

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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The Arena

July/August - 2017

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

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

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

Chanter:
Yanni Halekakis

Altar:
Theodore Columbus

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Maria Earth

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Rena Paros

Youth Groups:
Rae Anne Alvarez
Demetra Utter
Nectarina Zouras

Philoptochos:
Niki Tziavaras

AHEPA:
John Papanos

Bookstore/Bookclub:
Dr. Mary Nunchuck

Greek Fest is Coming!

It's that time again! Time to prepare ourselves for our annual Greek Fest, which will take place this month on the 28th, 29th and 30th. At this time of year, almost every parish across the country, encounters the frantic and stressful experience of putting on a Greek Fest. We scramble for volunteers, donations, advertising, rental equipment, - the list goes on and on. But do Greek Fests really have to be so stressful and difficult? Could they actually be fun and rewarding?

There is always going to be a certain level of stress associated with having such a large fund raising event. Especially when our Church budget depends upon its success or failure. However, while the Greek Fest may continue to cause a certain acceptable level of anxiety, it can also be the source of great joy and fellowship. All of which depend upon the goal of the event, and the attitude of the volunteers who are organizing and participating in it.

Why do we have a Greek Fest every year? Most people would immediately respond with a single word: "Money"! Greek Fests are seen primarily as fundraisers, as necessary evils, which we endure in order to meet the financial needs of our parish. But what if the first response to the question was not simply "money"? What if we began to consider the other reasons for having such an event. What if the goal of such an event became more about witnessing Orthodoxy and sharing in fellowship.

If you ask any average non-Orthodox person who lives in or near a community with an Orthodox Church, what their experience of Orthodox Christianity is, they will usually respond, "Oh yeah, I know your Church, I go to your festival every year!" Whether we admit it or not, Greek Fests have become vehicles of evangelism in this country! They are opportunities for us to share Orthodox Christianity with our neighbors and friends. Through Church tours, bookstores, and good old fashion Greek hospitality, countless individuals have begun to learn about Orthodoxy, and many have even converted as a result!

At the same time, while Greek Fests become events of witness and evangelism, they also become a community-builder. For the parishioners who volunteer, a Greek Fest is an opportunity to enjoy real fellowship with other members of their parish with whom they would otherwise enjoy a superficial or perhaps non-existent relationship. In short, Greek Fests help us get to know each other better, and help us enjoy real Christian fellowship. As our Greek Fest approaches, then, let us be less concerned about making money, and let us be more concerned about sharing our Faith and enjoying real fellowship. For if we focus ourselves on our Faith, and on cultivating brotherly love for one another, God will surely take care of the rest for us!

- Fr. Cosmas

Parish Announcements

AHEPA

Little Fort would like to express our condolences to the Pavlos family with the loss of George Pavlos who recently fell asleep in the Lord. He was a dear friend, fellow AHEPAN brother, and will be greatly missed. We would like to thank all who attended our annual dinner dance and making it the special event it has become.



Congratulations to the 2017 scholarship recipients (above): Kristina Danos, Sophia Pasinski, Nefeli Papadakis (George Papadakis pictured), Thanasis Macheras, and Yanni Stianos. We would also like to thank our Ahepan of the year Peter Anest for his commitment to AHEPA and the Greek community all these many years. Visit our website to view photos of the event. We will be hosting a dunk tank during the Lake County Greek Fest in July. Savor the food, enjoy the entertainment, and test your aim at one of our tank volunteers. To request information on AHEPA Little Fort Chapter 218 charitable activities or membership please visit us at AHEPA218.ORG or email us at LITTLEFORT@AHEPA218.ORG.

BOOK CLUB and BOOK STORE

Book Club will meet Wednesday, July 19 from noon until 1:15 PM. We will begin discussing, *The Great Divide* by Dr. Alvin J. Schmidt. It is about the beliefs of Islam and how it differs from Christianity. All are welcome to attend. We ask that only those who have read the book participate in the discussion. We have copies of the book available in our bookstore. The last Sunday the bookstore will be open before Greek Fest is July 16. Except for Greek Fest, we will be closed for inventory and restocking until August 13.

Philo托chos – Ladies Charitable Society

We hope everyone is enjoying his or her summer. We currently have 34 paid members. The dues are currently \$30 if anyone would like to join us. Our next meeting will be on September 7th, time and place to be determined. All are welcome. We would like to thank everyone who helped with the “Feed the Hungry” program at Annunciation Cathedral in downtown Chicago. We held elections in May and have a new board. The following are our new board members: Niki Tziavaras, President, Nancy Paganis, Vice-President, Irene Booras, Recording Secretary, Maria Sakas, Corresponding Secretary, Sophia Roupas, Treasurer. Brenda Costopoulos, Advisor, Lisa Androusopolos, Patty Stianos, Demetra Utter, Demetra Macheras, and Kathy Leoris make up the rest of the board. We are looking forward to the upcoming fall and the beginning of a new two years. We will be accepting donations of brownies, chocolate chip cookies, cupcakes, etc.... to sell at our Sweet Table at the Food Fest July 28th, 29th and 30th.

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July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 4th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	3	4 Independence Day	5 <i>FAST DAY</i>	6 <i>FAST DAY</i>	7 <i>FAST DAY</i>	8
9 5th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	10	11 8:30am Services St. Euphemia	12 8:30am Services St. Paisios 7pm Parish Council <i>FAST DAY</i>	13	14 <i>FAST DAY</i>	15
16 Sunday of the Holy Fathers 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	17	18	19 12pm Book Club <i>FAST DAY</i>	20 8:30am Services Elias the Prophet	21 <i>FAST DAY</i>	22
23 7th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	24	25	26 8:30am Services St. Paraskevi 12pm Book Club	27 8:30am Services St. Panteleimon	28 11am – 11pm GREEK FEST <i>FAST DAY</i>	29 11am – 11pm GREEK FEST
30 8th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy 11am – 11pm GREEK FEST	31					



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July 28
11 am-11pm

July 29
11 am-11 pm

July 30
11 am-11pm



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August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Dormition Fast Begins 7pm Paraklesis FAST DAY	2 7pm Paraklesis FAST DAY	3 FAST DAY	4 7pm Paraklesis FAST DAY	5 7pm Vespers of Transfiguration at Monastery in Harvard, IL FAST DAY
6 Holy Transfiguration 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Fish Allowed	7 Vacation Church School 7pm Paraklesis FAST DAY	8 Vacation Church School FAST DAY	9 Vacation Church School 7pm Paraklesis FAST DAY	10 Vacation Church School FAST DAY	11 7pm Paraklesis FAST DAY	12 FAST DAY
13 10th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy FAST DAY	14 7pm Vespers of Dormition in Racine FAST DAY	15 8:30am Services Dormition of The Theotokos FAST DAY	16 FAST DAY	17 FAST DAY	18 FAST DAY	19 FAST DAY
20 11th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	21 FAST DAY	22 FAST DAY	23 FAST DAY	24 FAST DAY	25 FAST DAY	26 FAST DAY
27 12th Sunday of St. Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	28 FAST DAY	29 8:30am Services Beheading of St. John the Baptist FAST DAY	30 FAST DAY	31 FAST DAY		

2017 GREEK FEST

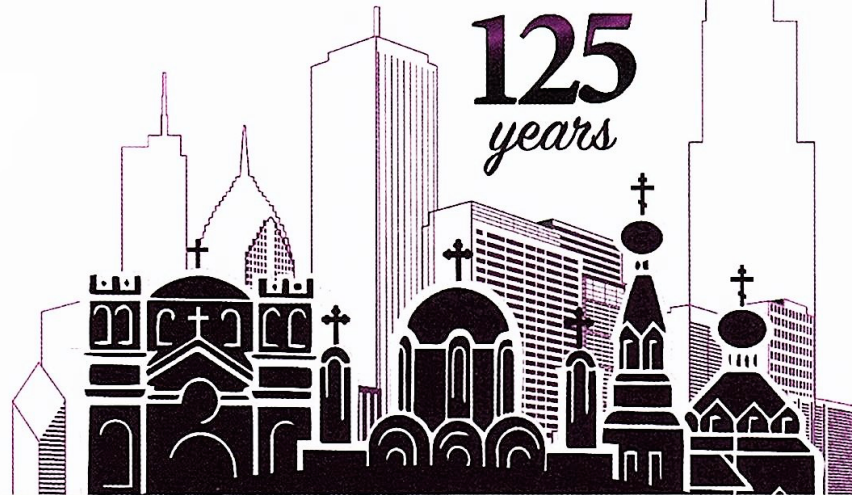
This year our annual Lake County Greek Fest will take place from July 28 to 30. Please help make our Greek Fest a huge success this year by: donating towards the purchase of food, volunteering to work a few hours, and by purchasing/selling raffle tickets. For more info regarding how you can help please call the Church office.

MAKE YOUR GREEK FEST DONATION ONLINE!

Please visit our website at www.saintdemetrioslibertyville.com and make your donation for our Lake County Greek Fest! On the homepage simply select the "Giving" tab, and then click on the "Donate Now" box. You can then select the amount of your donation and specify exactly where you want your donation applied. Please log on and make your donation today!

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Aug 7 - Aug 10

Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church

For kids that are in Preschool - 6th grade

Kids that are in 7th grade and up can be a camp counselor

Crafts, Lunch, Outdoor Fun ... Time: 9 am - noon

Registration: \$25 per kid

Contact Maria Earth (earthmg1@yahoo.com) for more information