 23,860	\$ 3,976	\$ 11,690	\$ (7,714)
Clergy Compensation	\$ 100,500	\$ 16,750	\$ 16,731	\$ 19
Office Manager	\$ 18,240	\$ 3,040	\$ 2,618	\$ 422
Chanter	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 800	\$ 200
Cleaning/Custodial	\$ 5,200	\$ 866	\$ -	\$ 866
Taxes, Insurance, Pension, & Auto	\$ 54,200	\$ 9,032	\$ 8,713	\$ 319
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 639,000</b>	<b>\$ 106,497</b>	<b>\$ 116,452</b>	<b>\$ (9,955)</b>
Income	2019 Proposed	Expected YTD	YTD Actual	Difference
<b>General</b>				
Stewardship	\$ 400,000	\$ 66,667	\$ 88,787	\$ 22,120
Candles & Trays	\$ 52,000	\$ 8,666	\$ 6,507	\$ (2,159)
Donations & Other Income	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,692	\$ (1,308)
Spring Fest	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Greek Fest	\$ 105,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Dinner Dance	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hall Rental	\$ 25,000	\$ 4,166	\$ 1,450	\$ (2,716)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 639,000</b>	<b>\$ 84,499</b>	<b>\$ 100,436</b>	<b>\$ 15,937</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (21,998)</b>	<b>\$ (16,016)</b>	<b>\$ (5,982)</b>

### *What are all these numbers?...*

The main column to pay attention to is the one on the far right marked "Difference". It tells us how we are doing so far this year compared to where we expect to be according to the annual budget. If numbers in the "Difference" column are in parentheses, then we are behind where we should be in the budget. The last line, "Income Less Expenses" is our bottom line or profit.

### *Highlights...*

On the Expenses side, we should notice that Utilities, Maintenance and Miscellaneous expenses are over budget or too high. This is because of the winter months which drives up gas and electric bills, and forces us to pay for snow removal. On the Income side, winter weather hurts attendance, which keeps candles, trays and donations behind schedule. We should note that Stewardship is ahead of the budget, because of annual donations in January; and we expect to be behind the budget this time of year because our fundraisers like: Greek Fest, Spring Fest, and Dinner Dance don't take place until later in the year.

### *What should I take away from this report?...*

Some good and some bad! First, the good news is that we aren't too far off from where we expect to be at this time of year. But, the bad news is that our "bottom line" or profit has too many parentheses! Because we still depend so much on fundraisers our cash flow is inconsistent and unpredictable. Want to help?...Become a steward today! Already a 2019 Steward?...Thank you for pledging! Please encourage your family and friends to pledge! We still have about 100 families that haven't pledged yet; and we need those families to give at least \$100 per month to make our budget!



# *Spring* **GREEK FEST**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>



**St. Demetrios Church Hall**

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# Thank You to our 2019 Stewards!

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# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	FAST DAY	FAST DAY	6pm Presanctified Liturgy FAST DAY	5pm Greek School 7pm Philoptochos FAST DAY	7pm Salutations Service FAST DAY	FAST DAY
7 <b>4th Sunday Of Lent</b> 9:30am Services Met. Nathaniel Visit FAST DAY	8 FAST DAY	9 FAST DAY	10 6pm Presanctified Liturgy FAST DAY	11 5pm Greek School FAST DAY	12 7pm Akathist Service FAST DAY	13 FAST DAY
14 <b>5th Sunday Of Lent</b> 9:30am Services FAST DAY	15 FAST DAY	16 11am Young at Heart Lunch FAST DAY	17 6pm Presanctified Liturgy FAST DAY	18 5pm Greek School FAST DAY	19 FAST DAY	20 9:30am Services Sat. of Lazaros & Retreat FAST DAY
21 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30am Services Palm Sunday Luncheon 7pm Bridegroom Service FISH ALLOWED	22 <b>Holy Monday</b> 7pm Bridegroom Service FAST DAY	23 <b>Holy Tuesday</b> Fr. Cosmas at HAA 7pm Bridegroom Service FAST DAY	24 <b>Holy Wednesday</b> 3pm Holy Unction Service 7pm Matins of Mystical Supper (With Anointing) FAST DAY	25 <b>Holy Thursday</b> 8am Vesperal Liturgy 7pm Matins of the 12 Gospels FAST DAY	26 <b>Good Friday</b> 9am Royal Hours 1pm Retreat 3pm Vespers of The Unnailing 7pm Epitaphio FAST DAY	27 <b>Holy Saturday</b> 9am Vesperal Liturgy 11:30pm Resurrection Service FAST DAY
28 <b>HOLY PASCHA</b> 11am Agape Vespers	29 9:30am Services St. George	30				

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**SPRING FEST**

**MAY 3, 4, & 5!**

*Lake County* **GREEK FEST**

**July 12, 13, & 14!**