On October 26th, 2019, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer and the 82nd anniversary of this parish. As we come together as a parish family to celebrate this feast, we will remember the successes and struggles of this year. We have had some beautiful moments in these 82 years, and we have had some struggles – moments of loss, and moments of disagreement and strife. As we celebrate this feast and our anniversary, it seems good to reflect on what it means to be this parish family, and how we can live even more as a family as we enter our 83rd year.

In his letter to Romans, chapter twelve, St. Paul reminds the Church that “we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” We are, indeed, a family, and in this time and place we are uniquely a family in that only in the Church do we find ourselves in community with those who are “other.” Everywhere else – in our families, our jobs, our neighborhoods, our politics – we meet with people who are like ourselves in one way or another, or who agree with us. In the Church, however, we are bound together by the Kingdom of Heaven, rather than politics, race, or preference, and so only in the Church do we now join in community with those who are unlike or disagree with us.

The Church is our family, but it is not a family that we have made or chosen, because ultimately the Church is God’s family. The word “ἐκκλησία,” which we translate “church,” literally means “assembly,” or “those who have been called together.” The family that is the Church is made and called by God for communion with God – this family is where we live out the reality of God with us, and learn to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

St. Paul exhorts the Church to live as the family and people of God. “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another…repay no one evil for evil…Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

My brothers and sisters in Christ, as we celebrate our patronal feast day and enter another year of ministry and life for our parish family, let us continue to grow in these virtues.

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Father’s Message….
Let us have regard for the good things of God, and not for the evil or temporary things of this world, by:

1. Remembering that we are a family, not of our own choice or making, but because God has called us together as His Body, remembering that each of us is dependent upon each other, and that my life is inextricably bound up with yours.

2. Loving each other unconditionally, and remembering that whatever may divide us (race, politics, economics) is infinitesimally small compared to the Kingdom of Heaven which unites us.

3. Supporting each other in need, propping up our members when they are toppled by grief, pain, sickness, and struggles of every kind – rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep.

4. Welcoming without question our neighbors who come seeking what we have been given – the communion of the Kingdom of Heaven in all its fullness.

5. Remembering that the Church is a hospital for the broken and extending the same love and welcome that Christ has given us to all our members – past, present, and future – as we journey together from brokenness into wholeness, from darkness into light.

In Scripture and the writings of the Fathers we are constantly reminded that the Christian life can only be lived out in community –“it is not good for man to be alone.” Our ministries and our very lives depend on the communion which we live out – day to day, week to week, and year to year – in our local parish. Let us, therefore, as we enter our 83rd year as a parish, come together in ever greater unity.

Blessed Feast!
+Fr. Timothy

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**Prosforon & Fellowship Schedule**

Oct 6  P: Kathy Metropoulos  
   F: Pres. Peggy Bistolarides

Oct 13  P: Vaia Clifford  
   F: Eleni & Adam Morris

Oct 20  P: Peggy Nemode  
   F: Maroulla & Crissy Neophytou

Oct 27  P: Elan Nichols  
   F: St. Demetrios Day Luncheon

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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.

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**ALTAR VIGIL CANDLES**

7/14 - In Memory of Bob Gogor, departed 40 days, by Eddie & Gabriella Economous

7/14 - Successful Operation and Better Health for Russ Ahejew by Petro & Sandra Ahejew

7/14 - Good Health & Happiness for the Milionis family by Barbara Milionis

7/14 - For Family & Relatives, Stephen Wylie, by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Niederer

7/21 - Better Health for Eleni & Demi Smiaris by Panayiota Smiaris

7/21 - In Memory of Dorothy Kouvelas by Elaine Kimmerly & Family

7/22 - For Family & Relatives, Blebea/Sanna Family, by Judy Blebea

7/22 - Better Health for Russ Ahejew by Petro & Sandra Ahejew

7/28 - Better Health for Jaime VanHarven by Petro & Sandra Ahejew

7/28 - For Family & Relatives, Children, Special Purposes for the Blebea/Sanna Family, by Judy Blebea

7/28 - 8/3 - Better Health for John Kostick by Petro & Sandra Ahejew

8/3 In Memory of beloved husband, Dick Gustafson, by Betty Lou Gustafson

8/25 Better Health for Dr. Louis Economou by Betty Gustafson & Christopher Gustafson

8/25 - Better Health, Sick & Dying for Jeanne Cucco by the Ferris Family

9/8 - In Memory of Sam Rouman by George & Fran Rouman

9/8 - In Memory of Steve Chronis by George & Fran Rouman

9/9 - In Memory of Gus Paron by Marge Paron & Family

9/9 - In Memory of Bill Mason (Eddie’s Uncle) by Edward & Gabriella Economous
Welcome to all members for the beginning of another great year!

October is a very busy month for our group, we will be working on our annual bake sale and on the St. Demetrios celebration.

Dates to remember:
- Tuesday, Oct. 1 we will prepare the spanakopita.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 is the community wide cleaning day.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22 we will make tiropita.
- Friday, Oct. 25 we will host the Vespers potluck.
- Saturday, Oct. 26 we will host the coffee hour after the liturgy.

It’s great that we have such a terrific team and we all pitch in to make all these events a success.

Thanks to all!
Joni Porchia
President

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**Schedule**

**Friday - 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.*

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

**Sunday, October 27th**
Orthros: 8:50 am
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
*Feastday Luncheon after the Liturgy.*

**Saturday, October 19**
10a.m. - 2p.m.
Please come help clean the church!
More hands make light work.
St. Demetrios Feast Day Luncheon
Join us and His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Demetrios the Myrrh streamer and the 82nd Anniversary of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church!

Sunday, October 27th, 2019
After church service

Lunch Menu

Greek Salad
Tiropita
Spanakopita
Pastichio
Moussaka
Roll & Butter
Assorted Greek Pastries
Coffee, Milk & Pop
For the kids: Chicken Nuggets & Tater tots

$5 suggested donation
With Presbytera Catherine Cook:

Wednesday, October 30 - 6:00 p.m. - What is Confession?
Saturday, November 2 - 1:00 p.m. - What is Confession?
Wednesday, November 6 - 6:00 p.m. - How do we do Confession?
Saturday, November 9 - 1:00 p.m. - How do we do Confession?

With Father Timothy & Father Peter:

Saturday November 16th - 1:00 p.m. - Everybody goes to Confession

Who is this for? - Everybody! Children MUST be accompanied by at least one parent, open to all ages 7 and up, adults are also welcome. Each session is offered twice so everyone has an opportunity to attend. For Confession on Nov. 16th, both Fr. Timothy & Fr. Peter will be available to hear confessions.

If you’ve never gone to confession or it’s been awhile, then this is for you!

**WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, October 30th - 6:00 PM**

What is a "Trunk or Treat?" It's just like "Trick or Treat," except that instead of going from door to door, we gather with our cars in the church parking lot and go trunk-to-trunk!

The evening will begin with a casual dinner (provided) in the Fellowship Hall, (along with cider and donuts!), followed by some games and activities, before ending with "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot. This is an event for the entire Parish family (and friends!), so please join us!

Come in costume (adults can too!), and bring candy to distribute out of your trunk. You can also decorate your trunk however you like (but you don't have to, if you don't want to).

RSVP to Andrea at amackool@gmail.com or by phone at 313-995-7899.
On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope and the Saginaw Greek Festival Committee, this goes to all those who helped before, during and after for our Gyro Fundraiser. We had a successful day. We had a lot of traffic, great food, and fantastic fellowship.

General Assembly

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019
After church services
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**Notes:**
- All events are subject to change.
- More information is available on the website.
We are beginning our preparations for our annual Food Baskets Outreach! It's still a ways off, but we've started the planning process. 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 / 313-995-9121). 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 / 313-995-9121).*