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Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

No words greater signify the Resurrection of our Lord than **Christ is Risen**. Because of the Resurrection, we no longer fear death, as it has been defeated. Because of the Resurrection we

are no longer separated from God but are united to Him through Baptism. Because of the Resurrection, we have eternal life – not just after our death, but most importantly, now!

No one can dispute the fact that Jesus Christ lived. It is a historical fact. Many have refused to believe however, that He was God and was resurrected on the third day. The story of the Resurrection does indeed give hope to a desperate, fallen world; it brings light to those who are in darkness – those living in the darkness of sin and separation from God. The famous philosopher, Karl Marx, did not believe in the Resurrection. To him, it seemed impossible, unthinkable, that someone could be God and Man, that the god-man person could be born, crucified and not be held in the grave by death, but rise on the third day. The story of the Resurrection to him seemed so hard to believe that he regarded it as a myth, a fairy tale. Marx understood very well man's yearning to understand the meaning of his existence, and he also believed that man would not find the meaning of life in Jesus Christ and His Resurrection. In fact, he referred to Christianity as the *opium of the masses*. He called it this because he was certain that the Christian faith provided only a hope in eternal life, a life after this life, but that in fact, this hope was a false hope, because to Marx, there was nothing after this life. So, Christianity was a drug that people took in order not to have to deal with the nothingness of their lives and existence.

We as Christians know and believe that Karl Marx was wrong. How was he wrong? Can we actually prove the Resurrection? When we think of proving something, we usually think of the scientific method in which we make a hypothesis, and perform an experiment in order to test that hypothesis. After performing the experiment several times, we may then come to a conclusion about our hypothesis. The Resurrection is not something that we can repeat over and over to test its validity. However, we have something else which proves the Resurrection – *the relics of the Saints*.

As we have discussed several times, the goal of the Christian life is to achieve oneness with God. Man was created for communion with God, and our greatest joy is the result of this communion. God created man in God's own image and likeness. What that means is that we have complete freedom and the ability to make choices (God's image) and that if we use our freedom to freely follow God's will, which is always perfect and good, we grow in His likeness, where we become like God. The whole Christian life is meant to be lived in growing in this likeness with God. This process is properly known as purification. The fathers of the church teach us that before the fall, man's soul was open to God and nourished by God's grace. Certainly man would have to struggle to reach full communion and union with God, but even at that time he tasted the grace of God. Thus, the soul was nourished by uncreated grace and the body was nourished by the soul filled with grace. The whole man tasted the gifts of God. Since the fall, the soul sought nourishment from the body. In this way, the passions of the soul are born. The body for its part, not finding life in the soul, turned towards external things, and as a result, became enslaved to matter and imprisoned in the cycle of corruption. Thus, the pleasure-loving bodily passions appeared, whereby man struggles to draw life and joy from material things. This is the death of the body, and especially of the soul. Through asceticism and the life in Christ, we turn our soul towards God in order to be nourished by Him, so that the body is then nourished by the *soul filled with grace* and thus our whole being is sanctified. Full communion with God is achieved when our souls have been purified from the passions. Therefore, purification of our souls is the aim and goal of all Christians.

At our Baptism and our Chrismation, we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been given to us in order to help us in the process of purification. As we struggle against the passions, and cooperate with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our whole being, body and soul, with grace, until we are complete temples of the Holy Spirit. The saints in the church are the supreme examples of those who have become temples of the Holy Spirit. As St. Simeon the New Theologian explains, "*What happens to the bodies of the saints is the same as what happens when fire and iron are united. When the iron is made fiery by the fire, it loses its dark coloring and partakes of the brilliance of the fire, while when it is separated from the fire, it turns dark and cold again. The same thing happens with the saints. When their souls are*

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Serving Our Ministry

CHURCH SERVICES, EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

Date	Church Service	
May 5th	St. Irene, Great Martyr	Αγίας Ειρήνης
May 6th	Sunday of the Paralytic	Κυριακή του Παραλύτου
May 11th	Sts, Cyril and Methodios	Αγίων Κυρίλλου και Μεθοδίου
May 12th	Great Vespers, 5:30 pm	Μέγας Εσπερινός, 5:30 μ.μ.
May 13th	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Mother's Day	Κυριακή της Σαμαρίτιδος Εορτή της Μητέρας
May 20th	Sunday of the Blind Man	Κυριακή του Τυφλού
May 21st	Sts, Constantine and Helen	Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης
May 23rd	Apodosis of Pascha	Απόδοσις Πάσχα
May 24th	Holy Ascension	Της Αναλήψεως
May 27th	Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council	Αγίων Πατέρων Πρώτης Οικ- ομενικής Συνόδου
May 28th	Memorial Day—Memorials at Washelli, at 10 am (West End), 11 am (East End)	Μνημόσυνο στο Γουασέλλι, 10 π.μ. (Δυτικό τμήμα) και 11 π.μ. (Ανατολικό τμήμα)

ALTAR SERVERS

May 6th & 20th	Athan Dumont, Joseph Dumont, William Grosvenor, Baider Oweis, Shaden Oweis, Jack Hillman, Theodore Looney, Andrew Christianson, Nicholas Christianson, Samir Kharoufeh, Paul Dudunakis, Peter Dudunakis, Niko Pagonis, Manoli T. Tramountanas and Manoli A. Tramountanas
May 13th & 27th	Athan Dumont, Joseph Dumont, Niko Savranakis, George Lymeris, Themio Pallis, George Pallis, Stassi Tsantilas, Yiannis Tsantilas, Phillip Stamolis, Anthony Sampson, James Konugres, Omar Mallouk, Stavros Panos, and Demetri Teodosiadis

PARISH COUNCIL SERVERS

May 6th & 20th	Georgine Looney, Nina Varlamos, Tom Contoravdis, Stephanos Margaritis, George Tramountanas, Matt Katinas, George Tsantilas Yianni Maroutsos
May 13th & 27th	Theo Angelis, Pam Plumis, Diane Leonidas, George Constantine, Evangelia Lagos, Maria Stavros, Bob Read

EPISTLE READERS—ARTHUR SARIDAKIS—INSTRUCTOR; CHRIS MACRIS— ASSISTANT

May 6th	Theodora Teodosiadis, in Greek and Andrew Christianson, in English
May 13th	Jack Hillman, in Greek and James Konugres Dumont, in English
May 20th	Theodore Looney, in Greek and Sophia Mallouk, in English
May 27th	Anna Teodosiadis, in Greek, and Stassi Tsantilas, in English

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About our Faith



Feastday of Sts. Constantine and Helen - May 21st

This great and renowned sovereign of the Christians was the son of Constantius Chlorus (the ruler of the western-most parts of the Roman empire), and of the blessed Helen. He was born in 272, in Naissus of Dardania, a city on the Helle-spont. In 306, when his father died, he was proclaimed successor to his throne. In 312, on learning that Maxentius and Maximinus had joined forces against him, he marched into Italy, where, while at the head of his troops, he saw in the sky after midday, beneath the sun, a radiant pillar in the form of a cross with the words: "By this shalt thou conquer." The following night, our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross and its significance. When he rose in the morning, he immediately ordered that a labarum be made (which is a banner or standard of victory over the enemy) in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ. On October 28 he attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. The following day Constantine entered Rome in triumph and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. But out of malice, Licinius later persecuted the Christians. Constantine fought him once and again, and utterly destroyed him in 324, and in this manner he became monarch over the West and the East. Under him and because of him all the persecutions against the Church ceased. Christianity triumphed and idolatry was overthrown.

In 325 he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, which he himself personally addressed. In 324, in the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, and solemnly inaugurated it on May 11, 330, naming it after himself, Constantinople. Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred to Constantinople from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire. Falling ill near Nicomedia, he requested to receive divine Baptism, according to Eusebius, and also according to Socrates and Sozomen; and when he had been deemed worthy of the Holy Mysteries, he reposed in 337, on May 21 or 22, the day of Pentecost, having lived sixty-five years, of which he ruled for thirty-one years. His remains were transferred to Constantinople and were deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles, which had been built by him (see Homily XXVI on Second Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom).

As for his holy mother Helen, after her son had made the Faith of Christ triumphant throughout the Roman Empire, she undertook a journey to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified. After this, Saint Helen, in her zeal to glorify Christ, erected churches in Jerusalem at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where Our Saviour was born, another on the Mount of Olives whence He ascended into Heaven, and many others throughout the Holy Land, Cyprus and elsewhere. She was proclaimed Augusta, her image was stamped upon golden coins, and two cities were named Helenopolis after her in Bithynia and in Palestine. Having been thus glorified for her piety, she departed to the Lord being about eighty years of age, according to some in the year 330, according to others, in 336.

President's Message

Xristos Anesti, Christ is Risen,!

I would like to thank everyone on the parish council and all the parishioners who worked so faithfully in the preparation of Great Lent and Holy Week. It is always wonderful to see so many individuals in church and so many parishioners working around the church. A special thanks to Maria Stravos, George Tsantilas, Tom Contoravdis & George Lebesis.

St. Demetrios has two major fund raising events per year. The first being the Festival and the second and extremely important event is our annual Dinner & Auction. This year our theme will be "A Night in the Greek Isles", and will be held on **Saturday, June 2nd**. I urge everyone in the community to make every effort to attend this fun evening of fellowship. If you have an item which could be donated to help raise funds to make this event a success, please contact Katina Stavros, Georgine Looney, Chris Economou, myself or Simoni for a procurement form.

We have a commitment of 27 reserved tables with 216 people to date and expect the remaining to go quickly, so please contact myself or Simoni to reserve your table(s). Call today to reserve your seat.

Looking forward in seeing you all there!!!

In Christ's name,

O. George Constantine

2012-CHURCH FUNDRAISER PROJECTS SPONSHORSHIP

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1. BOILER REPLACEMENT <i>Funds Raised To Date- \$24,600</i>	\$125,000
2. MONUMENT SIGN AT UPPER LEVEL ENTRANCE <i>Funds Raised To Date-\$2,500</i>	\$50,000
3. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HVAC SYSTEM <i>Funds Raised To Date-\$500.00</i>	\$16,000
4. MARBLE FLOORING/HANDRAIL AT BASE OF ALTAR <i>Funds Raised To Date-\$500.00</i>	\$9,000
TOTAL	\$200,000



Philoptochos News May 2012

Christos Anesti!

I hope you all had a blessed Pascha. Our ladies were hard at work with all of the activities and baking at this time of year. My heartfelt thanks to all who came to help us, your willing spirit is the heart of our organization. I am so grateful to each and every one of you, thank you wonderful ladies and some very helpful husbands!

This ~n~ That Shop Has a Chairperson

I am delighted to announce that Mary Xenos Maciejewski has volunteered to chair the This ~n~ That Shop for the festival this year. Thank you Mary! This ~N~ That was sorely missed at last year's festival as it has always been a popular attraction for both parishioners and the public. Donations are already arriving for the shop. Volunteers are needed to help with the sorting and preparation of donated items for the shop during the summer and staffing of the shop during the festival. Any amount of time you can donate is welcome - many hands lighten the load. To volunteer, please call Mary at [206.783.5087](tel:206.783.5087) or e-mail her at msmaryxmac@aol.com. **For information about donating items, see Jim Kost's festival report in the St Demetrios May Bulletin.**

Camp Agape Northwest July 23rd-28th

New name, same great cause! By now you have received the Camp Agape Northwest "Fund A Dream" mailing (formerly the 'Phantom Tea'). It is not too late to send in your donation. This is an easy way to support Camp Agape, a mission of Philoptochos and all donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be mailed out for donations over \$250, for all other donations use a copy of your cancelled check for tax purposes. Thank you for your support of this amazing ministry to children living with cancer and their families. If you know of a child with cancer who is receiving treatment in Washington state and whose family is interested in attending Camp Agape, please contact Sofia Kenny at [206.285.7144](tel:206.285.7144) or sofia710@gmail.com. Registration forms are on the Camp Agape website www.campagapenw.org.

Pennies and Prayers Campaign Ends June 3rd

Pennies and Prayers is the Philoptochos ministry that supports the work of the Commission of Orthodox Missions (COME) in the Diocese. COME serves to educate and engage the faithful of the Metropolis in evangelism and the establishment and growth of mission parishes. Look for the Pennies and Prayers canisters in the church hallway under the electronic reader-board or on the tables during the Sunday coffee hours. Please collect pennies (or hopefully dollars) and return your canister to Fran Barnecut before Pentecost on June 3rd.

One Woman Asking Another Woman to Care

Giving matters. When you give to us, we can give to them." We hope you will support us with your annual dues of \$35 and join us when you can for fellowship. All are welcome and if you have time to donate in addition to your check, even better. You will not receive a call if you are able to write a check as we are a volunteer organization and we are grateful for every member whatever their participation. We realize that not everyone is able to come to our meetings but your dues are what allows us to do the work of Philoptochos and are gratefully accepted. Forms are available on the Saint Demetrios E-News or at the Sunday coffee hours.

Consider Donating Time or Talent to Jubilee Womens Center

Saint Demetrios Philoptochos has adopted this place of refuge for single, homeless women in Seattle providing education, services and support needed to transition into independent living. Our members are enjoying cooking a meal monthly for the residents. If anyone wishes to help in the preparation of (or to sponsor) a meal, please contact Georgene Karambelas at 206.542.2523 or Peggy Tramountanas at 206.783.4466.

Dress For Success

Georgene Karambelas and Helen Heuer will continue to collect donations for Dress For Success, a very worthy cause aiding low income women in their search for work. They will also be collecting items for Working Wardrobe, a different program that accepts clothing more casual than interview outfits. Both programs also accept accessories; belts, purses, scarves, hats, umbrellas and unopened, new hygiene items; shampoo, soap, make up, lotions, etc. If you have unused items, please consider donating them. Dress For Success and Working Wardrobe both require all clothing to be clean, pressed and on hangers. Georgene is collecting clothing not on hangers and hygiene items as well for the Jubilee Womens Center.

Prom is Almost Here

Helen Heuer is collecting prom dresses, evening dresses and bridesmaid dresses for those who can't afford them. The dress you no longer wear would delight someone who can't afford to buy one. For all of these programs, if you need a receipt, please put your name ~ and address ~ on your donation so we can mail you a receipt. Please leave your donations with Simoni in the church office as Sunday School is still in session.

Spring is Coming and the Weather is Crazy

Downstairs in the large hall by the steps is a barrel for St. Philaret to collect blankets, sleeping bags, men's items (socks, gloves, hats and coats). If you have the small soaps and shampoo left over from your vacation hotel, please consider packaging them in zip lock bags and donating them. For further information, you may contact Jillian Chandler at the Church of the Assumption at 206.323.8557 or Chris Macris at Saint Demetrios at 425.888.1327.

A Valentine Tea in June

St Catherine Philoptochos of the Church of the Assumption will hold their annual Valentine Tea on Saturday, June 2nd from 1-4 PM in the new community hall. Dust off your fancy hat and bring your mother, daughter, yiayia, sister, aunt and friends for an afternoon sipping tea and enjoying tasty treats. Your \$10 donation benefits Philoptochos ministries. For reservations, contact Mary Lou Barton at 425.432.9592.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

All are welcome to attend our meetings and events:

May 17th cook for St Martin de Porres Mens Shelter at church

May 20th regular meeting at church after Divine Liturgy

May 23rd cook for Jubilee Womens Center

May 31st cook for St Martin de Porres Mens Shelter at church

June 12th Summer Kick Off Dinner 6:00 PM at Olympic Pizza & Pasta 6413 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle 98115 (reservations are needed, please call Susan Reichmann at 425.772.1605 or email susanreichmann@yahoo.com)

Your Sister in Christ,

Susan Reichmann, President

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Youth Ministry News



The 2nd annual JOY Bible Bowl was held on Sunday, April 1st. Students from our 4th, 5th and 6th grade Sunday School classes displayed their knowledge on the feast days of the church. Congratulations to our 6th Grade team for being the 2012 JOY Bible Bowl Champions. They scored a total of 365 points to take 1st place. Our 4th graders narrowly won 2nd place with only 15 more points than the 5th grade class. Thanks to all our participants: Omar, Demetre, Nicholas, Alexis, Eleni, Evangelia, Yianni & Joseph.



Thank you to all of the youth (pictured above) for attending our annual Holy Friday Retreat. Our youth helped decorate the tomb, learned about the services of Holy Friday, made prosforo and created their own Kouvouklion and Epitaphion, which is on display in the small hall. Thanks also to our young ladies who served as myrrhbearers on Holy Friday (pictured right) Thanks also to all of our youth that participated in our annual Easter Egg Hunt during our Pascha Picnic.

The Youth Ministry and Sunday School programs wish to thank Athan Dumont, Carrie Avlonitis, Nikki Christophilis, Kris Dudunakis, Jason Lemelson, John & Virginia Kapezolos, Angela Katinas, Christianna Konugres, Anna & Georgia Teodosiadis, Stavroula Tsantilas for their assistance with Holy Friday activities and Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks also to all of the Philoptochos ladies for assisting our youth as they decorated the kouvouklion on Holy Friday.

*In honor of all our Mothers,
St. Demetrios GOYA will host a...*

**Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday May 13, 2012.**



*Join us after Liturgy in the St. Demetrios Large Hall.
Free Will Donations Accepted.*

Families Got Talent

**Family Retreat
at All Saints Camp
May 19 & 20, 2012**

All families are invited to share their talents at our annual family retreat at All Saints Camp in Gig Harbor, Washington. We will focus our discussions on the talents God gives us and how we use them.

Cost is \$50 per family.

All children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent. Please arrive at All Saints Camp by 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. Retreat concludes Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Register by May 7th!
Forms available at
www.saintdemetrios.com.**

Questions? Contact Lefteris Sitaras
at 206-631-2504 or by email at
lsitaras@saintdemetrios.com



Upcoming Youth Events

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| May | 5: All Saints Camp Work Party |
| | 12 - Dance Groups Dinner Dance |
| | 13 - Mother's Day Breakfast |
| | 19-20: Family Retreat at All Saints Camp |
| June | 2 - GOYA Serves at St. Demetrios Auction |
| | 6 - Greek School Graduation |
| | 10 - Last day of Sunday School & Carnival |
| | 17 - Father's Day Breakfast |



Christ is Risen!

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burn incandescent, and become themselves translucent, and are restored as more excellent, more precious by far, than other bodies." According to St. Gregory Palamas, when Christ died on the cross, His soul, but not His divinity was separated from His body at His death. His soul went down to hades with His divinity and the Body remained in the tomb, uncorrupted, with His divinity. Christ's body never underwent corruption. With the Saints, unlike Christ, when they die, their bodies are in a state between corruption and incorruption. The grace of God which is within their bodies is manifested in various ways: some saints' bodies do not decay; others, their bodies do decay yet their bones are fragrant; still others, their bodies exude sweet smelling myrrh, etc. What is consistent though is that their relics are a continual source of miracles and healings. As saints, they themselves were deified in this life, but after their deaths, they await their complete renewal and resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ when their souls will be reunited with their bodies.

In the Orthodox Church, the relics of the Saints have the utmost importance, because we experience God and His grace through them. It is precisely because of all the miracles and healings which take place in and through the Holy relics that we are certain of God's existence. In commenting about the Holy Relics, St. John Chrysostom said, "We must not only see the dust, nor think that this is just ashes and bones, but see the power of God seated beside them, the grace of the Spirit surrounding them, the glory of the heavenly light wrapping them around." The power of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit exist in the holy relics. That is to say, they are not ordinary bones, but holy relics, which have God's energy.

The relics of the saints are therefore a loud, joyous proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ, and the future Second Coming of our Lord. They are a proof of the resurrection before the final resurrection of all mankind. If you have not yet gone to San Francisco to venerate the relics of Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco, you owe it to yourself to go. Venerating the relics of a saint bring us closer to Christ, and strengthens our faith and commitment to Him. The relics validate our faith, and make us ever so eager to boldly proclaim: Christ is Risen!

In Christ's Love,
+Fr Photios

Fasting Type	May
Strict Fast Days	4, 16, 18, 30
Wine and Oil Allowed	2, 11, 25
Fish Allowed	9, 23
Fast Free	1, 3, 5-8, 10, 12-15, 17, 19-22, 24, 26-29, 31

JUNE Graduates

Please send to the Church Office your name, the name of the School, and the degree you will be receiving so that we acknowledge you in our Church Newsletter.

DANCE PROGRAM NEWS

- ♦ **CAN! CAN!** Because we CAN all do our part! We are continuing with it throughout the year. Bring in your non-perishable canned foods and help families in need. Thank you to everyone for the great participation. Every little bit makes a BIG difference!
- ♦ The Dance Group has a new website! www.stdemetriisdance.com
Advertise your business on our growing website. Please contact Maria Barbas at marbarbas@comcast.net or Rachael Macris at rachaelmacris@msn.com for details.

St. Philaret Homeless Program







"In nothing do we draw so close to God as in doing good to man." (St. John Chrysostom) For the past 8 years, The St. Philaret Almsgiver program, an outreach ministry of St. Demetrios Church, has provided warm meals, clothing and spiritual food to those less fortunate on the streets of Seattle. Supported solely from donations, our dedicated volunteers cook and serve nearly 200 meals each month under the I-5 freeway overpass at 6th and Columbia.

We are grateful for our many benefactors and kindly ask for your continued financial help this year. All are welcome to join us at our outings, typically the fourth Monday night of each month from 8:00-9:15 pm. For more information about this ministry, see our Facebook page or contact Chris Macris at [\(425\) 888-0802](tel:4258880802) (chris@enerdynesolutions.com). Christos Anesti!

St. Demetrios 2012 Golf Tournament

Friends: We are returning to **Rainier Golf & Country Club** for the St. Demetrios "NW Greek Open 2012" golf tournament on Friday, July 27, 2012. The charities that will benefit from our 2012 event will be: The Boyer Children's Clinic, the Philanthropia Foundation and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption. For those of you who didn't attend in the last couple years, you will enjoy Rainier which is a well maintained private course (with very challenging greens). In addition to great golf, the chef at Rainier has prepared very memorable (and authentic) Greek dinners for the last couple years. We hope to have you join us!

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Jason & Sosipater of the 70 Epistle: 1 John 1:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 8:15 AM Orthros 8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 12:30 PM Family Nutrition Workshop 1:00 PM Large Hall Rental - Wedding</p> <p><i>Holy Myrrhbearers</i></p>	<p>30 St. Iakovos, Apostle 6:00 PM Greek Dance</p> <p><i>St. Clement the Righteous</i></p>	<p>1 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting</p> <p><i>Jeremias the Prophet</i></p>	<p>2 6:00 PM Greek School</p> <p><i>St. Athanasios the Great</i></p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Assumption Feed the Homeless 12:00 PM Yiyaya & Friends Luncheon at Demetri's in Edmonds</p> <p><i>St. Xenia the Great Martyr</i></p>	<p>4  8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p><i>St. Pelagia, Righteous Martyr</i></p>	<p>5 St. Irene, Great Martyr 8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM All Saints Camp Work Party 5:00 PM Learning Tree Auction</p> <p><i>St. Eulhymios</i></p>
<p>6 Job the Righteous Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15 8:15 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p><i>Sunday of Paralytic</i></p>	<p>7 6:00 PM Greek Dance</p> <p><i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i></p>	<p>8 St. John Evangelist 10:00 AM WOCA Meeting at St. Andrew 5:00 PM Ex. Board Meeting</p> <p><i>St. Arsenios the Great</i></p>	<p>9 Mid-Pentecost 6:00 PM Greek School</p> <p><i>Issiah the Prophet</i></p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Assumption Feed the Homeless</p> <p><i>Simon the Zealot Apostle</i></p>	<p>11  8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p><i>St. Cym & Methuolus</i></p>	<p>12 10:00 AM LW Class Presentation 5:00 PM Great Vespers 5:30 PM Dance Group Dinner Dance</p> <p><i>St. Epiphanius of Cyprus</i></p>
<p>13 Mother's Day Glykeria, Martyr St. Sergius the Confessor Epistle: Acts 11:19-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42 8:15 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Mother's Day Break-fast</p> <p><i>Sunday of Samaritan Woman</i></p>	<p>14 St. Leontios, Archbishop of Jerusalem 6:00 PM Greek Dance</p> <p><i>St. Isidore & Thraszon</i></p>	<p>15 Sts. Demetrios & Paul, Neomartyrs 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting</p> <p><i>St. Pachomios the Great</i></p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Greek School</p> <p><i>St. Theoklitos the Sanctified</i></p>	<p>17 Feed the Homeless</p> <p><i>St. Adrianos & Iouanos of the 70</i></p>	<p>18  4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 PM Tanya Kolios Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p><i>St. Peter, Jula & Hovraolios</i></p>	<p>19 Family Retreat at All Saints... 2:30 PM Wedding</p> <p><i>Sts. Paimios, Arakios & Menas...</i></p>
<p>20 Family Retreat at All Saints... Sts. Thalleios & Asterios Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38 8:15 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 1:30 PM Philanthropia Luncheon</p> <p><i>Sunday of Blind Man</i></p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p><i>Sts. Constanine & Helen</i></p>	<p>22 Sts. Demetrios & Paul, Neomartyrs 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting</p> <p><i>St. Vasilikos, Martyr</i></p>	<p>23 Cook for Jubilee Women's... St. Michael of Synadon 8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Greek School</p> <p><i>Ascobios of Pascha</i></p>	<p>24 St. Christian, Martyr St. Symeon the Righteous 8:30 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p><i>Assocation of our Lara</i></p>	<p>25  4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 PM Tanya Kolios Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p><i>St. Finding of the Head of St. Jo...</i></p>	<p>26 5:00 PM Wedding</p> <p><i>Sts. Karpos & Alphaeus of the 70</i></p>
<p>27 St. John the Russian Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13 8:15 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Wedding</p> <p><i>Fathers of the 1st Ec. Council</i></p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed St. Christopher, Martyr 10:00 AM Washelli West End Memorial 11:00 AM Washelli East End Memorial</p> <p><i>Memorian Day</i></p>	<p>29 St. Theodosia, Martyr</p> <p><i>St. Chisian, Hermartyr</i></p>	<p>30  6:00 PM Greek School</p> <p><i>Isaaks, Founder of Dalmares</i></p>	<p>31 Feed the Homeless</p> <p><i>St. Firmis, Apostle</i></p>	<p>1  St. Justin Martyr</p> <p><i>St. Chentios, Martyr</i></p>	<p>2 5:30 PM St. Demetrios Auction</p> <p><i>St. Mikhaelios Pat. of Ophir</i></p>

Thank You for Easter and Epitafion Donations

**A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR
EASTER DONATIONS**

We wish to thank our Parishioners and friends for their participation and contributions during Holy Week and Easter: The Choir, the Chanters, the Readers, the Myrrhbearers, the Altar Servers, the decorators of the Epitaphion, our Sunday School for preparing the Luminaries, the Philoptochos, the Parish Council and all the people who helped with the Services. We also wish to thank the following Parishioners for their special donations during this season:

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We also wish to thank the following Parishioners for their various Easter donations: **Wendell and Demitrula Madison** for donating the Easter eggs in memory of their parents, Demetrios (James) and Gertrude Roppas and Alex and Ercia Madison; **Costas Antonopoulos** and **Nina Sankey** of “Costas Opa” for donating Avgolemono soup for the Easter Brunch; the **Parish Council** for sponsoring the Palm Sunday Luncheon and the group of Ladies and Gentlemen who helped cook and serve the food; **Ted and Kiki Dimitriou** and **Thalia Denos** for offering the Resurrection Candles, **Robert and Despina Read** and **Athena Doolittle** for donating the flowers for the courtyard; **Philoptochos** for donating the tulle for the Easter eggs, our **Parish Council** for providing the Brunch, and all the **Philoptochos Ladies** for coordinating the coloring of Easter eggs, and the **Easter Picnic Committee** for organizing another successful Annual Easter Community Celebration!

Thank you to all for your generosity!



Announcements/Recognition

New Arrivals

Congratulations to the proud parents, Joe and Zoe Facilla on the birth of their son, Demetrios Luigi ("Jimmy"), born March 19th, 2012, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz, 20.5" long. The proud grandparents are Sam and Vicki Deliganis and Joe and Eileen Facilla (of San Diego, CA). "Na sas zese!"

Baptisms

We welcome to our faith Camille Chrysanthi Gehring who was baptized on April 1st, 2012. Her sponsors are Chris and Ellie Pedersen. We welcome to our faith Paul and Athanasia Weigle and their children, George and Elizabeth who were baptized on April 14, 2012. The sponsor for Paul, Athanasia and George is Marguerite Daoura and for Elizabeth is Anna Teodosiadis. Congratulations to Dan and Alina Voicu whose son, Alexander Andrei Gabriel was baptized on April 22nd, 2012. His sponsors are Irinel and Bogdan Crivat. "Na sas zese!"

Weddings

Congratulations to Athan and Camille (Gehring) Falangus who were married on April 21st, 2012. Their Koumbara is Helene Falangus. "Na zesoun!"

BOOKSTORE NEWS:

Mother's Day is Coming!

Buy a Beautiful Gift or Icon or Meaningful Book for Your Yiayia, Mother, Aunt, Nouna, Sister, Daughter!!

Spring Leaves are Unfurling!! Continue Your Own Springtime Re-awakening!!

Stay Alive Spiritually with one of many books in English, or in Greek at YOUR St. Demetrios Bookstore!!

Condolences

We express our deep Condolences to Dena Sakelaris for the passing of her husband, Gus Sakelaris. We express our deep Condolences to Sam and Sarah Mallos for the passing of Sam's father, Tom Mallos (of Portland, OR). We express our deep Condolences to Jim and Barbara Trehearne for the passing of Jim's mother, Mildred Trehearne (of Florida). May their memory be eternal! Αιωνία αυτών η μνήμη!

Dedication Ceremony of the Assumption New Hall

The Church of the Assumption will celebrate the completion of their New Hall with a Dedication Ceremony and Gala Dinner Celebration on Saturday, June 9th, 2012. For Gala Dinner Reservations, please call Katie O'Neil at 206-230-9272. To Advertise in the Dinner Program or Sponsor the Dinner, please contact Diana Avgeres at 206-324-0555.

Yiayia & Friends Luncheon

The Yiayia & Friends Luncheon will be on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at Demetri's, 101 Main St., Edmonds, WA at 12 Noon. The restaurant is by the Kingston ferry dock. Limited parking behind the restaurant, free parking across the street by the railroad tracks. For info call Maria Barbas or Kay Betts. See you there!

Orthodox Missions Thank You

The Resurrected Christ left us with the great command before His glorious ascension: "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ..." (Matthew 28:19).

We want to thank all those individuals, families, and businesses who have collected coins throughout the year to benefit the OCMC Cannister Fund. Our parish has been sending over \$1,000.00 each year to support the Orthodox mission programs throughout the world. Extra canisters are available in the Bookstore. Christos Anesti!

Sunday School Update

No Sunday School on **Sunday, May 27, 2012**.

Last day of class is **Sunday, June 10, 2012**. Awards presentation and annual carnival following Liturgy; details to follow in the June bulletin.

Our Lenten service project for IOCC and the refugee camp children of Ethiopia raised \$1,137.29. Congratulations to our kindergarten class who raised \$315 and will be treated to a pizza party. Thank you to all children and parishioners who contributed and to Christina Economou for chairing this project.

Our Sunday School Program is currently collecting items for themed gift baskets that will be donated to the St. Demetrios Twilight Auction on June 2, 2012. We hope your child will be able to donate a basket item per the theme chosen by his/her class:

Pre-school/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten: Children's Activity Basket (crayons; color books; activity books; games)

1st/2nd/3rd grades: Wrapping Paper Basket (wrapping paper; gift bags, bows, ribbons, greeting cards)

4th/5th/6th grades: Movie Basket (movie theater gift cards; DVDs, microwave popcorn)

7th/8 & 9th grades/high school: Gardening Basket (gardening tools, seeds, books)

Basket item donations should be brought to your child's classroom or the Sunday School office by **Sunday, May 13, 2012**.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser which helps to benefit our Sunday School Program.

"We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give"

Sir Winston Churchill

Stewardship and Treasurer's Report

MAY 2012 TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2012 YEAR-TO-DATE OPERATING RESULTS					
(Variances due to rounding)	Mar-2012 (1 month)	Mar-2012 YTD (3 months)	2012 Budget	YTD \$ Variance	YTD % of Budget
INCOME					
Stewardship	\$40,725	\$162,669	\$465,000	(\$302,331)	35.0%
Other Contributions	3,930	10,689	53,350	(42,661)	20.0%
Net Bookstore	612	650	6,400	(5,750)	10.2%
Net Hall Rentals	12,707	15,682	38,200	(22,518)	41.1%
Net Investment Property	1,291	3,398	(6,905)	10,303	(49.2%)
Net Auction//Social Hour	(240)	(1,901)	57,780	(59,681)	(3.3%)
Other Revenue	1,298	5,948	5,389	559	110.4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,323	\$197,135	\$619,214	(\$422,079)	31.8%
EXPENSES					
Ministries/Community Support	\$1,211	\$10,783	\$60,100	(\$49,317)	17.9%
Assessments	9,575	28,375	111,200	(82,825)	25.5%
Personnel Costs	32,207	96,940	369,649	(272,709)	26.2%
Occupancy Costs	12,148	31,946	112,757	(80,811)	28.3%
Supplies	3,018	7,789	18,350	(10,561)	42.4%
General/Administrative	9,551	33,256	90,530	(57,274)	36.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$67,710	\$209,089	\$762,586	(\$553,497)	27.4%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$7,387)	(\$11,954)	(\$143,372)	\$131,418	8.3%
Net Festival Income	\$0	\$40	\$150,000	(\$149,960)	0.0%
POST-FESTIVAL NET INCOME	(\$7,387)	(\$11,914)	\$6,628	(\$18,542)	(179.8%)

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF APRIL 24, 2012			
OPERATING ACCOUNTS		DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	
General Operating Account	\$26,696	Hall Reserve	\$41,613
Festival Checking	\$59,995	Tree of Life-CIP	\$56,033
Festival Savings	\$65,487	Boiler Fund	\$24,600
Auction	\$6,878	Mosaic Repair	\$5,093
		Dome/Roof	\$56,198

Pledges as of May 1, 2012	
Stewardship Budget Goal	\$465,000
Pledged to Date	\$316,206
Total Received to Date	\$162,195
Total Members Pledged	365

Sunday Offerings for April 2012	
April 1	\$ 4,387.30
April 8	\$ 9,093.75
April 14/15	\$ 8,916.85
April 22	\$ 2,696.00
April 29	\$4,195.45
Total	\$29,289.35

Memorials and Vigil Lights

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles from last month

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered on April 29th in loving memory of **Daniel McClish** (forty days since his passing), by Pam Plumis and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered on April 29th in loving memory of **Anastasios Koussissis** (forty days since his passing), by his cousins, Bob and Loula Barker and David and Georgia McFarlan.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light was offered on April 29th in loving memory of **Anthony Brown** (twelve years since his passing), by Georgia McFarlan and Bob and Loula Barker.

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for May 6th

A Memorial Service and two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Vlase William Bakamus** and **Jean Bakamus Sackmann** (one year and six years since their passing), by his wife, and her mother, Rae Bakamus and Family.

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Vlase William Bakamus** and **Jean Bakamus Sackmann** (one year and six years since their passing), by Rosalie and Andrew Boulieris.

The Eight Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Demetrios (James) and Gertrude Roppas, Juanita and James Wesley Roppas, Violet Towns, Angela Marie Homer** and for good health for **Demitrula Roppas** (of Lamia, Greece) and **Helen Roberts**, by Demitrula Madison, Athena Doolittle, Mary Ann Devine, Thelma Wilde and their families.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **George Asimakopoulos** (sixteen years since his passing), by Anna Asimakopoulos, Andy and Carole and Ike Asimakopoulos.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Barbara Johnson** (four years since her passing), by her daughter, Barbara K. Johnson.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **George and Theodora Plumis** (fifty-three years and twenty years since their passing), by Frances and George Barnecut and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Barbara Johnson** (four years since her passing), by her cousin, Vasilike Gloria Stamos.

Holy Altar Candles for May 20th

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Alex Gotsis** (four years since his passing), by his wife, Katina Gotsis and Family.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **George Macris** (nine years since his passing), by his wife, Eugenia Macris, children and grandchildren.

A Holy Altar Table Vigil Light is offered in loving memory of **Lee (Iraklis) Stantinos** (three years since his passing), by his wife, Vicky Stantinos and Family, and Niko and Collette Apostolakis.

Memorials and Holy Altar Candles for May 27th

Two Holy Altar Table Vigil Lights are offered in loving memory of **Panelope Paloukos and Petroula Paloukos** (eighty-two years and forty-one years since their passing), by her daughter, and her step-daughter, Loula Lambert.



"Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil from beaten olives for the lamp, that a light may be kept burning continually."

Leviticus 24:2

If you would like to offer a Holy Altar Table Vigil Light or sponsor the Coffee Hour in memory of a beloved family member or friend who has fallen asleep in the Lord, please contact the church office at 206.631.2500



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Annual Spring Dinner Dance

May 12, 2012 in the large Hall

5:30-6:30 Social hour

6:30-7:30 Dinner

7:30 Performances by all dance groups

8:30 Everyone dances to live music

featuring "Dromeno"

(Govetas family with Nick Maroussis)

Donation: Adults \$20.00

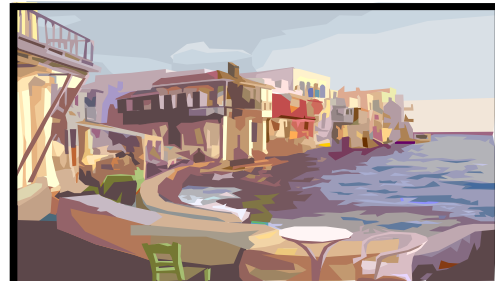
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Children under 8 are free

Contact Maria Barbas 206-794-5659

marbarbas@comcast.net for reservations.

St. Demetrios Twilight Auction presents



a Night on the Greek Isles

Saturday, JUNE 2nd, 2012

Silent Auction & Wine Tasting 5:30 PM

Dinner & Live Auction 7:00 PM

\$65.00 Per Guest \$130 Per Couple

\$520 for a table of Eight

Sponsorship Available:

Eventide Level—\$750 per table

Stargazer Level—\$1000 per table

Please call Katina Stavros for reservations at

206.227.1693, or otipo@msn.com