

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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The Arena

March - 2020

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

PARISH COUNCIL:
Jim Karagiannes, President
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Jim Karagiannes

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Maria Earth

GREEK SCHOOL:
Tina Inman

GOYA :
Demetra Giannakakis

WOMEN'S GROUP :
Presvytera Michelle Halekakis

PHILOTOCHOS :
Nancy Paganis

AHEPA:
Petros Macheras

BOOKSTORE:
Dr. Mary Nunchuck

ATHLETICS:
Tom Earth

YOUNG AT HEART:
Fr. John Sardis

The Five Sundays of Great Lent

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

This Sunday commemorates the return of the Icons into the churches, according to the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787). On this Sunday every year the triumph of the faith of Orthodoxy is celebrated with the procession of the Icons around the inside of the Church. The Sunday of Orthodoxy recalls the sacrifice of the Holy Fathers and Mothers of the Church, and calls upon the people to rededicate themselves to the deep meaning of their faith.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

This Sunday commemorates the life of St. Gregory Palamas (14th century). The Church dedicates this Sunday to St. Gregory for his Orthodox faith, theological knowledge, virtuous life, miracles and his efforts to clarify the orthodox teaching on the subject of *Hesychasm* (from the Greek, meaning quiet.) Saint Gregory Palamas was dedicated to an ascetic life of prayer and fasting, which are the primary practices of Great Lent.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - VENERATION OF THE CROSS

This Sunday commemorates the veneration of the Holy Cross and ultimately the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The veneration of the Cross is placed in the middle of Great Lent to remind the faithful, in advance, of the Crucifixion of Christ. The faithful express their veneration of the Holy Cross in Great Lent through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the forgiveness of the trespasses of others. On this Sunday the Veneration of the Cross is commemorated with a special service following the Divine Liturgy in which the faithful are blessed and receive Basil and/or other wild flowers like Daffodils.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

This Sunday commemorates St. John of the Ladder (6th century) who wrote The Ladder of Divine Ascent. This book contains 30 chapters, with each chapter as a step leading up to a faithful and pious life in Christ Jesus. The spirit of repentance and devotion to Christ dominates the essence of this book, along with the monastic virtues and vices. He was an ascetic and writer on the spiritual life as a monk-abbot of Sinai Monastery. These steps of the ladder as set forth by St. John are to be practiced by the Christian especially during this period of the Great Lent.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - ST. MARY OF EGYPT

This Sunday commemorates the life of St. Mary of Egypt, who is a shining example of repentance from sin through prayer and fasting. She lived a sinful life for many years, but was converted to a Christian life. She went into the wilderness to live an ascetic life for many years, praying and fasting in repentance of her previous sinful life, and dying there. St. Mary's life exemplifies her conviction about Christ, which motivated the changing of her life from sin to holiness through repentance. Her understanding of repentance involved not a mere change from small things in her life, but an extreme change of her entire attitude and thoughts. The Church commemorates St. Mary for her recognition of her own sins as an example of how one can free oneself from the slavery and burden of wrongdoings. This recognition of sin is imperative during Lent for the faithful as a means of self-examination and preparation for a more virtuous life in anticipation of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Christ.

- Fr. Cosmas

Parish Announcements

PHILOPTOCHOS

Our March meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5th at Church at 7pm. Everyone is invited!...Please join and support our Philoptochos to help those in need.

AHEPA

AHEPA scholarship applications are currently available on our website...Please apply! Please visit us at AHEPA218.ORG for more info or email us at littlefort@ahepa218.org.

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Our parish Oratorical Festival will take place on March 8th after church. We hope our 3rd – 12th graders will participate. Please contact Maria Earth at earthmg1@yahoo.com for more info.

CALLING ALL COOKS, BAKERS AND CANDY MAKERS!

As a fundraiser, St. Demetrios Philoptochos will be tapping into the vast amount of culinary knowledge, talent and experience in our community. Do you have a favorite recipe? Do you have a treasured recipe from YiaYia, Papou, Mom, Dad, brother, sister, godparents, etc.?? A favorite Lenten recipe? You can also submit recipes in memory of loved ones. For more info please speak to either Christine Kouvelis or Dr. Mary Nunchuck.

MIDWEST REGIONAL FAMILY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Families from our Parish attended the Midwest Regional Family Basketball Tournament in Minneapolis in February.

Our JOY Division team (Pictured Left) won first place!

Our Men's Division team (Pictured below) won second place!

Congratulations to everyone who participated, and a huge thanks to Fr. John and the coaches Tom Earth and John Zouras for making this possible!



OPEN GYM NIGHT

Please remember that every Tuesday we have an Open Gym Night at 6:30pm at River Trail School at 333 Oplaine Rd.

Everyone is welcome!...Please join us!

Spring **GREEK FEST**

May 1st, 2nd, & 3rd



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Androus, Pete & Lisa
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Danos, Panayotis & Elizabeth
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Downmon, James & Dena
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Exarhakos, Eleni
Exarhakos, Steve & Metaxia
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Halekakis, Yanni
Haritos, James & Mondo
Hatzis, Emmanuel & Flora
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Hill, David & Tessie
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Hristoforatos, Paul & Maria
Inman, Jeremy & Tina

Iskalis, John & Dana
Iskalis, Tom & Doris
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Kalegina, Olga
Kalkanis, Patty
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Kournetas, Chris & Donna
Kournetas, John & Vicky
Kouvaras, Evan & Vasiliki
Kouvelis, Michael & Christine
Krissek, Thomas & Donna
Lannan, Michael & Mary
Lelo, Allen & Cecelia
Leventis, Dino & Marie
Logothetis, Demetrios & Marianthe
Lundy, Arthur & Maria
Macheras, Petros & Demetra
Maggos, Renee
Magnuson, Nathan
Mantis, Greg & Pamela
Mantzoukis, Sophia
Marhefka, Keith & Jennifer
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Mentzelopoulos, Anastasia
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Moberg, Bret & Zacho
Morris, Christopher & Melissa
Morris, Nathaniel
Morris, Robert & Olivia
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Nikitas, Nicholas & Maria
Nikolaou, Peter & Triantafylli
Oliveri, Danilo & Helen
Paganis, George & Nancy
Palmer, Richard & Christine
Pantelopoulos, George & Yiota
Pantelopoulos, John & Cathy
Papadakis, Stavros & Lilibeth
Pasinski, Cathy
Patterson, Christianna

Patterson, Theofane
Patterson, William & Denise
Pavlos, John & Ida
Perizes, George & Karen
Petropoulos, Peter & Voula
Petropoulos, Tess
Phillips, Dick & Niki
Phillips, James & Ruby
Phillips, Steven
Pissios, Milton & Helen
Polydoros, Spyros & Betty
Popp, Beth
Poulos, Jim & Anna
Psihos, Helen
Pylarinos, Nikolaos & Sonia
Rendulic, Ivan & Sarah
Rodis, Olga
Rodis, Sophocles
Sakas, George & Maria
Salazar, Daniel & Maria
Saunders, Donald & Stavroula
Scheef, Donald & Nunchuck, Mary
Scheve, Carol
Serelis, Nicholas & Elizabeth
Simopoulos, George & Jean
Snaveley, Irene
Sokorelis, Kostas & Antonia
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Stamayannos, Areti
Stergiou, Demetre & Konstantina
Stergiou, Eleni
Stergiou, John & Zenona
Stergiou, Sophia
Stianos, Nick & Patty
Strzyzewski, Michael & Frieda
Tsakos, Dimitrios & Aphroditi
Tsarouhtsis, Theodora
Tsausis, Ethel
Tsimogiannis, Nickolet
Tsouloufifis, Gus & Diane
Tzavaras, Angelo & Popi
Tziavaras, Constantine & Nikoletta
Vatistas, Demetrios & Jaclyn
Vatistas, Georgia
Vlahakis, Demetri
Vlahos, Gus & Georgia
Vlahos, Spyros & Maria
Wade, Chrisavgi
Wojcik, Demetra
Woosley, Eva
Xanthopoulos, John & Virginia
Zanze, Robert & Irini
Zouras, John & Nectaria

Are you on the list?...Pledge Today!

Families Pledged: 167

Total Stewardship: \$299,000

Average Pledge: \$1,790 / family

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Of Forgiveness 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy Cheesefare	GREAT LENT BEGINS 7pm Great Compline FAST DAY	6:30pm Open Gym FAST DAY	6pm Presanctified Liturgy FAST DAY	5pm Greek School 7pm Youth Choir 7pm Philoptochos FAST DAY	7pm Salutations FAST DAY	9am Services Sat. of Souls FAST DAY
Sunday Of Orthodoxy 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy Oratorical Festival FAST DAY	FAST DAY	6:30pm Open Gym FAST DAY	6pm Presanctified Liturgy FAST DAY	5pm Greek School 7pm Youth Choir 7pm Parish Council FAST DAY	7pm Salutations FAST DAY	FAST DAY
Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy FAST DAY	FAST DAY	11am Young at Heart 6:30pm Open Gym FAST DAY	6pm Presanctified Liturgy FAST DAY	5pm Greek School 7pm Youth Choir FAST DAY	7pm Salutations FAST DAY	FAST DAY
Sunday of the Holy Cross 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy FAST DAY	FAST DAY	6:30pm Open Gym FAST DAY	9am Services for the Annunciation FISH ALLOWED	5pm Greek School 7pm Youth Choir FAST DAY	7pm Salutations FAST DAY	FAST DAY
Sunday of Saint John Climacus 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy FAST DAY	FAST DAY	6:30pm Open Gym FAST DAY				



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2020 *Spring* FEST

May 1 – 3

2020 GREEK FEST

July 24 – 26