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December 6th, 2020

Nicholas the Wonderworker
Nicholas the New Martyr

10th Sunday of Luke

Antiphons. 2nd Mode.

Antiphon 1. Pg. 16. (By the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us).

Vs. 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.
Vs. 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.
Vs. 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Glory...Both now...By the prayers...

Antiphon 2. Pg. 18. (Save us, O Son of God, Who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia).

Vs. 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.
Vs. 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.
Vs. 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Glory...Both now...Only Begotten Son...


Vs. 1: This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.
Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ύπο τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σώμα, 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.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β’.
Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.
Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Απολυτίκια
Απολυτίκιον. Ἦχος α’.
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Dismissal Hymns
Resurrectional Mode 1.
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Τοῦ Ἁγίου. Ἦχος δ’.
Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ψυχάς ἡμῶν.

For the Saint. Mode 4.
A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.
Τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἡχος γ'.
Μέγαν εὐρατό ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ ύπερμαχόρα οἰκουμένη, Ἀθλοφόρε τὰ ἐκδηλώσῃ τοὺς θερμούμενον. ὡς οὖν Διονυσίου καθεῖλες τὴν ἔπαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ ἐποθήκης τὸν Νέστορα, οὕτως Ἅγιε, Μεγαλομάρτυς Δημήτριε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον. Ἡχος γ'.
Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀποῤῥήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Ἀνάγνωσμα τοῦ Ἀποστόλου
Προκείμενον. Ἡχος βαρύς. Ψαλμός 115.
Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τοῦ ὁσίου αὐτοῦ.
Στίχ.: Τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι; Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἅγιον ἅγιον. (13:17-21)
Ἄδελφοί, πείθεσθε τοῖς ἡγουμένοις ὑμῶν, καὶ ὑπείκετε· αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἀγρυπνοῦσιν ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ὑμῶν, ὡς λόγον ἀποδώσουσι· ἰνα μετὰ χαρὰς τοῦτο ποιῶσιν, καὶ μὴ στενάζοντες· ἀλυσιτελὲς γὰρ ὑμῖν τοῦτο. Προσεύχεσθε περὶ ἡμῶν· πεποίθαμεν γὰρ ὅτι καλὴν συνείδησιν ἔχομεν, ἐν πάσιν καλὰς θέλοντες ἀναστρέφεσθαι. Περισσοτέρως δὲ παρακαλῶ τοῦτο ποιῆσαι, ἵνα τάχιον ἀποκατασταθῶ ὑμῖν. Ὅ
may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 17.*

Vs. 1: The God who vindicates me, and who subdued the peoples under me.

Vs. 2: He who magnifies the salvation of His king and shows mercy to His anointed.

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading

*According to Luke. (13:10-17)*

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignat because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites!
Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.
Wisdom of the Fathers
"And yet here He speaks only; whereas elsewhere in many cases He heals by laying on of hands also. But nevertheless none of these things made them meek; rather, while the man was healed, they by his health became worse. For His desire indeed was to cure them before him, and He tried innumerable ways of healing, both by what He did in their presence, and by what He said: but since their malady after all was incurable, He proceeded to the work."
- St. John Chrysostom

Saints of the Week
December 06
Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

This Saint lived during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, and reposed in 330, As a young man, he desired to espouse the solitary life. He made a pilgrimage to the holy city Jerusalem, where he found a place to withdraw to devote himself to prayer. It was made known to him, however, that this was not the will of God for him, but that he should return to his homeland to be a cause of salvation for many. He returned to Myra, and was ordained bishop. He became known for his abundant mercy, providing for the poor and needy, and delivering those who had been unjustly accused. No less was he known for his zeal for the truth. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of the 318 Fathers at Nicaea in 325; upon hearing the blasphemies that Arius brazenly uttered against the Son of God, Saint Nicholas struck him on the face. Since the canons of the Church forbid the clergy to strike any man at all, his fellow bishops were in perplexity what disciplinary action was to be taken against this hierarch whom all revered. In the night our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lady Theotokos appeared to certain of the bishops, informing them that no action was to be taken against him, since he had acted not out of passion, but extreme love and piety. The Dismissal Hymn for holy hierarchs, The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock... was written originally for Saint Nicholas. He is the patron of all travellers, and of sea-farers in particular; he is one of the best known and best loved Saints of all time.

December 07
Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

This Saint was born in Gaul, and was a member of the Roman Senate. After the death of Auxentius, the Arian Bishop of Milan, a violent dispute arose among the Orthodox and Arians about who would succeed him. Ambrose, desiring as Governor of the province to
restore the peace, attempted to mediate between them. As he spoke to the people, eloquently persuading them to elect a new bishop without tumult and disorder, a young child, inspired from on high, suddenly cried out "Ambrose, bishop!" To his astonishment and dismay, the people immediately took up this cry themselves, and over his many protests, he was raised to the episcopal throne of Milan. A great Father of the Church, he wrote many works in Latin, and was both an unwearying opponent of Arianism, and a fearless accuser of emperors when they transgressed the law of God. Having lived fifty-seven years, he reposed on April 4, on the eve of Pascha, in the year 397.

December 09

The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, since Saint Anna, the Ancestor of God, was barren, she and her husband Joachim remained without children until old age. Therefore, sorrowing over their childlessness, they besought God with a promise that, if He were to grant them the fruit of the womb, they would offer their offspring to Him as a gift. And God, hearkening to their supplication, informed them through an Angel concerning the birth of the Virgin. And thus, through God's promise, Anna conceived according to the laws of nature, and was deemed worthy to become the mother of the Mother of our Lord (see also Sept. 8).

December 10

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus

Saint Menas, according to the Synaxaristes, had Athens as his homeland. He was a military officer, an educated man and skilled in speech, wherefore he was surnamed Kallikelados ("most eloquent"); Eugraphus was his scribe. Both had Christian parents. The Emperor Maximinus (he was the successor of Alexander Severus, and reigned from 235 to 238) sent Saint Menas to Alexandria to employ his eloquence to end a certain strife among the citizens. Saint Menas, having accomplished this, also employed his eloquence to strengthen the Christians in their faith, which when Maximinus heard, he sent Hermogenes, who was an eparch born to unbelievers to turn Menas away from Christ. But Hermogenes rather came to the Faith of Christ because of the miracles wrought by Saint Menas. Saints Menas, Eugraphus, and Hermogenes received the crown of martyrdom in the year 235.
December 11

Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople

This Saint was from the village of Marutha in the region of Samosata in Mesopotamia. He became a monk at the age of twelve. After visiting Saint Symeon the Stylite (see Sept. 1) and receiving his blessing, he was moved with zeal to follow his marvellous way of life. At the age of forty-two, guided by providence, he came to Anapplus in the environs of Constantinople, in the days of the holy Patriarch Anatolius (see July 3), who was also healed by Saint Daniel of very grave malady and sought to have him live near him. Upon coming to Anapplus, Saint Daniel first lived in the church of the Archangel Michael, but after some nine years, Saint Symeon the Stylite appeared to him in a vision, commanding him to imitate his own ascetical struggle upon a pillar. The remaining thirty-three years of his life he stood for varying periods on three pillars, one after another. He stood immovable in all weather, and once his disciples found him covered with ice after a winter storm. He was a counsellor of emperors; the pious emperor Leo the Great fervently loved him and brought his royal guests to meet him. It was at Saint Daniel's word that the holy relics of Saint Symeon the Stylite were brought to Constantinople from Antioch, and it was in his days that the Emperor Leo had the relics of the Three Holy Children brought from Babylon. Saint Daniel also defended the Church against the error of the Eutychians. Having lived through the reigns of the Emperors Leo, Zeno, and Basiliscus, he reposed in 490, at the age of eighty-four.

December 12

Holy New Martyr Peter the Aleut

The holy New Martyr Peter suffered martyrdom in San Francisco at the time that California belonged to Spain. An Aleut from Alaska, he and his companions were captured in California by the Spaniards. When he refused to abandon Orthodoxy to accept Latinism, which they wished to force upon him, the Spaniards submitted him to a martyrdom like that suffered by Saint James the Persian, cutting him apart joint by joint. He died from loss of blood in steadfast confession of the Faith in 1815.
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Fish/wine/oil allowed: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wine/oil allowed: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Notes:
- Synaxis of the Waters
- School (8:00 pm)
- St. Demetrios
- Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
- Orhlos (9:00 am)
- Men's Peer Group (8:00 pm)
Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

For Orthodox Christians
Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted appropriately and strive always to love God and their neighbor. Persons conscious of grave sin should seek immediately to be reconciled through the Mystery of Confession so they can begin again to receive Communion immediately. Frequent communion is recommended to all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians
We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions of Christianity that we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (Antidoron) which will be distributed at the end of the service.

Shut-ins and Hospital Visitation
If anyone is in the hospital or otherwise in need of prayer or visitation, we are happy to publish their information (name and/or visitation information) in the bulletin. Please note, however, that we are unable to publish such information without a direct request.

If you are interested in helping with the visitation of the sick, please speak to Presvytera Peggy or contact the Church office.

In your prayers:
Please continue to pray for the health and recovery of: Augusta Ahejew, Petro Ahejew, Ann De Corte, Soula Economou, Edward & Gabriella Economous, Jean Farrington, James Kokas, Krista Koopman, Paul Kushner, Mark Legner, Sharon Legner, Marge Paron, Bill Tarachas, and Eva Zestos.

(If you would like to have a name added to or removed from this list, please contact the Church office).

A Prayer for the Sick
O holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, Who sent Your Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: do You visit and heal Your servant (name), granting him/her release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that he/she may give thanks unto You and bless Your holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Prayer courtesy of the Antiochian Archdiocese, from the "Pocket Prayer Book"**
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
2020 Stewardship Commitment Form

“Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”
Psalm 90:12

A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN

Please bring this form to the Church or mail it to the Church Office at 4970 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

Name: __________________________________________
Street Address: __________________________ City: __________ State: ____ Zip Code: ________

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In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ’s work at St. Demetrios Church for 2020.
$____ weekly $____ monthly $____ quarterly $____ semi-annually $____ annually

Our goal as a parish family is to raise our stewardship by $20/month for the 2020 calendar year. However, stewardship is a spiritual discipline that should be discussed with your spiritual father.

Please indicate areas of expertise or interest where you would like to serve:
(Individuals should provide a check mark and families provide “H” for husband, “W” for wife and “C” for children)

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I/we would like to receive notifications from St. Demetrios by: ___ email ___ paper mail

You can also submit your stewardship card and your contributions online at www.stdemetrios.mi.goarch.org/stewardship

CONFIDENTIAL: For Authorized Parish Personnel Only
Our 2020 Stewardship goal is $170,000. As of December 3, we have received pledges reflecting 86% of that goal. Thank you to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2020. Please join them in their support of our St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

(Please submit any corrections to the Church office).

Total Pledges: $145,780.00  
Stewards pledged: 122  
Offerings Received: $138,414.13  
Pledges Unfulfilled: $17,910.65  
Largest pledge: $15,000.00  
Median pledge: $700.00

Rev. Fr. Timothy & Pr. Catherine Cook  
Rev. Fr. Peter & Pr. Peggy Bistolarides  
Augusta Ahejew  
Debra Ahejew  
Petro & Sandra Ahejew  
Petro Ahejew Jr.  
Chris & Olga Anagost  
George Andros  
John & Kathi Andros  
Dr. Thomas & Angela Barris  
Mr. & Mrs. Bastounis  
Dr. Andrew & Annie Bazakis  
Warren Bensinger  
Johnathan Bernhart  
Sophia Bernhart  
Tom & Joan Billingsley  
Deno Bistolarides  
Dr. John & Dr. Judy Blebea  
Jeremy & Taylor Blohm  
Dr. Kevin & Bessie Bone  
Dimitra Brown  
Perry Bu Jouves  
Mr. & Mrs. Caldwell  
Georgia Caris  
Shawn & Vaia Clifford  
Dr. Constantinos & Mimi Constantinou  
Bill & Vonnie DeLong  
Ashley Dietzel  
Mr. & Mrs. Duke  
Soula Economou  
Austin Economous  
Edward & Gabriella Economous  
Dorothy Ellis  
Michael & Dr. Stavroula Erfourth  
Bill & Alexia Evans  
Corey & Andrea Ferris  
Kathleen Gavalas  
Quincy & Kimberly Gowenlock  
Betty Lou Gustafson  
Marian Haddad  
Kurt & Svetlana Hauffee  
Evan & Alexia Houpis  
Bambi Howard  
Doug & Linda Hubbell  
Kathy Huber  
John & Melissa Ioannidis  
Matina Ioannidides  
Dr. Risty & Karen Kalivas  
George & Alexandra Kallos  
Mersina Karris  
Katerina & Athanasios Katsiouras  
Ron & Connie Kelso  
The Kennedy Family  
Elaine Kimmerly  
James & Mary Kokas  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kokas  
Anthony & Rula Koutras  
Thomas & Athena Kurtz  
Mr. & Mrs. Legakis  
Mark & Koula Legner  
Dr. Teona Maghlakelidze  
Mr. & Mrs. Majoros  
Dr. Elaine Makas  
Grace Makrianis  
Dymitr Malik  
Andrew & Stephanie Mehl  
Katherine Metropoulos  
Dominic & Amanda Moes  
Adam & Eleni Morris  
Tom & Peggy Nemode  
Dr. David & Elan Nichols  
David Ortega
Dennis & Soula Ostler
Eleftheria Paez
Jose & Joni Porchia
Eliana Porchia
Leonardo Porchia
Jamey Paron
Dr. Kelly Paron
Marge Paron
Dr. Nicholas & Julie Paron
Douglas & Leta Povich
Julia Povich
Kosta & Charolotte Povich
Chris & Yiota Psetas
Christine Rapanos & John Mighion
Elaine Rapanos
Jason Rapanos
Matt & Megan Rodriguez
George & Frances Rouman
Dr. Majed & Rheame Sahouri
Chris & Fani Samaras
Patricia Sharrad
Eftihios & Beverly Siradakis
Andreas & Paraskevi Skoutelas
Athanasios & Glykeria Skoutelas
John Skoutelas
Lambros Skoutelas
James & Marsha Stamas
Mr. & Mrs. Staudacher
Mr. & Mrs. Stavropoulos
Alexandra Sous
Michael & Dawn Sous
Rita Sous
Elaine Tambouridis
Achilles & Tena Tarachas
Electra Tarachas
William & Thespo Tarachas
Dr. George Triantafillou & Jean Farringtan
Gustav & Marty Triantafillou
Art Tselepis
Tamara Tsulaia & Vasil Mamaladze
Dr. George & Virginia Ulmer
John Veremis
Kanella Veremis
Theodore & Georgia Veremis
Athanasios & Eipnvn Veremis
James & Kathleen Zacharko
Ludmil & Adriana Zambov
James Zestos
Mr. & Mrs. Zewdea
Dr. George & Dr. Gladys Zubulake
James & Esmini Zubulake
Electronic giving is a convenient, easy solution when you don’t have cash or a checkbook. In just seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to an appeal or set up recurring payments.

- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation.
- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate directly to your favorite funds.

To learn more about giving online or through our GivePlus mobile app, contact our church office or visit
We're getting ready to place our order for the parish Christmas card. To be included in this year's card, please fill out this form and drop it off at the pangari desk after the service or send it to the Church Office along with a check for $10 made out to St. Demetrios.

Mail to: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
4970 Mackinaw Road
Saginaw, MI 48603

Your name: ____________________________________________________________

How you would like to be listed in the card: ______________________________

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Christmas card forms will also be available at the Pangari. Simply fill one out when you come to the church.
Your $10 donation helps defray the cost of the card.
**METROPOLIS OF DETROIT COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

*(see website or call office with questions)*

- Anyone who is currently experiencing **any** symptoms of illness **must** stay at home.
- All at risk persons are strongly encouraged to stay at home.
  - At risk persons are those with pre-existing health conditions, and those over the age of 65.

*St. Demetrios will continue to live-stream all of our services, so anyone who is so desires may continue streaming our services from home.*

- Everyone is **required** to wear masks. Masks are available at the door if one does not have one.
  - The priest may choose not to wear a face covering in the altar but must wear one while distributing Communion/antidoron.
- The faithful should refrain from kissing the icons and other holy objects, showing reverence instead with a bow.

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**Arguments as Opportunities**

All couples have disagreements; one of the keys to a healthy marriage is to “repair” hurts and negativity that may arise during an argument. “Repairs” will differ for each person and couple. For some, a tender touch is a means of repair; for others, humor helps to de-escalate an argument.

Discuss with one another what works for you to de-escalate tension and negativity during an argument and deliberately put it into practice, so that by God’s grace and your intentionality, arguments become opportunities for connection rather than threats to the stability of your marriage.
WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS: For those visiting today, we are excited to welcome you to St. Demetrios Church. Everyone is welcome at our services, though only those who are baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive the Holy Mysteries. We hope you will stay not only for the service, but afterwards for coffee hour, so we can greet you and get to know you. If anyone has any questions about the Orthodox Faith or joining St. Demetrios, please feel free to speak with Fr. Timothy after the service.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are seeking volunteers to help with our Stewardship Ministry, our Bookstore ministry, and our internet ministries (website, social media, etc). If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Timothy or Judy Blebea.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Sign-up today for our Christmas Card! The deadline for signing up is today. You can sign-up online through our website (link on our home page), or you can fill out the form in the bulletin/newsletter, or pick up one of the forms outside the Church Office. Your donations help to defray the cost of the card and support our ministries here at St. Demetrios.

TODAY'S GREETERS
Elan Nichols, Judy Blebea

Prophora
For the time being, we are operating with the Prophora that is in the freezer. This will only take us so far, however, so if you can, please consider baking and bringing some prophora to the Church.

Coffee Hour
Due to COVID, Coffee Hour has been suspended until further notice. However, as long as the weather lasts, we encourage everyone to stay and socialize outside after the service. We look forward to when we can safely resume our normal routine.
"For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."
- Matthew 25:35-36

We are preparing for our annual Food Baskets Outreach! Our goal this year is to make and distribute 100 baskets along with gifts, and we need your help to reach our goal!

**How can you help?**

1. At this stage, we're just collecting names and information. So if you know anyone who is in need of a basket this winter, please send the following information to Andrea Ferris (amackool@gmail.com / 313-995-7899). For anyone to be considered, we need their: Name, address, phone number, along with childrens' names/gender/ages/sizes of the children, along with particular needs (winter coat, boots, etc). **Information forms are available on the table outside the office in the Narthex.**

2. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please fill out the form below.

3. Mark your calendars! The Giving Tree will open on November 3rd; the food will be delivered on December 19th, Packing Day is December 20th, and Delivery Day is December 21st. We’ll need all hands on deck for each of those days!

4. Pray for us! By God’s grace, we have expanded this ministry each year. Please keep both the ministry and the families we minister to in your prayers throughout the year.

   *If you have questions, please speak to Andrea Ferris (amackool@gmail.com / 313-995-7899).*

Name: ________________________________
Cash ☐

Amount: ________________________________
Check ☐

*Please make checks out to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, with "Food Baskets" in the memo line.*

"Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." - St. John Chrysostom