

**HELLENIC COMMUNITY OF HAMILTON AND DISTRICT
ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH HAMILTON**
proudly serving our community since 1952

The holy and blessed Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council (787AD)
Sunday, October 17, 2021



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome to st. Demetrios Hamilton!

We are a religious community, with ecclesiastical and cultural programming, centered around the traditions and values of our Holy Orthodox faith. We offer opportunities to explore our faith through engaging and immersive programming such as: Sunday School / Catechism, Greek Language Instruction for youth and adults, Greek Dance and Folklore instruction, as well as bible study. We offer many opportunities to engage with the community, such as Philanthropy through our Holy Trinity Philoptochos Society, volunteering opportunities at festivals and events, and youth social activities, community excursions and religious retreats.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΧΑΜΙΛΤΟΝ ΚΑΙ ΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΕΙΑΣ
ΕΛΛΗΝΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΝΟΡΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΧΑΜΙΛΤΟΝ
ἀπὸ τὸ 1952

22 Head street, Hamilton, ON L8P 1R9

Tel. (905) 529-9651

www.stdemetrios.ca

stdemetriosgochamilton@gmail.com

Office Location: 27 Head street, Hamilton, ON L8P 1R9
(across the street from the Church).
Secretary: Aikaterini (Rena) Georgakopoulos

Office closed on Mondays
Open Tue-Fri – 5pm to 7pm

SUNDAYS: 9am – Matins & 10:15am – Divine Liturgy

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Eothinon 6: Lk. 24:36-53
Epistle: Tit 3:8-15
Gospel: Lk 8:5-15

Presiding Priest
the V. Rev. Archimandrite
of the Most Holy Archdiocese of Constantinople
Fr. Photios Tsamis
photios.tsamis@gmail.com
mobile: (289) 775-9652

2021 Community Council

President
Anastasios (Tom) Zafiridis

Vice President
Frank Spyridoulis

Secretary
Tina Edwards

Treasurer
Peter Kourtakis

Board members

Eleftherios (Terry) Tsiliganos, Nathan Hondronicols, Elias Thersidis, John Kartas, Athanasios (Tom) Kavouras, Nikolaos Triantafillou, Sophie Savruk, Sue Zafiridis and Antonis Halkeas

Role of the Community Council

The role and responsibilities of the Church Council members is to represent their parish and the Orthodox Christian faith as leaders of the community. The Council consists of the Priest and the elected members.

Mission of the Community Council

Our goal as the parish council is to practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure by setting an example for the parish and ensure that we provide an enjoyable and comfortable experience through our administration services towards our membership and non-members entering the front doors every day. As ambassadors of Faith and your council representative, we encourage you to feel free and approach us for any inquiries you may have.

Council Meetings occur on the First Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise communicated.

Hymns for this morning

Resurrectional Apolytikion, mode 8

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Entrance Hymn, mode 2

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Halleluia.

Εἰσοδικόν, ἦχος β'

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλοῦῖα.

Apolytikion for the holy fathers, mode 8

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν ἁγίων μαρτύρων, ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντα ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of st. Demetrios, mode 3

All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us, in times of danger, and defeating our foes O victorious one, so as you humbled Lyaeos' arrogance, by giving courage to Nester in the stadium, O Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, to Christ Our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον ἁγ. Δημητρίου, ἦχος γ'

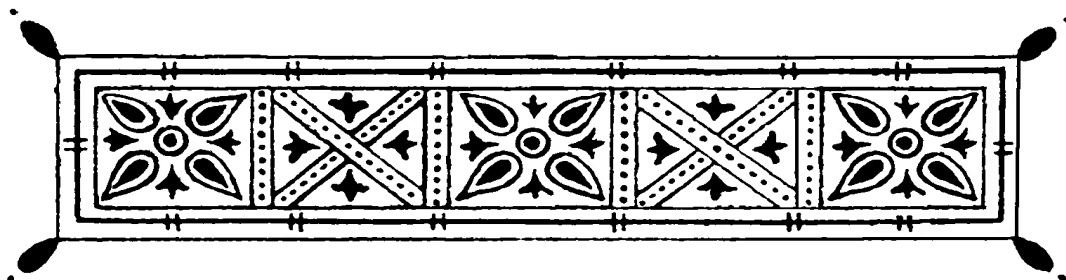
Μέγαν εὔρατο, ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ ὑπέρμαχον, ἢ οἰκουμένη, Ἀθλοφόρε τὰ ἔθνη τροπούμενον. Ὡς οὖν Λυαίου καθεῖλες τὴν ἔπαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ θαρρύνας τὸν Νέστορα, οὕτως Ἄγιε, Μεγαλομάρτυς Δημήτριε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion, mode 2

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Κοντάκιον, ἦχος β'

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



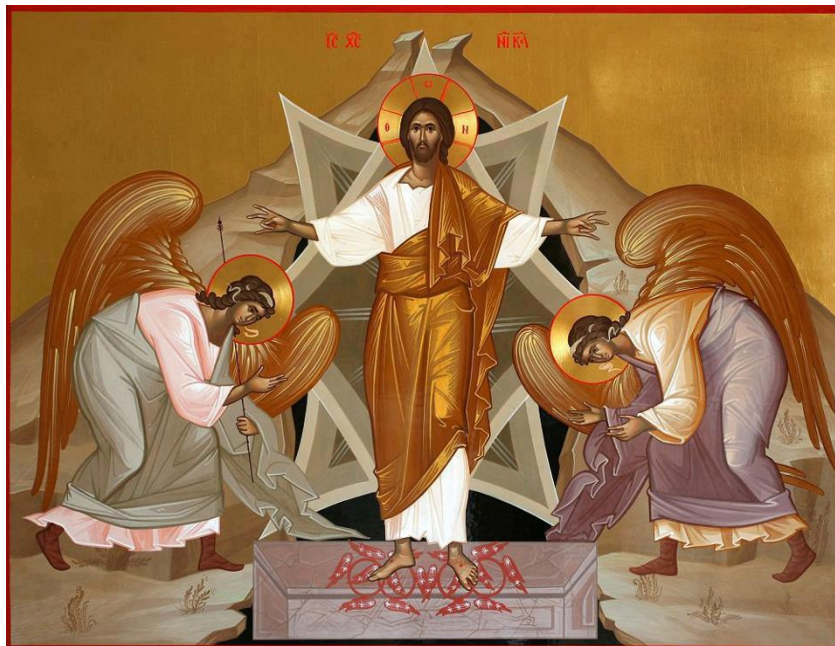
The readings for today

Eothinon 6, Luke 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus went up and stood among His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb, and He took it and ate before them. Then He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name in all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the Temple blessing God. Amen.

Ἑωθινὸν Ϛ', Κατὰ Λουκᾶν ΚΑ' 36-53

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀναστὰς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκ νεκρῶν ἔστη ἐν μέσῳ τῶν Μαθητῶν, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς: "Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν." Πτοηθέντες δὲ καὶ ἔμφοβοι γενόμενοι, ἐδόκουν πνεῦμα θεωρεῖν. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς: "Τί τεταραγμένοι ἐστέ, καὶ διατι διαλογισμοὶ ἀναβαίνουσιν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; Ἴδετε τὰς χεῖράς μου καὶ τοὺς πόδας μου, ὅτι αὐτὸς ἐγὼ εἰμι, ψηλαφήσατέ με καὶ ἴδετε, ὅτι πνεῦμα σὰρκα καὶ ὀστέα οὐκ ἔχει, καθὼς ἐμὲ θεωρεῖτε ἔχοντα." Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν, ἐπέδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τοὺς πόδας. Ἔτι δὲ ἀπιστούντων αὐτῶν ἀπὸ τῆς χαρᾶς, καὶ θαυμαζόντων, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς: "Ἐχετέ τι βρώσιμον ἐνθάδε; Οἱ δὲ ἐπέδωκαν αὐτῷ ἰχθύος ὀπτοῦ μέρος, καὶ ἀπὸ μελισσίου κηρίου. Καὶ λαβὼν, ἐνώπιον αὐτῶν ἔφαγεν. Εἶπε δὲ αὐτοῖς: "Οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι, οὓς ἐλάλησα πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔτι ὧν σὺν ὑμῖν, ὅτι δεῖ πληρωθῆναι πάντα τὰ γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ νόμῳ Μωσέως καὶ Προφήταις καὶ Ψαλμοῖς περὶ ἐμοῦ." Τότε διήνοιξεν αὐτῶν τὸν νοῦν, τοῦ συνιέναι τὰς Γραφάς: καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς: "Ὅτι οὕτω γέγραπται, καὶ οὕτως εἶδεν παθεῖν τὸν Χριστόν, καὶ ἀναστῆναι ἐκ νεκρῶν τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ, καὶ κηρυχθῆναι ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ μετάνοιαν καὶ ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν εἰς πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, ἀρξάμενον ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλήμ. Ὑμεῖς δὲ ἐστε μάρτυρες τούτων. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ Πατρὸς μου ἐφ' ὑμᾶς: ὑμεῖς δὲ καθίσατε ἐν τῇ πόλει Ἱερουσαλήμ, ἕως οὗ ἐνδύσηθε δύναμιν ἐξ ὕψους." Ἐξῆγαγε δὲ αὐτοὺς ἔξω εἰς Βηθανίαν, καὶ ἐπάρας τὰς χεῖρας Αὐτοῦ, εὐλόγησεν αὐτούς. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ εὐλογεῖν Αὐτὸν αὐτούς, διέστη ἀπ' αὐτῶν, καὶ ἀνεφέρετο εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν. Καὶ αὐτοὶ, προσκυνήσαντες Αὐτόν, ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ μετὰ χαρᾶς μεγάλης. Καὶ ἦσαν διαπαντός ἐν τῷ Ἱερῷ, αἰνοῦντες καὶ εὐλογοῦντες τὸν Θεόν. Ἀμήν.



Epistle reading from Paul's Letter to Titus

Tit. 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τιτ Γ' 8-15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιουῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες Θεῷ. Ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. Αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. Μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ᾧσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν. Ἀμήν.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk. 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the Word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Λκ Η' 5-15

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· "Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπεῖρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπεῖρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυνὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιζαν αὐτό. Καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυνὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν ἑκατονταπλασίονα." Ἐπληρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· "Τίς εἶη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη;" Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· "Ἑμῖν δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. Ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσὶν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. Οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. Τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. Τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ." Καὶ ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· "Ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω."

Synaxarion

On October 17, we commemorate the holy Prophet Hosea.

On this day we commemorate the holy monastic martyr Andrew of “the Judgement”

On this day we commemorate the translation of the precious relics of holy and righteous Lazarus.

On this day we commemorate the brothers Cosmas and Damian, Leontius, Anthimus and Euprepus, the holy martyrs and unmercenaries.

On this day we also observe the memory of the the holy and blessed Fathers who convened in Nicea for a second time, under the Orthodox and Christ-loving emperors Constantine and Irene, against those who in an impious, uneducated, and thoughtless manner said that the Church of God practiced idolatry and who had taken down the august and holy icons.

By the intercessions of the holy Fathers, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Συναξάριον

Τῆς ΙΖ΄ τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνὸς μνήμη τοῦ ἁγίου Προφήτου Ὡσηέ.

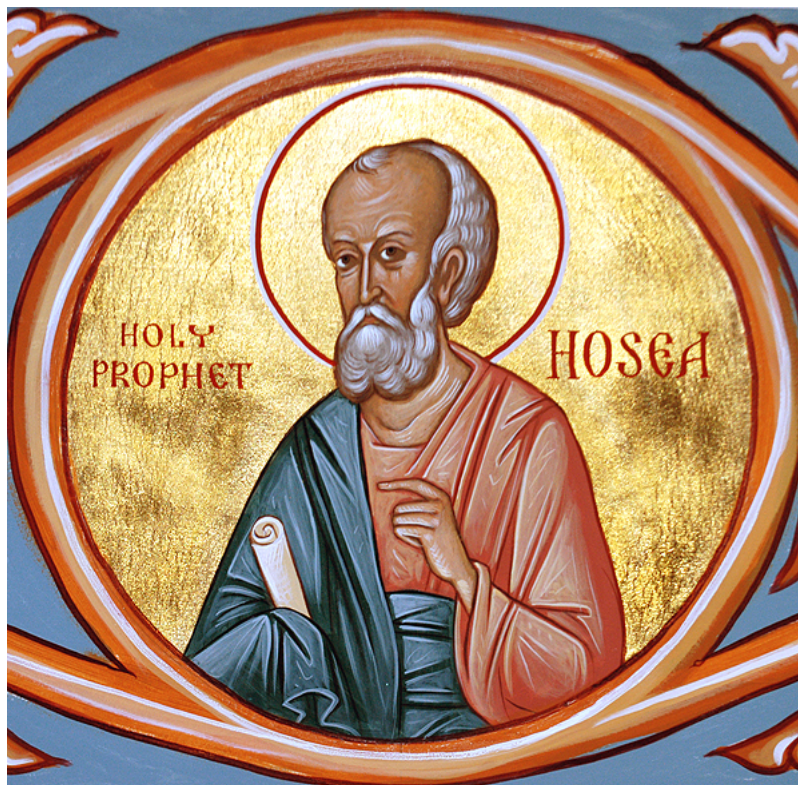
Τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρας μνήμη τοῦ ἁγίου Ὁσιομάρτυρος Ἀνδρέου τοῦ “ἐν τῇ Κρίσει”.

Τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρας μνήμη τῆς ἀνακομιδῆς τοῦ τιμίου λειψάνου τοῦ ἁγίου καὶ Δικαίου Λαζάρου.

Τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρας μνήμη τῶν ἁγίων ἀναδελφῶν Μαρτύρων καὶ Ἀναργύρων, Κοσμᾶ καὶ Δαμιανοῦ, Λεοντίου, Ἀνθίμου, καὶ Εὐπρεπίου.

Τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρας μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν τῶν ἁγίων καὶ μακαρίων Πατέρων, τῶν ἐν Νικαίᾳ συνελθόντων τὸ δεύτερον, ἐπὶ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ φιλοχρίστων βασιλέων Κωνσταντίνου καὶ Εἰρήνης, κατὰ τῶν δυσσεβῶς καὶ ἀμαθῶς καὶ ἀπερισκέπτως τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰδωλολατρεῖν εἰπόντων καὶ τὰς σεπτὰς καὶ ἁγίας εἰκόνας καταβαλόντων.

Ταῖς τῶν ἁγίων Πατέρων πρεσβείαις, ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Ἀμήν.



FROM FATHER'S SERMON

With today's reading from the Gospel, my beloved Christians, our Lord teaches us that everyone is called to the Kingdom of Heavens, but not everyone gets there. He uses a Parable with an example drawn from that time's agricultural life. The Sower! The Sower sows the seeds. Some fall along the path, some on the rock, some among thorns and some into good soil. The Lord Himself explained this Parable to His disciples. From it we see that there are four groups of men corresponding to the four places where the seed falls. The seed is the word of God and the different places are the different types of men's heart. The first type is of the man whose heart is hardened so much as a paved path or in today's words as the concrete in the streets. A man like this is not interested in receiving the word of God. As he is indifferent, the devil takes away from him even the slightest thing that would give him faith and lead him to salvation. And so he perishes. The second type is of a man that in his heart receives the word of God with joy at the beginning, but later on he gives up. As a child, a man's heart is pure and can receive the word of God. As the child grows and becomes a man, his heart is hardened, becomes like rock and the word weathers and disappears from his heart. It starts when a young man or a young adult, stops going to church, stops receiving Holy Communion. That's the first sign of a heart that hardens until no godly seed can be found in it, so that the man will perish. The third type is of the man whose heart is full of worries, troubles, cares of this world. What he will eat, what he will drink, how will he make more money, how will he advance in his career. These are the thorns that choke the seed of the word of God in a man's heart and lead him to perish. And then there is the last type, the man with a good heart, as the fertile soil. This man loves God and his fellow men and thus the word of God takes deep root into his heart and gives fruit. A man like this doesn't let temptation fill his heart and harden it or the cares of this world bring him down. He is willing to be with God and so, he moves towards Him by sacrificing a few hours sleep on a Sunday to go to church, by listening to the liturgy and praying along, by heeding to the sermon because this is the seed of the word of God, by receiving Holy Communion and becoming one with Christ and his fellow Christians in the Church, by keeping alive the testimony of his faith with deeds even when he's outside the church and the praying hours, at home, at work, with his family, his friends and his enemies. That is the type of man who is pleasing to God and will be welcomed in the Kingdom of Heavens.

DID YOU KNOW

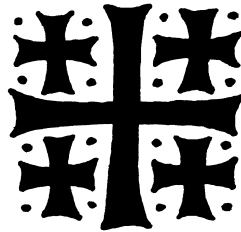
that traditionally Sunday Schools begin today? In many orthodox countries and regions this day is chosen because of the Parable of the Sower. As the seeds fall into the hearts of our youth, we pray that they fall on good soil and that the Word of God will take roots in them so that they may become good and enlightened Christians, beacons to the darkness of this world.



MEMORIALS TODAY

- **Calypso Shangas (nee Bantis), 40 days.** Beloved wife to Peter (2003), cherished mother to daughter Cathy and son Tom (Irena), proud grandmother to Nicholas (Annette) and also loved by Eric. She slept in the Lord on September 9 2021.
- **Georgios Thersidis, 6 months.** Loving husband of Eirini (nee Poursanidou) and cherished father to Eleftheria, Elias and Dimitra Christina. Dear son of Elias and Eleftheria and beloved brother of Christos. He slept in the Lord on Holy Monday April 26 2021, aged 55. George was an eager volunteer in our Community, serving as GOYA President, President of the “Panagia Soumela” Pontian Society of Hamilton and as a Council Member of our Church.
- **Georgios Hatzis, 1 year.** Beloved husband of the late Eleni. Dear father of Les Hatzis (Cleo). He slept in the Lord July 2 2020, aged 91.
- **Georgios Miminis, 1 year.** Beloved husband of Olympia; cherished by his children, John, Steve and Kiki (Paul Borsc); his grandsons, George, Tommy, Philip and Michael; and his siblings, Patra Kouskoussis (Nick), Nick (Stella), Tony (Despina) and Evdokia Psarakis (Angelo).
- **Konstantina Papalambropoulos, 1 year.** Loving mother of Bob, Sonia (Kosta) and grandchildren Anthony and Alexia. She slept in the Lord on October 22 2020, aged 66.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!



PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Greek School has resumed courses for this year! We wish all the students a Good and Blessed School Year filled with knowledge! The Service for the Blessing of the Water for Schools and Students (Agiasmos) will be celebrated today in our church, near the end of the liturgy.
- The Ecumenical Patriarchate does a fundraising for the recently burnt Monastery of St. Paraskevi in Mazi region (between Attica and Corinthia). Our Holy Archdiocese contributes by sending the collections of today's tray to the Patriarchate.
- The Holy and Sacred Synod of our Patriarchate decided to establish the Sunday closest to October 17th and 18th each year as the day of the Synaxis of all the Holy Physicians, as an appreciation of the essential contribution of the medical science and its ministers toward humanity during the pandemic. You can read the Encyclical Letter at the end of this Bulletin.



St. DEMETRIOS GREEK SCHOOL

Our Faculty

Principal: Eirini Zacharidis (Saturday Class: Grades 6, 7, and 8)

Teaching Staff

Chrisoula Mitevski (Junior/Senior Kindergarden)

Theoktisti Dimakis (Grades 1 and 2)

Elisavet Zacharidis (Grades 3, 4 and 5)

Areti Tsiliganos (Grades 6, 7 and 8)

Greek School Committee

President: Vasilis Zougras

Secretary: Christina Kouniakis

Treasurer: Anna Makrides

Members: Maria Stypsianos, John Stefanopoulos, Natasha and Bill Papagiannis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School is set to begin on October 17 this year. More information will follow.

GREEK DANCE GROUP

The Hamilton Hellenic Traditional Dance Group of St. Demetrios was created as part of an initiative to connect our youth and provide a platform to explore traditional Greek Dance and Folklore via the formation of a Performance Troupe.

For more information on how to join or questions regarding our programming or upcoming performances, **please contact Sue Zafiridis or Anthony Halkeas at 905 529-9651.**

HOLY TRINITY PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

The mission of the Ladies Philoptochos (Holy Trinity) is to assist needy people, families and non-profit organizations, and to contribute towards the needs of our Church and Community.

President: Fotini Edwards

Vice-President: Argyro Constantinou

Secretary: Anastasia Terzis

Corresponding Secretary: Magdalini Moschos

Treasurer: Vasiliki Kourtakis

Advisor to the Board: Vasiliki Davili

Members: Georgia Dimas, Tasoula Dismatsek, Sophia Kokkinidis, Dimitra Markopoulos, Stella Miminias, Roubini Morden, Eleni Papagiannis, Kalliopi Peters.

Philoptochos meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 PM

For more information on how you can join our movement please contact:

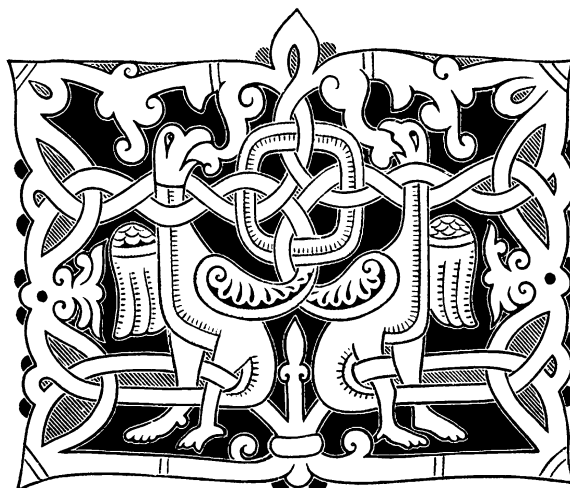
Fotini Edwards (905) 921-6293

To renew your membership please contact:

Vasiliki Kourtakis (905) 389-6064, (905) 536-4349

SERVICE PROGRAM OCTOBER 2021

<p>3 Sunday 2nd of Luke <i>Dionysios the Areopagite, Theogenis</i></p>	<p>Matins and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>10 Sunday 3rd of Luke <i>Evlambios and Evlambia m.</i></p>	<p>Matins and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>17 Sunday 4th of Luke <i>7th Ecum. Council, Hoshea proph.</i> <i>Anthimos</i></p>	<p>Matins and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>23 Saturday <i>James Brother of the Lord,</i> SATURDAY OF THE SOULS</p>	<p>Matins, Divine Liturgy and Trisagion for those who have fallen asleep</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>24 Sunday 6th of Luke <i>Arethas and Sevastiani martyrs</i></p>	<p>Matins and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>25 Monday, ST. DEMETRIOS EVE Great Vespers of the Feast, presided by His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Patara</p>	<p>Great Archieratical Vespers and Artoklasia</p>	<p>07:00pm- 08:30pm</p>
<p>26 Tuesday, FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIOS <i>the Great martyr of Salonica</i> <i>and Myrrh-streamer.</i> Matins and Archieratical Divine Liturgy, officiated by His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Patara</p>	<p>Matins and Archieratical Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>28 Thursday <i>Holy Protection of Theotokos</i> "OXI" Day, Greek National Anniversary</p>	<p>Matins, Divine Liturgy and Doxology for the "OXI" Anniversary</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>
<p>31 Sunday 5th of Luke <i>Stachys, Apellos, Aristovoulos of the</i> 70</p>	<p>Matins and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>09:00am- 12:00pm</p>





PATRIARCHAL ENCYCLICAL
FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY PHYSICIANS

From ancient Christianity to modern times, doctors, nurses, and specialist healers, as well as other simple and conscientious faithful Christians have served “those in illness and suffering” by tangibly expressing God’s love for mankind, after the example and in the image of Christ.

A number of these were distinguished for their holiness, which the Church has recognized by officially canonizing them and including them to its Calendar of Saints. Many of them were physicians, while several others founded hospitals and philanthropic institutions, ministering the sick with humble dedication and meekness. Not only did they have excellent medical knowledge and skills, but they were additionally imbued by the sacrificial love of the Crucified Savior and profoundly grounded in the reality of the Church as the Body of Christ. In this way, medicine and philanthropy were consonant with the medical science of their age, but at the same time consistently incorporated in the ecclesial event.

As bearers of divine grace and imitators of the God-man Christ, who sanctified and renewed all creation through His incarnation, the objective of their endeavors was to introduce the fallen nature of humankind to the new creation by jointly healing body and soul, thereby demonstrating the value of human existence as a psychosomatic unity, but also the mutual unity between God and humanity. As preachers of truth, these Holy Physicians and Philanthropists understood that, in order for every human being to be healed, all the created world must be restored and integrated. Their philanthropy comprised an expression of the divine hospitality of the Father, who gathers His children under His bosom, the Church, the Hostel of mercy and joy. For the consolation, support and welfare of their patients, they intercede to the Great Physician and Loving God for the healing of our souls and bodies.

In the anguish, fear, pain and sorrow that emerged as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the eyes of the faithful are turned toward these Saints with their healing gifts. These Saints constitute the special anchor and example for doctors, nurses and all those serving in the medical field, who throughout the pandemic have offered extraordinary

efforts in order to save lives and provide care, treatment and relief to their fellow human beings who were suffering.

The pandemic revealed the vulnerable dimension of human nature, the prevailing imbalance in the natural environment as a result of greed, the existing division and conflict within the wider society, as well as the tensions within the Church itself. It compelled us to reflect on the way we live out our faith before the tragic threat of death, the loss of our loved ones, and the loneliness created by illness and mourning. It directed us to seek the grace of our loving God through the assistance and intercession of the Saints. Moreover, the pandemic brought to the surface the authentic meaning of philanthropy, the need for collaboration and coordination of all social actors, as well as the mandatory cooperation between Church and medical science. Indeed, the pandemic highlighted eminent individuals in the field of medicine and health care, who, as the Saints, exercised their profession and afforded care and support to the sick, contributed their services with self-sacrifice and tenderness, surpassing human standards under difficult circumstances, in order to confront the multidimensional consequences of this health crisis.

Bearing all these things in mind, our Holy and Sacred Synod decided to establish the Sunday closest to October 17th and 18th each year (when we commemorate the Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary Healers and the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke the Doctor) as the day of the *Synaxis of all the Holy Physicians* as an appreciation for the essential contribution of the medical science and its ministers toward humanity.

Beloved doctors and healers, we congratulate you for your invaluable service and thank you paternally, praying that the Lord God may support and strengthen you in your blessed work. We encourage you to show sincere love and compassion, to honor one another and cultivate earnest faith "serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, being patient in tribulation, remaining constant in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, and practicing hospitality" (Rm 12.9-15) so that through you the Holy Trinity and Giver of all good things may be glorified.

September 28, 2021

Ἐπισημοποιεῖται ἀπὸ τῆς Ἁγίας καὶ ἁγίας
Ἐκκλησίας τῆς Κωνσταντινουπόλεως
καὶ διαδόχου καθέδρου τῆς
ἐκείνης τῆς Ἁγίας καὶ ἁγίας
ἐκκλησίας τῆς Κωνσταντινουπόλεως.