

# Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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## The Arena

October - 2019

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

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

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

**OFFICE MANAGER:**  
Presvytera Michelle Halekakis

**CHANTER:** Yanni Halekakis

**ALTAR BOYS:** Michael Halekakis  
Gregory Halekakis

**PARISH COUNCIL:**  
Jim Karagiannes, President

**STEWARDSHIP:**  
Gus Tziavaras

**MAINTENANCE:**  
Jim Karagiannes

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**  
Maria Earth

**GREEK SCHOOL:**  
Tina Inman

**FAMILY MINISTRY:**  
Nectaria Zouras

**GOYA :**  
Demetra Giannakakis

**PHILOPTOCHOS :**  
Nancy Paganis

**AHEPA:**  
Petros Macheras

**BOOKSTORE:**  
Dr. Mary Nunchuck

**ATHLETICS:**  
Tom Earth

**YOUNG AT HEART:**  
Fr. John Sardis

### *Do You Have 20/20 Vision? – by Fr. Cosmas*

As we get older, our eyes can begin to let us down. We stop seeing things as clearly as we used to, and we find ourselves squinting without the aid of glasses or contacts. We no longer have 20/20 vision, as our eyes age like the rest of our bodies. This can also happen in other aspects of our life. We fail to see things clearly through the youthful eyes of hope, change and potential. We now see aspects of life through aged eyes that can be tainted by routine, stubbornness and obstinacy. This is especially true in the life of the Church.

This year our parish celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. And while it's important to look back, we also have to look ahead. Next year is 2020! We are living in the future! But what is our vision for the future of our Church? What is our vision for next year? Are we thinking about next year, and the potential to improve parish life? If we don't have 20/20 vision anymore, do we at least have 2020 vision? Or are we hoping and praying that nothing changes, and that things stay the same as they have for 90 years?

But what has really stayed the same for the past 90 years? We've changed church locations every 13 years on average, and priests every 7 years on average! We should be able to embrace change by now. But changes in parish life that really matter to the future survival of our church. We need to begin to embrace changes in mentality, that allow us to open our hearts and minds to the community around us.

We are no longer a fledgling, community of displaced persons in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, trying desperately to maintain our culture and ethnic identity. Our parish has changed. Everything has changed. We now have to embrace a new identity. We have to begin to see ourselves as missionaries and apostles. The word "apostle" means "one who is sent". We need to think of ourselves as being sent to a new land by Christ, to establish His Church, and witness the "Gospel" or "Good News". The Good News about salvation in Christ.

As we begin to look toward the future, I hope and pray that we can see clearly. That we have 2020 vision for our Church. That we no longer gaze through aged pupils of stubbornness and indifference. That we may begin to see the future clearly, and understand how to meet the needs of our ever-changing parish family. We have to ask ourselves, "What does Christ expect of us"?...to remain isolated and closed-off, or to welcome as many people as possible into His Church? He sees us as His apostles, sent by Him to bring countless others to His glory. Do we see things clearly, and in reference to the future? Do we have 2020 vision for our Church?

# Parish Announcements

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is off to a great start, and looking forward to another great year! If you haven't registered your kids yet, please register them today! Our Sunday School takes place after Holy Communion. Kids and teachers should receive Communion first, to allow more class time. If you would like to help, or if you have any questions about our program, please contact Maria Earth at [earthmg1@yahoo.com](mailto:earthmg1@yahoo.com).

## PHILOPTOCHOS – LADIES CHARITABLE SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7pm – everyone is welcome to join us! Our Philoptochos is the philanthropic arm of our parish, helping countless needy families in Lake County and beyond. Please get involved and support our ladies!

## 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA

Please RSVP today for our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala which will take place on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Concorde Banquets! Invitations have been mailed out, please RSVP as soon as possible. The Gala promises to be a fun and memorable evening of great food, good music, and above all, wonderful company!

## BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study with Fr. Cosmas will be on Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 7pm – 8pm. We'll be discussing "The Lost Scriptural Mind" by Florovsky – Please join us!

## ORTHODOXY CLASS

Our next Orthodoxy Class with Fr. Cosmas will be on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 7pm – 8pm. We'll be discussing different aspects of our Orthodox Faith – Please join us!

## WOMEN'S GROUP

Our Women's Group with Presvytera Michelle will be continuing on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7pm.

## COUPLES GROUP

Our Couples Group will be meeting with Fr. Cosmas on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7pm at Church, for fellowship and a discussion. Our couples group will meet once per month, to have fun outings and periodic discussions that relate to marriage and the spiritual life. Please RSVP to the Church Office if you plan on attending.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

Our Family Ministry is for Parents and kids (K – 8<sup>th</sup>); our first meeting will be on Tues., Oct. 15 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Our kids will plan fun events, play games, have talks with Fr. Cosmas, and enjoy fellowship. There will be separate talks and sessions for each age group and parents will have time to speak with Fr. Cosmas as well. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to help or if you have any questions, please call the church office.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Don't forget our Young at Heart Lunches every third Tuesday of the month!...next lunch on Oct. 15th. Doors open at 11am, lunch at noon. For all those 55 and older...Please join us for lunch and fellowship!

## OPEN GYM NIGHT

We will be continuing our open gym night every Thursday from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at the River Trail School 333 O'Plaine Road in Gurnee. We'll be playing basketball, volleyball and lots of other sports! Gym hours will be: 6:30 – 7:30 (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), 7:30 – 8:30 (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), 8:30 – 9:30 (High School and young adults). Please join us – everyone is welcome! For more information please contact Fr. John.

# Bible Study



*With Fr. Cosmas*

*Tues., Oct. 8*

*7pm - 8pm*

*In our fellowship hall*

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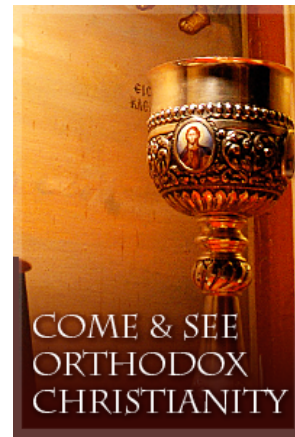
## Orthodoxy Class

Tues., Oct. 22

at Church

7pm - 8pm

Questions & Talk  
With Fr. Cosmas



## WOMEN'S GROUP



*Wed., Oct. 16 at 7pm*

*At Church*

*Discussion & Fellowship  
With Presvytera Michelle*

# Thank You to our 2019 Stewards!

Fr. Cosmas & Pres. Michelle Halekakis	Frangos, George & Maria Galatsianos, Dinos & Maria Galatsianos, Theodore & Denise Gallos, Dena	Krissek, Thomas & Donna Kritikos, Emmanuel & Bessie Lannan, Michael & Mary Lelo, Allen & Cecelia	Pylarinos, Nikolaos & Sonia Ramirez-Mantzoukis, Juan & Sofia Rendulic, Ivan & Sarah Rodis, Olga
Fr. & Presvytera Demetrios Treantafeles	Garvanian, Adam Gaulin, David & Denise Georgas, Maria	Leoris, Jim & Kathy Leventis, Dino & Marie Liarakos, Spiro & Fotini	Roiniotis, Georgette Roiniotis, John Roupas, Demetrios & Sophia
Adamopoulos, Eleftherios & Joanne	Georgatsos, Demetri & Cathie Georgouses, Gina	Logothesis, Demetrios & Marianthe Loucas, Eugenia	Roupas, Konstantinos & Peggy Sakas, George & Maria
Alatzakis, Paul & Toula Albiter, Anthony	Giannakakis, Bill Giannakakis, Demetra	Lundy, Arthur & Maria Macheras, Petros & Demetra	Salafatinos, John Salazar, Daniel & Maria
Alexakos, Lisa Alvarez, Daniel & Rae Anne Amalia, Damian	Gountanis, Beatrice Gountanis, George & Diana	Maggos, Renee Magnuson, Nathan	Saunders, Donald & Stavroula Scheef-Nunchuck, Donald & Mary
Andrews, Markos Androus, James & Catherine	Gramatis, Chris Haggerty, Mr. & Mrs. David	Marhefka, Keith & Jennifer Marinakos, Billy & Vikki	Scheve, Carol Serelis, Nicholas & Elizabeth
Androus, John Androus, Peter & Lisa	Halekakis, Michael Halekakis, Yanni	Markoutsas, Dennis & Connie Markoutsis, Nick	Simopoulos, George & Jean Skaramagos, Bessie
Androutopoulos, Antonia Anest, Bill	Haramis, George Haritos, James & Denise	Markoutsis, Stanley & Flora Mauer, Timothy & Ellen	Sloth, Tim & Soula Snavely, Irene
Anest, Peter and Thalia Angelos-William, Cynthia	Hatzis, Emmanuel & Flora Hill, Brian	Mentzelopoulos, Anastasia Mentzelopoulos, Demetri & Stella	Sokorelis, Kostas & Antonia Souleles, Chrisovalantis & Heather
Argol, Nicholas & Judy Attiah, Catherine	Hill, David & Tessie Hoobler, Jeff	Merelos, Jenny Merilos, Martha	Stamayannos, Areti Stavrou, Dimitri & Hara
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Block, Jeffrey & Mary Booras, James & Irene	Inman, Jeremy & Tina Iskalis, John & Dana	Moberg, Bret & Zacho Nakis, Ellen	Stergiou, John & Zenona Stergiou, Sophia
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Chresanthakes, Patricia Christofidis, Rosalie	Kanne, Ed & Koula Kapsalis, Spyros & Stela	Panos, William Pantelopoulos, George & Yiota	Tsakos, Dimitrios & Aphrodit
Christopoulos, Ann Cichon, Donald & Yvonne	Karabatsos, Kostandinos & Notah Karagiannes, Betty	Papadakis, Patricia & Maria Papadakis, Stavros & Lilibeth	Tsarouhtsis, Dimitrios
Colombus, Theodore & Sophia Conopeotis, George & Donna	Karagiannes, James and Niki Karagiannes, Louis	Papagiannes-George, George & Elaine Pasinski, Cathy	Tsarouhtsis, Theodora
Coroneos, John & Jann Costopoulos, Steven & Brenda	Karas, George & Karen Kardoush, Bassem	Patterson, John & Peggy Patterson, Theofane	Tsausis, Ethel
Couvall, George & Jacqueline Couvall, George & Jenny	Karigan, Alexis Karigan, Andrew & Elaina	Patterson, William Pavlatos, Michael	Tsiampas, Peter & Sofia
Couvall, James & Janet Couvall, Loverne	Karigan, Theresa Karigiannis, Fofi	Pavlos, John & Ida Pavlos, Melissa	Tsitiridis, Greg
Csahiouini, Anastasia Damron, Chloa	Katres, Mary Katris, Christos & Nicoletta	Perizes, George & Karen Petropoulos, Beverly	Tsouloufis, Gus & Diane
Danos, Basil & Maria Danos, Panayotis & Elizabeth	Katris, Elaine Katris, Konstandinos & Christine	Petropoulos, Peter & Voula Petropoulos, Tess	Tzavaras, Angelo & Popi
Deligiannis, Spiro & Maria Demitropoulos, Effie	Keating, Roman Keeling, Jason & Irene	Phillips, Dick & Nikki Phillips, James & Ruby	Tziavaras, Constantine & Nikoletta
DeMoon, Anthony & Cathie Dinatale, Paraskevi	Kobus, Margie Kokinis, William & Demetra	Phillips, Steven Pipinis, Therapon & Luvy	Unwala, Maria
Dowman, Jim & Dina Dracos, William & Coula	Kokinis Jr., William Korellis, Thomas & Tonia	Pissios, Milton & Helen Polydoros, Spyros & Betty	Vatistas, Demetrios & Jaclyn
Earth, Thomas & Maria Ebarle, Liberato & Betty	Kotsiovos, Gus & Maria Koulogeorge, George	Pomrening, Norm & Anthoula Popp, Beth	Vatistas, Georgia
Ebarle, Megan Ethington, Trent & Erin	Koulogeorge, John & Anastasia Kourliouros, Athanassios	Poulos, James & Anna Poulos, John & Jamelyn	Vervilos, George & Monica
Exarhakos, Steve & Metaxia Fakhoury, Angelina	Koumetas, Chris & Donna Koumetas, John & Vicky	Psihos, Helen	Vervilos, Maria
Fanuda, George & Carol Fardelos, Demitri & Pam	Koumetas, John & Vicky Kouvaras, Evan & Vasiliki		Vlahakis, Demetri
Flatray, Margaret	Kouvelis, Michael & Christine		Vlahakis, Dino & Sofia
			Vlahos, Gus & Georgia
			Vlahos, Spyros & Maria
			Wade, Chrisavgi
			Wojcik, Demetra
			Woodsley, Eva
			Xanthopoulos, John & Virginia
			Xenos, Gust & Marge
			Yonke, Peter & Georgann
			Zanze, Robert & Irini
			Zouras, John & Nectaria
			Zygokostas, John & Effie

258 Steward Families  
\$359,174 total pledged  
\$1,392 average per family

# Couples Group



*Fellowship &  
Discussion with  
Fr. Cosmas*

*Sat., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Church Hall*

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## Family Ministry

Tues., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
at Church  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Parents & Kids  
K - 8<sup>th</sup>



## OPEN GYM

Thursdays from 6:30pm – 9:30pm  
At River Trails School in Gurnee  
Everyone is Welcome!



# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 5pm Greek School 6:30pm Open Gym 7pm Philoptochos	4	5
			FAST DAY		FAST DAY	
6 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Saint Luke</b> 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy	7	8 7pm Bible Study	9 7pm Parish Council	10 5pm Greek School 6:30pm Open Gym	11	12 7pm Couples Group
			FAST DAY		FAST DAY	
13 <b>Sunday of 7<sup>th</sup> Ecum. Council</b> 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy	14	15 11am Young at Heart Lunch 6:30 Family Ministry	16 7pm Women's Group	17 5pm Greek School 6:30pm Open Gym	18	19
			FAST DAY		FAST DAY	
20 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Luke</b> 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy	21	22 7pm Orthodoxy Class	23	24 5pm Greek School 6:30pm Open Gym	25 7pm Vespers Saint Demetrios	26 9am Services Saint Demetrios 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala
			FAST DAY		FAST DAY	
27 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Luke</b> 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy	28	29	30	31 5pm Greek School 6:30pm Open Gym		
			FAST DAY			

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Practices on Sundays  
During Coffee Hour

Please bring your kids!  
For more info  
Please speak with  
Fr. Cosmas

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PLEASE RSVP TODAY!



*90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

CONCORDE BANQUETS

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*Fall Food Fest*

**THURS. & FRI., NOV. 7 & 8**

**11AM TO 8PM**