**Weekly Bulletin**

January 5\(^{th}\), 2020

**Eve of Theophany**  
Holy Martyrs Theopemptus & Theonas

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**Upcoming Events**

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

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2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.
3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Glory...Both now...Only Begotten Son...

Verse: This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.

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Antiphons. 2nd Mode.

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Glory...Both now...Only Begotten Son...
Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἐλεγον. Ἐσκύλευται οθάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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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
Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος δ’.
Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, έκ κοιλίας ἅδου ἐῤῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Dismissal Hymns
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Προεόρτιον. Ἦχος δ’.
Ἀπεστρέφετό ποτε, ὁ Ἰορδάνης ποταμός, τῇ μηλωτῇ Ἐλισαιέ, ἀναληφθέντος Ἠλιού, καὶ διῃρεῖτο τὰ ὕδατα ἐνθεν καὶ ἐνθεν, καὶ γέγονεν αὐτῷ, ξηρὰ ὁδὸς ἡ ὑγρά, εἰς τύπον ἀληθῶς τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, δι’ οὗ ἡμεῖς τὴν Ῥέουσαν, τοῦ βίου διαπερῶμεν διάβασιν, Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ, ἁγιάσαι τὰ ὕδατα.

For the Forefeast. Mode 4.
Jordan River once turned back when Elisha struck its stream with his mantle in the wake of Elias's ascent; and the water was parted to the one side and to the other. And thus the fluid stream became a dry way for him, a symbol and truly a type of Baptism, by which we now pass over the streaming passage of the present life. And Christ appeared at the Jordan River to sanctify the waters.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἦχος γ’.
Μέγαν εὕρατο ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ ύπερμαχον ἡ οἰκουμένη, Ἀθλοφόρε τὰ

For the Church. Mode 3.
All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and
ἐθνή τροπούμενον. Ὡς οὖν Λυαίου κάθειλες τὴν ἔπαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ θαρρύνας τὸν Νέστορα, οὕτως Ἅγιε, Μεγαλομάρτυς Δημήτριε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος δ΄.
Ἐν τοῖς ρείθροις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγονὼς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἐκβοᾷ· Μὴ δειλιάσῃς βαπτίσαι με· σῶσαι γὰρ ἥκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτοπλαστον.

Ἀνάγνωσμα τοῦ Ἀποστόλου
Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β΄. Ψαλμός 27.
Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι, ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Β΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (4:5-8)
Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νήφη ἐν πάσι, κακοπάθησον, ἐργὸν ποίησον εὐαγγελιστῷ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον. Ἑγὼ γὰρ ἣδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκε. Τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπὸν ἀπόκειταί μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὃν ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ Κύριος ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής, οὐ μόνον δὲ ἐμοί, ἀλλὰ καὶ πάσι τοῖς ἡγαπηκόσι τὴν ἑπιφάνειαν αὐτοῦ.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἦχος ’δε.
Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.
Στίχ. α’. Ὁ Θεὸς οἰκτειρήσαι ἡμᾶς καὶ εὐλογήσαι ἡμᾶς.

Ἀλληλούια. Ἀλληλούια. Ἀλληλούια.

Στίχ. β’. Ἐπιφάναι τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ ἐφ’ ἡμᾶς καὶ ἐλεήσαι ἡμᾶς.

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Ἀνάγνωσμα τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου

Κατὰ τὸν Μᾶρκον. (1:1-8).

Ἄρχη τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὦν τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ἵνα ἐνῷ ἀποστέλλω τὸν αὐτοῦ μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὡς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδόν σου ἐμπροσθεν σου· φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, ἑτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσοντες βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ Ἱεροσολυμῖται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἦν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὀσφὺ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων· ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.

Gospel Reading

According to Mark. (1:1-8).

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Κοινωνικόν. Ψαλμός 148.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν· αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς υψίστοις. Ἀλληλούια.


Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.
Wisdom of the Fathers

"For in a contest there is much labor needed--and after the contest victory falls to some, to others disgrace. Is the palm ever given or the crown granted before the course is finished? ... Therefore no one can receive a reward, unless he has striven lawfully; nor is the victory a glorious one, unless the contest also has been toilsome." - St. Ambrose

"It is the sole and peculiar property of the Substance that transcends all, to be able to bestow on men the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and make those that draw near unto It partakers of the divine nature." - St. Cyril of Alexandria

Saints of the Week

January 5

The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas

When the persecution of Diocletian broke out in 290, Saint Theopemptus, a bishop, was taken for his confession of Christ, and convicted Diocletian to his face for his error and ungodliness. Remaining unhurt after cruel tortures, he was given poison to drink, which had been prepared by a sorcerer named Theonas. Protected by divine grace from this also, he drew Theonas to Christ, and after other torments, was beheaded. Saint Theonas was cast into a pit and buried alive.

Righteous Syncletike of Alexandria

Saint Syncletike was from Alexandria in Egypt. She lived eighty-three years in virginity and asceticism, and became the leader and teacher of many nuns. What Saint Anthony the Great was to men, she became to women: a model of mortification of the flesh, of patience in afflictions, and of wise instruction; for this, she is known a "Amma," a title corresponding to "Abba." Towards the end of her long life, she was stricken with an exceedingly painful disease, which she endured with faith and magnanimity. She reposed in the middle of the fourth century. It is said of Saint Syncletike that she was the virgin who hid Saint Athanasius from the Arians for more than a year in the environs of Alexandria, and it is to Saint Athanasius that her life is ascribed (PG 18:1488-1557).

January 6

The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Saviour according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Saviour also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvellous
deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22). From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

January 07

Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner

Today we celebrate the Synaxis in honour of the most sacred Forerunner, since he ministered at the Mystery of the Divine Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rest from labour. Fish allowed.

January 8

Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople

Saint Domnica was from Carthage. During the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great, she came with four other virgins to Constantinople, where she was baptized by Nectarius, the Patriarch of Constantinople. She remained in Constantinople and became known for her extreme asceticism, the miracles that she worked, and the grace of prophecy that adorned her. She lived until the days of the Emperors Leo and Zeno, reposing in peace about the year 474.

January 10

Gregory of Nyssa

Saint Gregory, the younger brother of Basil the Great, illustrious in speech and a zealot for the Orthodox Faith, was born in 331. His brother Basil was encouraged by their elder sister Macrina to prefer the service of God to a secular career (see July 19); Saint Gregory was moved in a similar way by his godly mother Emily, who, when Gregory was still a young man, implored him to attend a service in honor of the holy Forty Martyrs at her retreat at Annesi on the River Iris. Saint Gregory came at his mother's bidding, but being wearied with the journey, and feeling little zeal, he fell asleep during the service. The Forty Martyrs then appeared to him in a dream, threatening him and reproaching him for his slothfulness. After this he repentent and became very diligent in the service of God.

Gregory became bishop in 372, and because of his Orthodoxy he was exiled in 374 by Valens, who was of one mind with the Arians. After the death of Valens in 378, Gregory

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was recalled to his throne by the Emperor Gratian. He attended the Local Council of Antioch, which sent him to visit the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which had been defiled and ravaged by Arianism. He attended the Second Ecumenical Council, which was assembled in Constantinople in 381. Having lived some sixty years and left behind many remarkable writings, he reposed about the year 395. The acts of the Seventh Ecumenical Council call him 'Father of Fathers.'

Dometian, Bishop of Melitene

Saint Dometian lived in the years of the Emperor Justin II, who reigned from 565 to 578, and the Emperor Maurice, who reigned from 582 to 602. Born of pious parents named Theodore and Eudocia, he received a thorough education in both secular and sacred knowledge. After he had lived in lawful wedlock a short time, his wife died, and he, for his virtue was made Bishop of Melitene in Armenia at the age of thirty. As a kinsman and trusted friend of the Emperor Maurice, he received from him great largesse, which he spent on the building of churches and the help of the poor; he was entrusted with the dealings of Byzantium with Persia. While in Constantinople, he reposed in peace in the year 602.

January 11

Our Righteous Father Theodosius the Cenobiarch

This Saint had Cappadocia as his homeland. He lived during the years of Leo of Thrace, who reigned from 457 to 474. The Saint established in the Holy Land a great communal monastery, wherein he was the shepherd of many monks. While Saint Sabbas was the head of the hermits of Palestine, Saint Theodosius was governor of those living the cenobitic life, for which reason he is called the Cenobiarch. Together with Saint Sabbas, towards whom he cherished a deep brotherly love in Christ, he defended the whole land of Palestine from the heresy of the Monophysites, which was championed by the Emperor Anastasius and might very well have triumphed in the Holy Land without the opposition of these two great monastic fathers and their zealous defense of the Holy Council of Chalcedon. Having lived for 103 years, he reposed in peace.
**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.

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**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, Russ Ahejew, John Andros, George Andros, Sharon Bensinger, Ann De Corte, Edward & Gabriella Economous, Anna Kennedy, Rob Nordin, Krista Koopman, Paul Kushner, Brenda LaBarge, Maria Metropoulos, Bill Tarachas, Georgia Caris, 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: ________

Individual or Family
Name: __________________________
Home Tel: __________________________
Mobile Tel: __________________________
Work Tel: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Occupation: __________________________
(Last, current)

Spouse (if applicable)
Name: __________________________
Age: __________________________

Children (if applicable)

Names
Age: __________________________

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)

ADMINISTRATION
___ Audit Committee
___ Election Committee
___ Office help

BUILDING & GROUNDS
___ Property Maintenance
___ Garden & Landscape
___ Iconography / Beautification

COMMUNICATIONS
___ Computer / Technical

EDUCATION
___ Website / Email
___ Adult Education

LITURGICAL

MINISTRIES
___ Newsletter / Publications
___ Website / Email
___ Baking Phosphora
___ Music Ministries
___ Sanctuary & Altar Care
___ Coffee Hour

___ Family Ministry
___ Hospitality / Welcome Ministry
___ Visititation (Sick / Shut-ins)
___ Outreach

YOUTH
___ Church School Teacher
___ Church School Administration
___ GOYA Advisor

OTHER

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

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Our 2019 Stewardship goal is $140,000. As of December 29, we have received pledges reflecting 103% of that goal. Thank you to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2019. 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: $144,855.00
Offerings Received: $136,618.52
Stewards pledged: 126
Pledges Unfulfilled: $13,729.48
Largest pledge: $10,000.00
Average pledge: $1,149.64

Rev. Fr. Timothy & Pr. Catherine Cook
Rev. Fr. Peter & Pr. Peggy Bistolarides
Russ & Augusta Ahejew
Debra Ahejew
Petro & Sandra Ahejew
Petro Ahejew Jr.
Chris & Olga Anagost
George Andros
John & Kathy Andros
Dr. Thomas & Angela Barris
Evangelos & Chrysoula Bastounis
Dr. Andrew & Annie Bazakis
Johnathan Bernhart
Sophia Bernhart
Tom & Joan Billingsley
Dr. John & Dr. Judy Blebea
Jeremy & Taylor Blohm
Dr. Kevin & Bessie Bone
Mark & Anna Bristley
Dimitra Brown
George Bujouves
Perry Bujouves
Larry & Peggy Caldwell
George Capitan
Achilles & Georgia Caris
Shawn & Vaia Clifford
Dr. Constantinos & Mimi Constantinou
Bill & Vonnie DeLong
Ashley Dietzel
Dr. Lou & Soula Economou
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Dorothy Ellis
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Christina Legner
Daniel & Cassandra Legner
Mark & Koula Legner
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Temi & Barbara Majoros
Elaine Makas
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Marge Paron
Dr. Nicholas & Julie Paron
Eliana Porchia
STEWARDSHIP REPORT - CONTINUED...

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Douglas & Leta Povich
Julia Povich
Kosta Povich
Chris & Yiota Psetas
Elaine Rapanos
Jason Rapanos
John & Haraula Reitz
Meg & Matt Rodriguez
George & Frances Rouman
Dr. Majed & Rheahe Sahouri
Fani Samaras
F.T. & Beverly Siradakis
Andreas & Paraskevi Skoutelas
Athanasios & Glykeria Skoutelas
John Skoutelas
Michael & Dawn Sous
Rita Sous
James & Marsha Stamas
Michael & Anastasia Staudacher
Elaine Tambouridis
Achilles & Tena Tarachas
Electra Tarachas
William & Theopo Tarachas
Dr. George Triantafillou
& Jean Farringtan
Gust & Martha Triantafillou
Art Tselepis
Dr. George & Virginia Ulmer
Athanasios & Eipnvn Veremis
John Veremis
Kanella Veremis
Theodore & Georgia Veremis
James & Kathleen Zacharko
James Zestos
Gebrehlwot & Tigistsisay Zewdea
Dr. George & Dr. Gladys Zubulake
James & Esmini Zubulake

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2018
Cook, Fr. Timothy & Presvytera Catherine
Bistoloides, Fr. Peter & Presvytera Peggy
St. Demetrios Greek Festival
Ahejew, Petro & Sandy
Barris, Thomas and Angela
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Economou, Lou & Soula
Houpis, Evan and Alexia
Metropoulos, Kathy
Ostler, Dennis and Soula
Rouman, George and Frances
Stamas, Jim and Marsha

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Paron, Nicholas & Julie
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Stamas, Jim and Marsha
Ulmer, George and Virginia
Zubulake, George
**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.

**HOLY WATER:** Today (and tomorrow!) we are celebrating the Great Blessing of the Waters in honor of the feast of Theophany, and to renew our yearly supply of holy water. Service books are available at the Pangari counter in the Narthex.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Dr. David Nichols, Joni Porchia, Vaia Clifford

**PROSPHORA**

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HOUSE BLESSINGS

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord’s Theophany on January 6th, we bless water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time. Please contact the church office at 989-793-8822 if you would like your home blessed this year.

You can also fill out the following information and submit it to the Church office, or you fill it out online at www.stdemetrios.mi.goarch.org/house-blessings.

Name: ___________________________  Phone #: ____________________

Address: ___________________________  Email: ____________________

Date desired: ____________________  Time of day: ____________________

House Blessing FAQ

1. Who should be present?
Answer: As many family members as possible. We are blessing both the house itself and the people who live in it, as an extension and reflection of the Church.

2. What do I need to have ready?
Answer: An icon on a table near your icon corner, or in the kitchen/dining room and names of the living (at least those who live in the house, often also other relatives). Optional: Candle/incense with the icon, a bunch of fresh basil, and a bowl of water.

3. Do I need to deep-clean the house?
Answer: Whatever makes you comfortable.

4. Do I need to feed the priest?
Answer: No, but Fr. Timothy would be very happy to sit with you and the family for a little while after the blessing. House Blessings are a good time to catch up with the priest.

4. My house was blessed last year, do I need to do it again?
Answer: It's up to you! It's traditional to do it every year, as a renewal of the dedication of our homes as "little churches," but there's no expiration date on the blessing.

Other questions? Call or email Fr. Timothy at 989-793-8822 or ftimothycook@gmail.com.