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APRIL 2017



Holy Week & Renewal

By: Fr. Timothy Cook

Holy Week and Pascha are the center of the Church year, the greatest week of the calendar leading up to the greatest feast of the Church. In fact, Holy Week is the prototype for every other week throughout the year. As we commemorate the Betrayal of Christ on Holy Wednesday and the Crucifixion on Holy Friday, so we commemorate the Betrayal and the Crucifixion every Wednesday and Friday throughout the year – this is why we fast on these days every week. In the same way, every Sunday follows the model of Pascha, with every Sunday throughout the year (even those in Lent) being a “mini-Pascha,” a smaller celebration of the Resurrection and is always a feast day.

Holy Week also serves as a time of renewal, both for our own spiritual lives and for the Church. On Holy Wednesday, we traditionally celebrate the service of Holy Unction, and the priest replenishes his supply of consecrated oil for anointing the sick throughout the year. On Holy Thursday, the priest consecrates an extra “Lamb,” which will serve as the reserve sacrament for the communion of the sick throughout the year. These services and the Presanctified Liturgies on Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, give us strength to carry us through Holy Week and set the pattern of healing and renewal for the entire year.

Each of the services of Holy Week calls us to repent, to turn away from sin and turn back to God as we walk with Christ and the disciples from the Resurrection of Lazarus and the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday through the week to the Passion, Crucifixion, and finally to the glorious Resurrection. Remember, these services – even the processions on Holy Thursday and Holy Friday – are not recreations. Rather, as we are invited this week by the Church to mystically participate in this journey to Pascha. We will walk with the disciples, and just as they were asked to watch with Christ we are also asked to watch with Christ a little while for these seven days of Holy Week.

This week is given to us so that we may be challenged and renewed by walking with Christ. This week is an invitation to be crucified with Christ so that we may also be raised with Him. This week sets the pattern for our Christian lives. I look forward to sharing it with you all.



PARISH COUNCIL

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Saginaw, Michigan is to promote the tenets of Orthodox Christianity in the community through ministry, evangelism and spiritual leadership.

VISION OF OUR PARISH

To worship God, Fellowship with One Another, and to Serve the World.

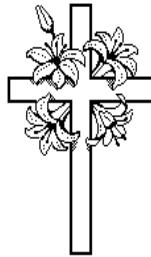
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sun., MAY 7TH

AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

Prosforon & Fellowship Schedule

- Apr. 2 Prosforon: Stavroula Erfourth
Fellowship: Dr. Andy & Annie Bazakis
- Apr. 9 Prosforon: Kitty Gavalas
Fellowship: PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON
- Apr. 16 Prosforon: Erin Haenlein
Fellowship: EASTER EGG HUNT
- Apr. 23 Prosforon: Svetlana Hauffe
Fellowship: Dr. Kevin & Bessie Bone
- Apr. 30 Prosforon: Rheame Sahouri
Fellowship: Bill & Vonnie DeLong



Many thanks to all the women who prepare the Prosforon each week. It is truly an important offering for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you are unable to prepare Prosforon for your scheduled Sunday, please contact the church office promptly.



Sunday, Apr. 9

HOSTED BY:
THE DAUGHTER'S OF PENELOPE
& THE AHEPANS

ALTAR VIGIL CANDLES

- 1/29 - Andrew Thomas for his Baptism by Micah Chisholm
- 2/12 - In Memory of Ungi FanFara's 94th Birthday by Ceceila & Jon Musuur
- 2/12 - In Memory of Edward Figueroa by Edward and Gabriella Economou
- 2/12 - For Edward Economou, peace of mind, by Gabriella Economou
- 2/12 - In Memory of Grandparents by Chris & Yiota Psetas
- 2/12 - For the Departed by Matina Ioannidis
- 2/12 - Successful chemo for Bill Tarachas by Bo Tarachas
- 2/12 - In Memory of beloved Mother & Grandmother, Dimitra Kondogiani, by Marge Paron & Family
- 2/19 - In Memory of Father and Grandfather, Gust Kouvelas, by Elaine Kimmerly & Family
- 2/20 - In Memory of Frank Sharrard by The Sharrard Family
- 2/20 - In Memory of Tula Sharrard by The Sharrard Family
- 2/26 - In Memory of Rosaleen Mann-Schlicker by Edward & Gabriella Economou
- 2/26 - Peace of Mind for the Nichols Family by Edward & Gabriella Economou
- 3/5 - Speedy recovery for Chris Psetas by Lou & Soula Economou
- 3/5 - Successful operation for Chris Psetas by Tom & Peggy Nemode
- 3/5 - In Loving Memory of Julie Barris - Cookenmaster by Nouno & Nouna Lou & Soula Economou
- 3/6 - For Lori & Chase Nichols-Dore safe delivery & a healthy baby by Edward & Gabriella Economou
- 3/11 - In Memory of my Mother Nioka Nichols, departed 2 years, by Gabriella Economou
- 3/12 - Better health for Maria Ahejew-Coates by Petro & Sandra Ahejew
- 3/12 - For Jarod & Mihalia a Prayer for a baby by Kathleen Zacharko
- 3/16 - Better health for David Nichols by Edward & Gabriella Economou
- 3/19 - Better health for Gust & Mary Kookootsedes by Nick & Grace Makrianis
- 3/25 - Better health for Gust & Mary Kookootsedes by Pete & Sandra Ahejew



Good Friday Youth Retreat

APRIL 14



All the youth, of our St. Demetrios family, are invited to join us for our Good Friday Retreat



9:00 am—Service of the Royal Hours

10:30 am - 2:00 pm—Retreat Program

(includes lunch)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Unnailing Service



Excuse letters are available from the church Office.

Children will stay through the Unnailing (Apokathelosis) Service

ALL students should be excused from school on this holy day and participate for the entire day.

If you need a letter to be excused from school that day or if you have any questions, please contact the Fr. Tim or the church office at 793-8822.

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PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

The Philoptochos provided the meat for Meatfare Sunday and all members of the congregation brought a dish to pass. It was a great time for fellowship...lots of good food and friends! Thanks to all who participated! In the past few weeks we've had another opportunity to help. We made a generous donation to Friends of the Metropolis and also purchased the purple fabric that Soula Ostler used to make altar cloths. Great job, Soula!! Our annual dues are due!! If you have not paid yet, please see Yiota Psetas or Virginia Ulmer.

Spanakopita baking day is April 3rd. Another opportunity to not only help prepare for our festival but to enjoy one another's company! Always a fun day!!

It is our honor to be available when the church needs our help, so please note these very important dates:

Saturday, April 8th at 1:00pm.....clean church in preparation of Holy Week.

Thursday morning, April 13th.....dye Easter eggs.

Good Friday morning, April 14th.....decorate the Kouvouklion.

Since the lenten season is so busy, our next meeting isn't until Sunday, April 30th, after church services. We encourage ALL WOMEN of the church to attend. Try it! You will be pleasantly surprised!!

May we all have a Blessed Lenten Season!

Virginia Ulmer
President