

# Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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## The Arena

### December - 2016

**Sunday Services:** 8:30am Orthros  
9:30am Liturgy

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 9a.m.-1p.m.

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Cosmas Halekakis

**Chanters:**  
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Yanni Halekakis

**Altar:**  
Theodore Columbus

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### **"The Reason for the Season"**

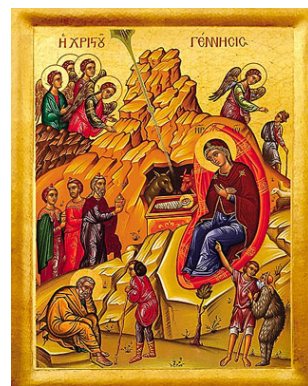
Every year, around this time, we begin to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Holiday season. Decorations and lights begin to adorn houses and yards. Our prayer life starts to include canons of supplication for parking spots at the mall! Radio stations begin to play some version of "Jingle Bells" five to ten times an hour. Christmas is indeed coming, and we spend much of our time shopping, traveling, cooking, and decorating for the big day! It feels as if every year Christmas becomes more commercialized and less celebrated. Every year we are tempted to lose the real reason for the season. But is there anything wrong with shopping and buying presents for our loved ones? Is there anything wrong with cooking and decorating for Christmas? Of course not! - Just as long as we remember to keep Christ at the center of all our holiday festivities. The following are a few practical ideas to help ensure that the Birth According to the Flesh of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ remains the focal point of our Christmas Season.

Shopping and buying presents is an integral part of celebrating Christmas. Indeed, we offer gifts to family and friends to remind us of the greatest gift that we receive - the gift of our salvation through the Birth of Christ. This does not mean that we should not set limits to our Christmas spending. We can express our love for family and friends in simple and humble ways, which need not max-out our credit cards. We should also remember that it is okay to give religious gifts to celebrate a religious holiday! We do not have to give *only* religious gifts, but it's also okay if we sneak in an icon or bible without anyone noticing.

It is also helpful to remember that as we are celebrating a religious holiday, that there is in fact a Fast in preparation of the Feast. There is a forty-day fast for Christmas beginning on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is a Feastday of the Church - we should be fasting to prepare ourselves to properly celebrate the Feast! While you're thinking about how to prepare your Christmas ham, or turkey or prime rib, it's okay to be cooking lentils, or fasolia, or briami! Remember to fast for the Feast!

It is commonly said that, "Christmas is for kids"; and although Christ's Birth is for all mankind, there is an innocent warmth to the season that can only be captured in the wide-eyed gaze of a small child. Christmas *is* for kids, and we should help ensure that kids can also understand what Christmas is. As you set up your little nativity set, read the story of Christ's birth and discuss it as a family. As you nail up your stockings to the fireplace, read the life of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, and Saint Basil the Great to your children and grandchildren. As you decorate your Christmas Tree, read the story of Adam and Eve, and discuss how the "Tree of Life" is now given to us through the Birth of our Savior.

Christmas is indeed a wonderful and powerful time of year. The temptation to commercialize rather than celebrate the holiday will always be with us, and it may even increase as society becomes more pluralistic and agnostic. However, as long as we focus our family on the Birth of Christ, and celebrate the Feast of His Nativity we can avoid the snares of over-commercialism and emerge empowered by His Birth.



- Fr. Cosmas

# Parish Announcements

## Coffee Hour

Please contact Maria Sakas with any questions or if you would like to sponsor coffee hour at (847) 395-7499. All ministres/hosts are responsible for set up, serving and cleanup.

## St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and/or donations for the November Food Fest. A very special thanks to Father John, Paul Alatzakis, George Couvall, George Harig, John Pantelopoulos, and Dino Kallianis for all their support throughout the year. Our Christmas party will be on December 8th at Jimmy's Charhouse. We are collecting hats, gloves and scarves for those in need. They can be brought to the party. If you would like to attend the party please contact Irene Booras. We look forward to having a great night of fellowship and Christmas cheer. We have tickets available for the Metropolis of Chicago Vasilopita Sunday which will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Sts. Peter and Paul in Glenview at 6pm. There is a donation of \$10 per ticket, which will benefit Saint Basil Academy. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## BOOKSTORE / BOOK CLUB

We are stocked for Christmas. Please stop by during coffee hours and check us out. Remember that all sales benefit our church. We will be open for a half hour on Christmas eve morning after Divine Liturgy. A light fast friendly snack and coffee will be provided for our shoppers. The December book club meeting is Wednesday, December 14 from noon to one in the church hall. The book selection for our January meeting is Journey to the Kingdom - An Insider's Look at the Liturgy and Beliefs of the Eastern Orthodox Church by Father Vassilios Papavassiliou. It will be available for purchase at the December meeting and the book store after that. New members are always welcome to join us. If you have any questions please stop by the book store.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*I always thank my God for you, because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. - 1 Corinthians 1:4*

I hope everyone had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We were fortunate to begin the day with a wonderful phone conversation with our daughters who were together in New York and to spend the rest of the day with Gordy's side of the family in Mt. Prospect. We have so much to be thankful for, not the least of which is this church and the people that make up our parish family. I cannot tell you what a pleasure it is for me to continue to learn more about the wonderful people here. So let me share just a few things for which I am grateful:

Thank you to the Philoptochos women who show me how to work tirelessly and share knowledge and talents. I have a long way to go before I can live up to the examples they set! Thank you to all the people who have answered the call to volunteer, either for a day, a specific project, or an ongoing commitment. You are the people who show me what it means to show up and offer whatever skills you have to help the church.

Thank you to the members of the Parish Council who show me what commitment is and keep me humble. Thank you to all the people who made our Stewardship Kick-Off and General Assembly a great success. You give me faith in the strength of our community. Thank you to all the amazing people who donate their time and their resources for the good of this parish. You inspire me and make me understand the meaning of generosity in giving. Thank you to Father Cosma who never ceases to amaze me with his talents, skills and humility. He is not only my spiritual leader, but an excellent teacher of life skills, and he makes me want to be a better person.

Thank you to Father and the chanters who make it possible for us to celebrate the Liturgy with them every day for forty days as we prepare for the birth of Christ. They offer me the opportunity to deepen my faith and remind me what this Advent season is about. Thank you to all of you who come to share in our beautiful church services. You remind me of what the church is; not just a building, but the people who make up the body of Christ. And thank you to every one of you who encourage and support me as I try to help with the work of the church. You buoy me up and make me believe that, together, we can accomplish great things.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Christmas!

- In Christ, Connie Jelatis Hoke

# ST. DEMETRIOS ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT THIS MONTH!



Since some families in our community have shown an interest in continuing with the iconography program of our Church, we are now offering our faithful stewards and friends an opportunity to donate toward the completion of the next phase of our iconography.

On December 5th we will be blessed to have our iconographer Andromache Voutsinas with us to complete and install the next phase of our iconography.

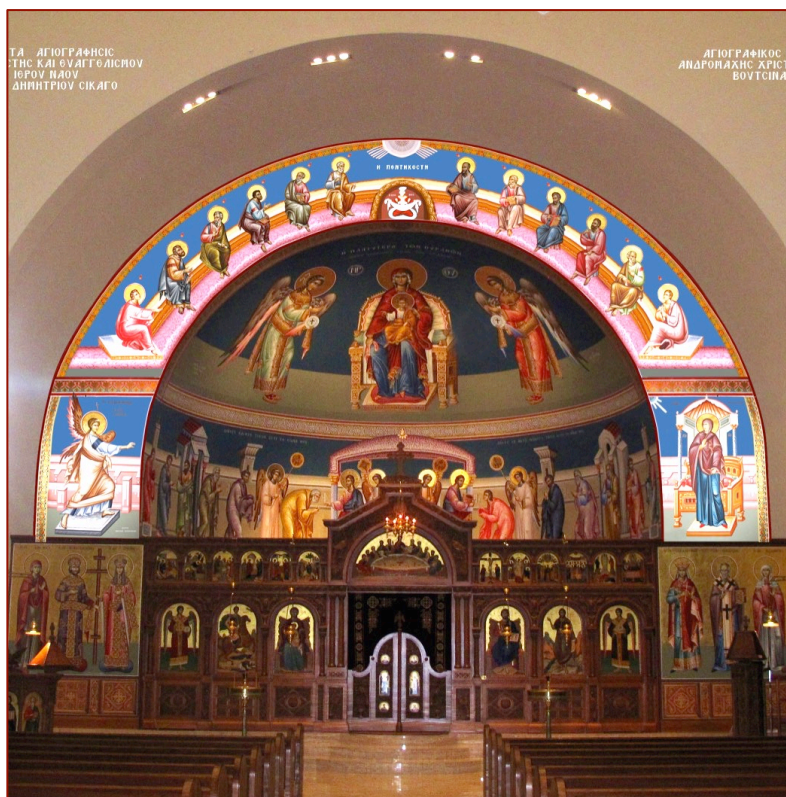
This next phase will complete iconography in two separate areas of our church: the vertical arch above and around the Platytera, and the half-circle above the carved wooden doors in the Narthex. The arch above and surrounding the Platytera will consist of the icons of Pentecost and Annunciation; which have already been donated by one of our generous Stewards (pictured below to the right).

The half circle above the carved wooden doors in the Narthex will contain a beautiful icon of our Patron Saint Demetrios enthroned with his two students on either side: St. Nestor and St. Lupo (icon pictured above).

Since the icons of Pentecost and Annunciation are already donated, we are not featuring information for sponsorships about them in our iconography project. However, all of our faithful stewards and friends have an opportunity to participate in our iconography project by becoming a Benefactor, Sponsor, or Contributor of our icon of St. Demetrios with Sts. Nestor and Lupo.

All donations can be made over a two-year period. The three levels of donations are: Benefactor - \$5000, Sponsor - \$2500, and Contributor - \$1000. Everyone who participates will have their names listed on the donor recognition display, which will be placed in the Narthex. The three levels of donations will be specified by the size and placement of the donor recognition.

It is our sincere hope that all our families and friends will avail themselves of this amazing opportunity to participate in our St. Demetrios Iconography Project. If you are interested or want more information, please speak with Fr. Cosmas Halekakis.



# Parish Finance

EXPENSES	2017 Proposed
<b>Financing Expenses</b>	
Mortgage Interest	\$230,000
Principal	\$157,300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$387,300</b>
<b>Business Expenses</b>	
Office Expenses	\$6,500
Legal & Professional	\$1,000
Assessment	\$47,975
Insurance (Property & Workman's Comp)	\$12,990
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$68,465</b>
<b>Religious Expenses</b>	
Candles	\$10,000
Flowers	\$2,500
Coffee Hour	\$0
Clergy Laity	\$1,000
Metropolis Commitments/Retreat Center	\$2,800
Religious Items & Related	\$450
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$16,750</b>
<b>Utilities and Maintenance Expenses</b>	
Utilities (Electric, Gas, Telephone, Water, Sewer, Garbage Removal)	\$30,000
Maintenance (Alarm, Pest Control, Snow Removal, Landscaping, Supplies)	\$8,156
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	\$5,000
Hall Rental Management	\$3,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$46,156</b>
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>	
Clergy Compensation	\$85,383
Secretary	\$0
Cleaning	\$8,000
Chanter	\$4,800
Bonuses	\$800
Taxes	\$7,500
Health Insurance	\$30,000
Pension	\$7,200
Auto	\$7,200
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$150,883</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$669,554</b>

Income	Proposed 2017
<b>General</b>	
Stewardship	\$350,000
Candles/Tray	\$50,000
Memorials/Donations	\$5,000
Principal Paydown Donations	\$0
Holidays/Flowers	\$15,000
Hall Rental Income	\$10,000
Arena/Calendar Advertising	\$1,000
Other income	\$30,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>
<b>Special Events - Net Income</b>	
Spring Event	\$15,000
Greek Fest	\$130,000
Annual Dinner Dance	\$10,000
Basile Show	\$10,000
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$626,000</b>

Our 2017 Proposed Budget was approved at our General Parish Assembly in November. Please note the highlighted numbers above in **yellow**:

- Our **mortgage** (\$387,300) represents about **58%** of our total expenses.

- Our **Stewardship** (\$350,000) represents about **56%** of our total income.

**We are currently anticipating a deficit for 2017 of \$43,554!**

This is why we need all our faithful Saint Demetrios members to increase their stewardship as much as possible in 2017.

We need everyone to make their 2017 Stewardship Commitment as soon as they can.

We also need as many families as possible to consider taking advantage of **Direct Debit**, to help the Church's cash flow on a monthly basis.



# Parish Announcements

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our annual Youth Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 18th after Divine Services. Our youth will sing Christmas carols for all to enjoy! We will also hear Greek carols that will be sung by our Greek School kids. Please plan on staying for this joyful event. The kids love to sing for a crowd! Our first grade class will host coffee hour on Sunday, December 11th. Please bring a lenten dish for coffee hour that Sunday if your child is in 1st grade.

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land?

For centuries, faithful Christians have visited Israel and Palestine to walk the land where Jesus walked. Now there is an opportunity for the St. Demetrios community to make that pilgrimage. On Saturday, December 3, at 10 a.m. at the church social hall, Yair Mazur, a scholar and founder of AMI Travel (of Chicago and Jerusalem) will lead an exploratory meeting for a trip to the Holy Land. There will be videos of inspiring sights and conversation about potential itineraries. Possible destinations include each stage of Jesus' life, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

For questions and details before the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, contact Gordy Jelatis Hoke at [ghoke@mindspring.com](mailto:ghoke@mindspring.com) or (847) 986-6076.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Several weeks ago, at our annual General Assembly meeting, the community approved the 2017 budget. As a member of St. Demetrios, you should be aware of where your stewardship dollars are being spent. Our expense budget for next year is \$669,554. That is a huge burden for our small community. 58% of this, \$387,300 is for the mortgage expense to the bank alone. The rest is what is needed to keep our doors open. Everyone knows very well that we have been scrimping and scraping for many years and are always looking for ways to cut down on our expenses. But there is a point where you can cut no more. In past years, we have estimated our income from our fundraising sources but whatever the difference has been, we have plugged into our stewardship goal to come up with a balanced budget. Unfortunately, we have never been able to meet that goal and it doesn't really make sense to do that when we know that is not where the income is going to come from. So that leaves us this year with a \$40,000 deficit. This past year, we were very fortunate and had several one time sources of income that allowed us to close our gap. But we are going to be facing challenges this year if we do not find a way to fund that deficit. In addition to your obligation to be interested in the expenses of your church, it is also your obligation to be helping to generate additional income for the church. There are so many opportunities to help bring outside income to the church other than through stewardship. We have three food festivals per year, we have a beautiful hall that can be rented for events, we have other fundraising events planned. Helping to make these events successful can make a big difference. Imagine if each family found one neighbor or friend to rent our hall, we would be booked solid for several years. Soon you will be hearing about the fundraiser that we are planning for April. We will be asking you to help sell tickets. It will be an easy task and if everyone pitches in, we can easily cover our deficit. But sadly, what usually happens is that most people just expect someone else to do the work, and then they complain when we come back to the community and ask for more money to pay our bills. Help prove me wrong for the coming year. Thank you. Sonia Pylarinos

## AHEPA

AHEPA Little Fort Chapter 218 and District 13 are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2016/2017 year. Paper copies have been placed in the narthex for your convenience, feel free to apply for both scholarships. If no copies are present in the narthex or you wish to have emailed copies sent to you please contact us at [AHEPA.A218@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AHEPA.A218@GMAIL.COM) AHEPA's chapter 218 next meeting will be held on December 20th at 6:30PM. Location will be at Anastasia's Restaurant. For further information regarding AHEPA Little Fort 218 activities or membership please contact John Papanos (Chapter President) at 773-732-6734 or email [AHEPA.A218@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AHEPA.A218@GMAIL.COM)

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
2016 STEWARDS!**

# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7am Services Fr. Cosmas at HAA 5pm Greek School 7pm Philoptochos FAST DAY	2 8:30am Services 10am Moms Group FAST DAY	3 8:30am Services 10am Holy Land FAST DAY
4 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Parish Council Elections FAST DAY	5 8:30am Services FAST DAY	6 8:30am Services St. Nicholas FAST DAY	7 8:30am Services FAST DAY	8 7am Services Fr. Cosmas at HAA 5pm Greek School Philoptochos Party FAST DAY	9 8:30am Services 10am Moms Group FAST DAY	10 8:30am Services FAST DAY
11 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy FAST DAY	12 8:30am Services St. Spyridon FAST DAY	13 8:30am Services FAST DAY	14 8:30am Services 12pm Book Club 7pm Parish Council FAST DAY	15 7am Services Fr. Cosmas at HAA 5pm Greek School FAST DAY	16 8:30am Services FAST DAY	17 8:30am Services FAST DAY
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