"O GOD OF DEMETRIOS, HELP ME!"

The Great Martyr Demetrios was born in the city of Thessalonica in the early years of the fourth century. Although his father was a prominent figure in the Roman army, Demetrios and his parents were secretly Christians. When his father died, Demetrios was chosen by the Emperor to replace him as military commander of Thessalonica. His orders were simple: put all Christians to death! Instead of doing so, Demetrios went about teaching others about Christ and sought to have pagan customs and traditions eliminated. His teaching zeal was so great that he is sometimes referred to as a "SECOND APOSTLE PAUL."

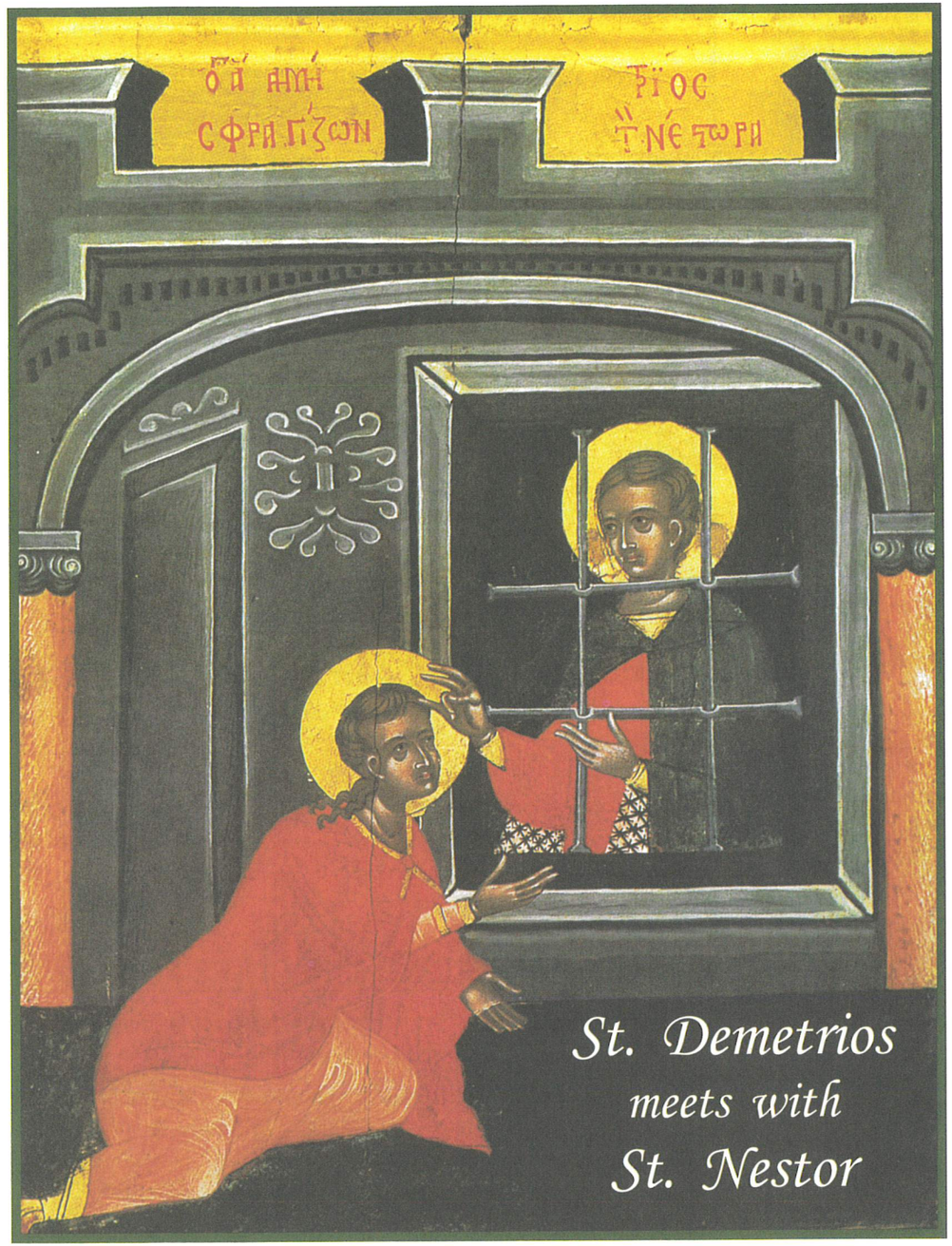
When the Emperor learned of the actions of Demetrios, he came to Thessalonica and had him imprisoned immediately. This was still the "era of the gladiators," so while there, the Emperor arranged a battle between his favorite warrior Lyaeos and a young Christian named Nestor. Coincidentally, Nestor had learned his faith from Demetrios! The night before he was to fight Lyaeos, Nestor visited Demetrios in prison and received his blessing, which is depicted on the cover of today's bulletin. Although Lyaeos was a Goliath-like man, Nestor was able to defeat him, causing the arena crowd to proclaim: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" This was more than the Emperor could bear. He ordered Nestor to be beheaded, and he had Demetrios run through with spears. The body of St. Demetrios was secretly buried by his followers. Years later, his relics were discovered and a magnificent church was erected over the place of his relics. For centuries now, fragrant myrrh has flowed from his crypt.

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Apolytikion of Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

Third Tone

The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Dimitrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.



St. Demetrios meets with St. Nestor

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
II Corinthians
11:31-33; 12:1-9

Gospel
Luke
16:19-31

Attendance
10/20/24
211

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by the Costi Family
In Loving Memory of Andreas (Andy) Costi

Upcoming Memorials

November 3
3-Yr. Trisagion - Theodossios Pantelidis

November 10
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Fred Brumfield

November 24
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Despina Zantopulos

Condolences

Gust Neztek, age 92, fell asleep in the Lord on October 21, 2024.

Angeline (Angie) Paul, age 88, fell asleep in the Lord on October 23, 2024.

May their memory be eternal!

Congratulations! Congratulations to **Yianni Spondyl and Athina Lawson** for making the Greek America's Forty Under 40 Class of 2024!

HOLIDAY BAKING – MEN AND WOMEN NEEDED!

ALL START TIMES ARE 9:30 AM!!

Wednesday, October 30	Baklava
Monday, November 4	Melomakarona & Kourambiethes
Wednesday, November 6	Fengarakia
Friday, November 15	Koulourakia

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR ORDERS:

HOLIDAY PASTRIES: Order forms available by the Church Office and online and due by **Sunday, November 10**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Forms are available by the Church Office and following Liturgy and are due by **Sunday, November 17**

TSOUREKI BREAD: Order forms available in this month's Trinitarian and by the Church Office and due by **Monday, November 18**



Poinsettias and Breakfast with Santa tickets are available now to order and purchase as well!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
COMING NOVEMBER 24th!

Anyone interested in serving their church on Parish Council, please contact either Ellen Romeo, Nancy Greenbaum, or Steve Antoniades for more information!

Reservations are DUE in the Church Office by this FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st!
Sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society!

St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme:
Addictions and the Passions
How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually

Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis

10:00 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:30 PM - 3rd Session - What Addition Takes Away from Us Spiritually
10:30 AM - 1st Session - Addiction and the Passions	2:30 PM - Wrap Up - Final Q & A
11:30 AM - 2nd Session - What are the Root Causes of Addiction	3:00 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
12:30 PM - Lunch	3:30 PM - Departure

Father Dimitrios Moraitis is the parish priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received his bachelors from Hellenic college and graduated as Valedictorian in 1996. He received his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2006. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Returning the Lost Sheep: Ministry to the Alcoholic and Addict, an Orthodox Perspective," was published in 2013 and is one of the required books of the pastoral theology class, in which he guest lectures at Holy Cross. Fr. Dimitrios is also a clinician and the Spiritual Director at the Washburn House, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and addicts in Worcester, MA. He has done hundreds of interventions, and led dozens of retreats on the topic of addiction.

RSVP to Holy Trinity's Church Office

Sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society

330-494-8770 by November 1st

Holy Trinity is delighted to participate in the Adopt-A-Family program once again along with Layers of Hope (Coats) and the Mitten Tree (Hats & Gloves).

Holy Trinity will be adopting 4 large families again to provide joy this Christmas season. Here is how it works:

1. Pick a tag off of the tree
2. Purchase a gift that is listed on the tag (age and sex will be indicated); All items must be new!
3. Wrap your gift and attach the tag from the tree to the package
4. Place the wrapped gift under the Adopt a Family Christmas tree.

ALL GIFTS must be into the church and under the tree by Saturday, December 7th. Please note: Any gifts received *after* Liturgy on Sunday *cannot be* delivered to the families!

We are also pleased to partner with the ***REFUGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES*** located in Canton again this year under the name of **Layers of Hope, collecting new and gently used coats.** Collection includes new coats, lightly used clean coats, sweatshirts, and jackets. The donation box is located under the coat racks in the main hallway. Let's fill this with lots of love!

Mitten Tree

We will again be providing **new hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens** to pass out to those in need. This tree will be found near the East Entrance for placement of these items beginning the week of November 1. We filled this tree with wonderful gifts last year and hope to help provide warm mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for all ages again this year. **All items must be on the mitten tree by December 15, 2024.**

Monetary Donations may also be made by check to *A Community Christmas of Stark County Inc.* and given to the Church Office. Thank you so much, Holy Trinity parishioners, for your generous support!

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, October 27
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Andreas "Andy" Costi

Monday, October 28
Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Funeral - Gust Neztek 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 29
Ladies Exercise Class 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 30
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 31
Funeral - Angie Paul
Calling Hours 10:00 AM
Funeral 11:00 AM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, November 1
Stewardship Prep 10:00 AM

Saturday, November 2
Fall Festival by Koraes Ladies 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, November 3
FALL BACK ONE HOUR
3-Yr. Trisagion - Theodossios Pantelidis
Stewardship Luncheon 11:30 AM
Remember your Stewardship Commitment today!

SOME THING NEW

On the first Sunday of each month, the first 3 rows of pews on the left side of the church will be roped off for our new Youth Sermon Dates.

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 1. *Automelon.*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 2.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 1
Psalm 32.22,1
Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The Gospel According to Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 9:6-11

Προκείμενον. Ήχος α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1
Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 9:6-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ’ εὐλογίαις, ἐπ’ εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἕκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἱλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἁπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι’ ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:41-56 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ ᾧ ὄνομα Ἰάειρος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἄρχων τῆς συναγωγῆς ὑπῆρχε· καὶ πεσὼν παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ὅτι θυγάτηρ μονογενὴς ἦν αὐτῷ ὡς ἐτῶν δώδεκα, καὶ αὕτη ἀπέθνησκεν. Ἐν δὲ τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτὸν οἱ ὄχλοι συνέπνιγον αὐτόν. καὶ γυνὴ οὖσα ἐν ῥύσει αἵματος ἀπὸ ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἥτις ἰατροῖς προσαναλώσασα ὅλον τὸν βίον οὐκ ἴσχυσεν ὑπ’ οὐδενὸς θεραπευθῆναι, προσελθοῦσα ὄπισθεν ἥψατο τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου αὐτοῦ, καὶ παραχρῆμα ἔστη ἡ ῥύσις τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῆς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τίς ὁ ἁψάμενός μου; ἀρνουμένων δὲ πάντων εἶπεν ὁ Πέτρος καὶ οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, οἱ ὄχλοι συνέχουσί σε καὶ ἀποθλίβουσι, καὶ λέγεις τίς ὁ ἁψάμενός μου; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἥψατό μού τις· ἐγὼ γὰρ ἔγνων δύναμιν ἐξελθοῦσαν ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ. ἰδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γυνὴ ὅτι οὐκ ἔλαθε, τρέμουσα ἦλθε καὶ προσπεσοῦσα αὐτῷ δι’ ἣν αἰτίαν ἥψατο αὐτοῦ ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτῷ ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ, καὶ ὡς ἰάθη παραχρῆμα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· θάρσει, θύγατερ, ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε· πορεύου εἰς εἰρήνην.Ἔτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἔρχεταί τις παρὰ τοῦ ἀρχισυναγώγου λέγων αὐτῷ ὅτι τέθνηκεν ἡ θυγάτηρ σου· μὴ σκύλλε τὸν διδάσκαλον. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ λέγων· μὴ φοβοῦ· μόνον πίστευε, καὶ σωθήσεται. ἐλθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν οὐκ ἀφῆκεν εἰσελθεῖν οὐδένα εἰ μὴ Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν πατέρα τῆς παιδὸς καὶ τὴν μητέρα. ἔκλαιον δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐκόπτοντο αὐτήν. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· μὴ κλαίετε· οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, ἀλλὰ καθεύδει. καὶ κατεγέλων αὐτοῦ, εἰδότες ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐκβαλὼν ἔξω πάντας καὶ κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτῆς ἐφώνησε λέγων· ἡ παῖς, ἐγείρου. καὶ ἐπέστρεψε τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀνέστη παραχρῆμα, καὶ διέταξεν αὐτῇ δοθῆναι φαγεῖν. καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῖς. ὁ δὲ παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς μηδενὶ εἰπεῖν τὸ γεγονός.