

# St. Demetrios

## Greek Orthodox Church

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### Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

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His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios

### Under the Spiritual Jurisdiction of the

### Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch  
Bartholomew I

### 2018/2019 Parish Council

**President** - Megan Rodriguez (2018)  
**Vice Pres.** - Dr. David Nichols (2018)  
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Corey Ferris (2019)  
Elan Nichols (2019)  
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### Parish Ministries & Organizations

#### Altar Boy Advisor

Dr. George Zubulake

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Andreas Skoutelas  
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#### Choir

**Director** - Toula Brown

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Joni Porchia

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# DIAKONIA

OCTOBER 2018

## God's Home and Ours – Cleaning the Church

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go up to the House of the Lord." –  
Psalm 121 (122)*

By: Fr. Timothy Cook

Cleaning the house is never my favorite – but I know that I (and we as a family) always feel better when the house is clean. Growing up in a family of ten in a big house, there was a lot of house to clean, so each of us had our assigned tasks. I cleaned the walls, my dad did all the bathrooms, my mother organized the smaller kids to pick up and re-organize the toys and clothes, my older brothers paired up and vacuumed every room. Though it seemed onerous at the time, I also remember that taking part in the regular cleaning gave me a great appreciation of our home – helped me even to realize that it was, indeed, my home as much as anyone else's. Even just cleaning walls gave me a sense of ownership for the cleanliness of those walls. Everyone had their task, and together we cleaned our home and made it fresh for another week. And as much as we disliked getting started, we always had a sense of accomplishment and pride after we were done – I never regretted the time spent cleaning our home, however much my parents had to push to get us started. Cleaning our home helped all of us, but especially the kids, to understand that it was **our** home, to appreciate it and take on some responsibility for it.

Every year, now, we have two Church Cleaning days – one in the weeks approaching our parish feast day, and one as we prepare for Great and Holy Lent. These Cleaning Days are an opportunity for us to come together and clean our spiritual home – to spruce it up, wipe off the dust and accumulated wax – to take ownership of the space. This space has been given into our care – to keep it clean and in good repair, so that it can fulfil the purpose for which it was made: to reflect the Kingdom of Heaven and to draw us "further up and further in" to the communion of God.

Just like when we clean our own homes as a family – everyone who comes to clean the church has their own particular job: some polish the silver, some vacuum, some dust, some clean the icons, some gather up and throw away trash and clutter. Cleaning Days are opportunities to reorganize classrooms and offices, to clean especially difficult areas that can't be cleaned by the custodian every week. But one of the most beautiful things about Cleaning Days is that, just like at home, there is always something for everyone to do. From the oldest to the youngest, every Cleaning Day is an opportunity for us to come into the Church and take responsibility for it, to care lovingly for it even as we care lovingly for our own homes, and to realize that this is, indeed, our home.

The Church is the source and beginning of our community – we learn what community is, in its fullness, in the Church, and it spreads out to the rest of our lives from the Chalice. We learn, ultimately, what "home" means in the Church, for here in the Divine Liturgy we experience "home" more than anywhere else. As we prepare to celebrate our Feast Day, and the anniversary of our parish – I invite you all to come on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am as we clean and prepare our home to celebrate the great feast of St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer. Bring your families, old and young, for this is an opportunity for joyful fellowship as we work to beautify the house and temple of God.

# 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.

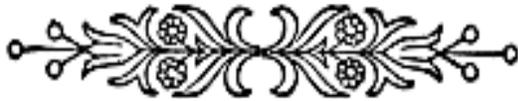
## VISION OF OUR PARISH

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

*Mark your calendars!*

**ST. DEMETRIOS DAY LUNCH**  
**Sunday, Oct. 28**

**\$5 per person suggested donation**



**FALL GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**  
**Sunday, Nov. 4**  
**After church services**

## *Prosforon & Fellowship Schedule*

- Oct. 7 P: Bessie Bone  
F: Elaine & Doug Dallas
- Oct. 14 P: Georgia Caris  
F: Kathy Huber & Kathy Metropoulos
- Oct. 21 P: Pres. Catherine Cook  
F: Vaia & Shawn Clifford
- Oct. 28 P: Gabby Economous  
F: ST. DEMETRIOS DAY LUNCH



*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.*

## ALTAR VIGIL CANDLES



- 8/21** - Happy Death for Tula Sharrard by the Sharrard Family
- 8/26** - For Motherhood & Children for Roxanne & Mike Dersa and their twin baby boys during pregnancy by Andrea and Corey Ferris
- 9/2** - In Memory of Sam Rouman by George & Fran Rouman
- 9/2** - In Memory of Steve Chronis by George & Fran Rouman
- 9/2** - Peace of mind, comfort and free of pain for Soula's sister Kyriaki Kaletsis by Lou & Soula Economou
- 9/3** - In Memory of Thea Penelope Preempti by the Legner & Eliades Families
- 9/9** - Successful operation for our granddaughter Christa by Yiota Psetas and Family
- 9/9** - Peace of mind, sick and dying while battling cancer for Soula's sister Koula Kaletsis by Lou & Soula Economou
- 9/9** - In Memory of Gus Paron by Marge Paron and Family
- 9/16-9/22** - In Memory of Tony's sister, Anastasia Stamatou departed one year by Tony Koutras and Family

## PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

October will keep our Philoptochos members very busy. We will be starting our bake sale early as people were asking to have our pastries early enough to include Thanksgiving. Also this month we celebrate St. Demetrios Day. We will have many activities that include decorating the church, hosting the vesper reception and the coffee hour on the 26th. We are taking donations for the many Mums that will fill the church. There is a sign up sheet on the pangari. Thank you to all the ladies that work so hard to keep our mission a success.

Joni Porchia  
President

# SAINT DEMETRIOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS • OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Holy Protection of the Theotokos Ananias, Apostle of the 70 Acts 9:10-19 Luke 6:24-30	<b>2</b> Cyprian and Justina Eleutherios and Roushtkos 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 6:37-45	<b>3</b> Dionysios the Areopagite John the Chozobite Acts 17:34-34 Luke 6:46-49, 7:1 Journey to Fullness (6 pm) "A Healing Purpose"	<b>4</b> Hierotheos, Bp. of Athens Domnina & her daughters Philippians 1:30-27 Luke 7:17-30	<b>5</b> Charitina the Martyr Methoda of Kamilos Philippians 1:27-30, 2:1-4 Luke 7:31-35	<b>6</b> ◆ Thomas the Apostle Erotes of Cappadocia 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31 Daughter Gyro Luncheon (11 am - 3 pm) Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
<b>7</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE ✠ Sergius & Bacchus of Syria II Corinthians 11:31-33, 12:1-9 Luke 7:11-16 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) Nominations for Parish Council open	<b>8</b> Pelagia the Righteous Pelagia of Antioch Philippians 2:12-15 Luke 7:36-50	<b>9</b> James the son of Alphaeus Andronicus & Athanasia of Egypt 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-38, 10:8	<b>10</b> Eulampios & Eulampia Theophilus the Confessor Philippians 2:14-30 Luke 8:22-25 Journey to Fullness (6 pm) "Truth and Tradition"	<b>11</b> Philip, Apostle of the 70 Theophanes, Bp. of Nicaea Acts 8:26-39 Luke 9:7-11	<b>12</b> Symeon the New Theologian Provos, Andronicus, & Tarachos Philippians 3:8-19 Luke 9:12-18	<b>13</b> ◆ Carpus, Agathoniki, Agathodoros, Pappulos & Benjamin the Deacon II Corinthians 1:8-11 Luke 6:1-10 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
<b>14</b> SUNDAY OF THE 7 <sup>th</sup> ECHENICAL COUNCIL ✠ Narcissos, Gervasios, Cedsius Titus 3:8-15 Luke 8:5-15 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) Philoptochos Meeting	<b>15</b> Loukianos of Antioch Savinos, Bishop of Catania Philippians 4:10-23 Luke 9:18-22	<b>16</b> Longinos the Centurion Colossians 1:1-3, 7-11 Matthew 27:33-54	<b>17</b> Hoses the Prophet Cosmas & Damian of Arabia Romans 9:18-33 Luke 9:44-50 Journey to Fullness (6 pm) "How Do I Understand the Bible?"	<b>18</b> Luke The Evangelist Marinos the Martyr Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 Luke 10:16-21	<b>19</b> Iodt the Prophet Varys the Martyr Acts 2:14-21 Luke 10:16-15	<b>20</b> ◆ Artemios of Antioch Gerastinos of Cephalonia II Corinthians 3:12-18 Luke 7:1-10 Cleansing Day (10:00 am) Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
<b>21</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE ✠ Hilarion the Great Galatians 2:15-20 Luke 8:26-39 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) Dop Meeting	<b>22</b> Averkos of Hierapolis Righteous Rufus Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 10:22-24	<b>23</b> James the Apostle Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople Galatians 1:11-19 Matthew 13:54-58	<b>24</b> Aretas the Great Martyr Selbina the Martyr Colossians 3:17-25, 4:1 Luke 11:9-13 Journey to Fullness (6 pm) "When We Say God, Pt. 1"	<b>25</b> ◆ Marctianos & Maritinos Tabitha, raised by Peter Colossians 4:2-9 Luke 11:14-23 Festal Vespers (6:00pm) Philoptochos Reception (7:30pm)	<b>26</b> ST. DEMETRIOS ☩ Great Martyr Demetrios II Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-27, 16:1-2 Orthros (9:00 am) Hierarchical Liturgy (10:00 am) Reception after Liturgy	<b>27</b> ◆ Phocas, Bishop of Sinope Phocas the Gardener II Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 8:16-21 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
<b>28</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE ✠ Holy Protection of the Theotokos Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 8:41-56 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) St. Demetrios Glendi	<b>29</b> Anastasia of Rome Arzamas & Maria 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Luke 11:29-33	<b>30</b> Cleopas of the 70 Zenobios & Zenobia 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 Luke 11:34-41	<b>31</b> Stachys of the 70 Nicholas the new Martyr Romans 16:1-16 Luke 11:42-46 Journey to Fullness (6 pm) "When We Say God, Pt. 2"			

• Shaded days denote a fast day ✠ denotes a Liturgy ◆ Great Vespers/Compline ❖ Akathist/Paraklisis ‡ Presanctified Liturgy ✦ fish/wine/oil allowed ☩ wine/oil allowed

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**Daughters of Penelope  
GYRO &  
BAKLAVA  
FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday,  
October 6  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Drive Thru**

**Gyros \$6  
Baklava \$2 piece  
Baklava \$20 doz.**



**Day**

**Lend a helping  
hand!**

**Saturday, Oct. 20  
10 a.m.**



**PARISH FEAST DAY  
THE 81<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF ST. DEMETRIOS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**JOIN US AND HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF  
SAINT DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMER!**

Schedule

**Thursday - October 25th**  
**Festal Vespers: 6:00 pm**  
With His Eminence  
Metropolitan Nicholas  
and the Clergy of the Metropolis  
The St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos  
will provide a reception after the Vespers.

**Sunday - October 29th**  
**Orthros: 8:50 am**  
**Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am**  
Feastday Luncheon after the Liturgy.

**Friday - October 26th**  
**Orthros: 9:00 am**  
**Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am**  
The St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos  
will provide a reception after the Liturgy.

**We will be taking our yearly parish  
picture during the Luncheon on  
Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**\$5 per person suggested donation**  
*Please come and help us celebrate this great  
Saint and the feast day of our Church!*