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Sunday

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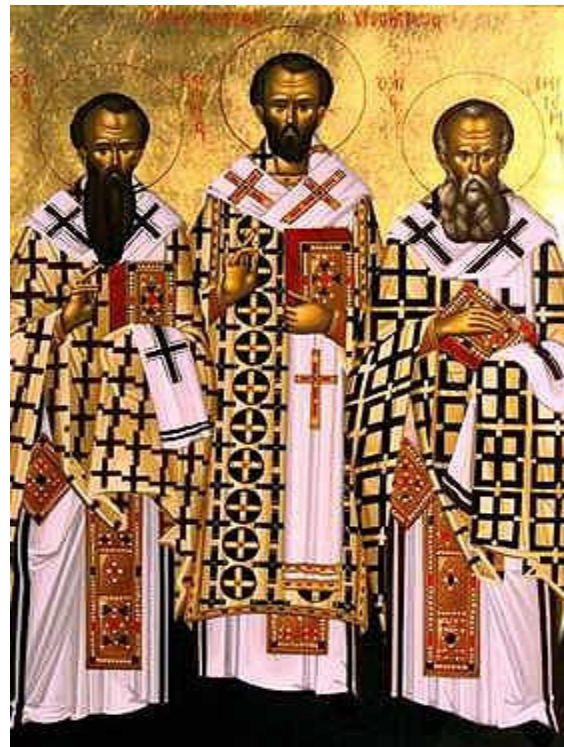
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Three Hierarchs— January 30

**Sunday of the Publican and the
Pharisee**

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Apolytikion for the Resurrection

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch o'er Your pure and sacred body O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom, Glory to Your dispensation. O You alone who loves all.

Apolytikion for the Presentation

Χαιρε κεχαριτωμενη Θεοτοκε Παρθενε...

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection

Apolytikion for St. Demetrios

Μεγαν ευρατο εν τοις κινδουνοις...

The world found in you a great champion in dangers a victor who could turn the nations back! As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage! Therefore, holy, great martyr, Demetrios, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

Kontakion

Ο μητραν παρθενικην, αγιασας τω τοκω σου...

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Symeon. You have now come and saved us O Christ, our God. In troubled times, as the only loving One, give peace to Your commonwealth and strength to those in civil authority, whom You love.

Το Πιστευω ... -The Creed ...pg. 18

Το Πατερ Ημων ... The Lord's Prayer ...pg. 26

The Communion Hymn

Αινειτε τον Κυριον... Enite ton Kyrion...Praise the Lord

Hymn after Communion

Ειδομεν το φως – Idhomen to fos.. We have seen the Light

Dismissal Hymn

Ειη το ονομα Κυριου... li to onoma Kyriou...Blessed is the name of the Lord

If you wish to follow the matins (orthros) they are available to print from your home computer. Please go to <http://sgpm.goarch.org/ematins/matins.htm>

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Memorial

Rosalina Tavares (40days) survived by her daughter Gerladine

Helen Raissis (1yr) survived by her children , grandchildren, sister, nieces and nephews

Trisagion

Ekaterina Pateras (10 yrs) survived by Mike and Jenny Pateras

Josephine Papadales (9yrs) survived by son Basil and grandson Michael

Rose Zoe Patounis (22yrs) survived by son Paul(Candace) Patounis, granddaughter Nicole

Irene Athanasakos (13yrs) survived by children Antonia Hyland, Elizabeth Athanasakos , Van (Carol) Athanasakos, 4 grandchildren, 9 greatgrandchildren

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."



The Lenten Spring

Before Great Lent begins, there is a preparatory period of four weeks called "The Triodion." Each of the Sundays of the pre-Lenten Triodion prepares us for the spiritual journey to Pascha. The four weeks preceding Lent are known as:

- Sunday of the Tax Collector and Pharisee
- Sunday of the Prodigal Son
- Sunday of Meat (the Final Judgment)
- Sunday of Cheese (Adam's expulsion from Paradise)

The Lenten spring is welcomed by Christians in the Church not as the time for self-inflicted agony or self-improving therapy. It is greeted as the sanctified season consecrated to the correction, purification and enlightenment of the total person through the fulfillment of the commandments of the crucified God. It is received as the time for battling with evil spirits and blossoming with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal.5:22). It is accepted as "the great and saving forty days" set apart for complete and total dedication to the things of God. It is the "tithing of the year" which tells us that all times and seasons belong to the Lord who has created and redeemed the world.

Apokreatiko Glendi 2012



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 25
at St. Demetrios Community Center ,
as we party just before Great Lent.

Tickets to be sold, today, in the community center.

\$25.00 for Adults

\$10.00 Children under 16

BIG NEWS !

One of our own , Lucas Metropulos is now up for an All Star National Award for his community service project and he is asking for our help. Won't you please vote for him on the days the article below states so that together we can make a difference. Thank you, Fr. Chris.

I have great news! USA WEEKEND Magazine has chosen our Make A Difference Day project as a finalist for the 2012 All-Star Award. If our project is chosen, we will receive national headlines in USA WEEKEND Magazine and a \$10,000 donation to our charity of choice from the Gannett Foundation.

Fishing for Families in Need teaches children how to fish responsibly and ethically by adhering to current regulations as well as by practicing certain conservation methods. In addition, Fishing for Families in Need actively acquires fresh fish donations from local fishing tournaments. Since the inception of FFN, we have been able to provide over 750 meals of fresh fish to a soup kitchen. The program has been proven to be a success and my intention is to teach the children how they may provide food, have a job opportunity, help the environment, learn new skills, and learn to exercise patience and perseverance which they can incorporate into their daily lives. The program is currently in Boca Raton, FL, Durham, NC, and it will begin in Martha's Vineyard by the end of February. Please refer to www.f4fn.com for more information.

Imagine how much good we can do with \$10,000 to help others. We need your help! There will be a public online vote for the Make A Difference Day All-Star Award beginning February 15 and continuing through February 29. I need your vote to help the efforts of Fishing for Families in Need. Only one vote per person per day is allowed. So please try to vote every day.

To learn more please visit makeadifferenceday.com or become a fan on the Make A Difference Day Facebook page. Hurry, voting ends February 29, 2012!

Sincerely,

Lucas Metropulos

President and Founder

Fishing for Families in Need

www.f4fn.com

Sunday 02/05

9am
10am
10:20am
11:30 am-3pm

12:30 pm

1pm-2pm

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Triodion Begins**

Orthros
Adult class
Divine Liturgy
Youth Ministry Programs
District GOYA Souper Bowl Sunday
Festival Meeting
DAC meeting
Adult Language and Culture

Monday 02/06

6:30pm-8pm

Adult Greek Class

Tuesday 02/07

9am

Philoptchos baking– Melosi Finikia

Wednesday 02/08

7pm

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 02/09

6:30pm

Festival set-up

Fri. 02/10 & Sat. 02/11

12pm-11pm

St. Demetrios Festival

Sunday 02/12

9am
10am
12pm-8pm

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

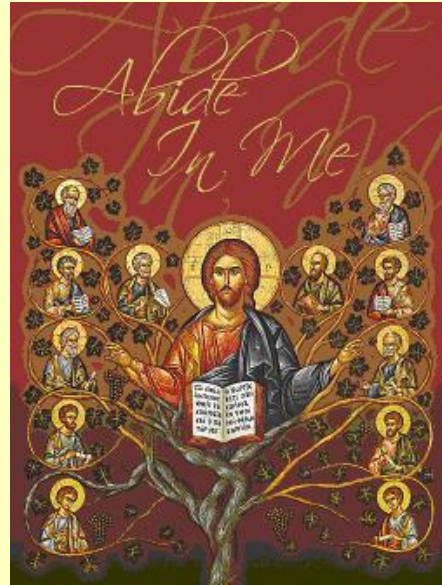
Orthros
Divine Liturgy
St. Demetrios Festival

- **Festival Baking** , Feb. 7 from 9am to 2pm
- **\$25.00** will get you a chance to win the New 2012 Mercedes-Benz C250 Sport. Only 2 weeks left before the drawing at our festival.
- **Daughters of Penelope Fashion Show—Saturday, February 25, 11:30am**
The Lighthouse Point Yacht Club .Please come and support our fashion show. Call Tonie Hyland at 954-427-5453 or Kallie Xenakis at 954-421-6161 for tickets. Tickets are \$50.00

How Do We Abide in Jesus?

We abide in Jesus Christ when follow His example and **love, serve and support the Church** which is His Body. When we abide in Christ, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our financial stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ.

We thank the **202** stewards who pledged their support for 2012.




Pledge *your* support by filling out a Stewardship Card, by visiting www.stdemetrios.org to pledge electronically, or by speaking to Kiki at (954) 467-1515.

*Do you know that it takes \$1392 (*our annual operating budget of \$605,000 divided by 435 pledging families) per household to meet the yearly operational expenses of St. Demetrios?*

**For more details on our annual budget please contact the church office.*

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS 2012

Help Wanted! Volunteers Needed! We need your help with Parking, Taverna Waiters/Servers, Festival Set up/break down, Decorating, Entrance/Greeters, Grocery Store, Cashiers, Kitchen Prep/Serve, Food Line Servers, Gyro Booth, Taverna, Food Runners, Saganaki, Salad Booth, Mezedes! Sign up at the South Narthex or Call the church office or Email: akmerkel@bellsouth.net TODAY!



EAT
DRINK
DANCE
THE NEXT BEST THING
TO ACTUALLY BEING THERE...

ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH
**FORT LAUDERDALE
GREEK FESTIVAL**
2012

FEBRUARY 10,11,12

FRIDAY 12 - 11 PM
SATURDAY 12 - 11 PM
SUNDAY 12 - 8 PM

AUTHENTIC GREEK FOODS
LIVE GREEK MUSIC
DANCE PERFORMANCES

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MILITARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
FREE WITH VALID PHOTO ID

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