

St. Demetrius Orthodox Church

NOVEMBER 2009

So, let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

For, generous friends....with hearts as big as hubbards and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who like scallions and cucumbers, who keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the others, as plain as potatoes and so good for you;

For funny friends, who are as silly as brussel sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

For old friends nodding like sunflowers in the evening time and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;

For all these we give thanks.

Newsletter Sponsorships

This newsletter is sponsored for the 55th wedding anniversary of Nora & Van Christoff, offered by their children, Denise, Chuck, Vickie, Craig and families.

May God Grant Them Many Years!

This newsletter is also sponsored for the good health of Teddie & Jack Anderson and their daughter Teri Wilkes, offered by Angela and Bill Lolas and family.

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Celebration of the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

Soon after the beginning of the Nativity Fast, November 15, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of the Entrance of our Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

The parents of the Virgin, Joachim and Anna were barren. Anna was past child bearing age. They made a vow to God that if Anna would conceive, the child would be dedicated to the service of the Lord. Archangel Gabriel appeared to Joachim and announced he was a messenger and was sent to tell Joachim that the Lord had heard their prayers and Anna would conceive. He then appeared to Anna and told her she would conceive. They were overjoyed.

A child was born to them, Mary, the Most Holy Theotokos. When she was three they decided to fulfill their vow and brought her to the Jerusalem Temple. Her life there was concealed. Almost nothing is known about how her time there was spent. However, there is preserved information that during her stay in the Temple the community of pious virgins there read the Holy Scriptures, did handiworks, prayed and grew up with love towards God.

But, the Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most-Holy Theotokos; pre-announcing the incarnations of God on earth, proclaims salvation to all Christians.

Liturgy will be celebrated on **Friday, November 20th at 6 pm.**

Parish Outreach

Thank you everyone for your donation to the Book of Angels program. We are pleased to announce that we collected over \$ 400 for the Vandercook Elementary School to purchase Scholastic books.

A little humor.....

This pastor found 3 eggs and \$ 2,000 under the side of the bed his wife sleeps on. He said to his wife why do you have 3 eggs and \$ 2,000 under your side of the bed? She said, well, every time you give a bad sermon I place an egg under my bed. He said, oh, thank you, since I've been preaching for over 40 years that is a great compliment. But why the \$ 2,000 and she said every time I get a dozen eggs I cash them in!

Bible Questions

Here are the answers to last months questions:

1. If a holocaust offering of cereal is brought to the Lord—what kind cereal could be given? **Fine flour.**
2. The Passover day of the Lord falls on what day and month? **The fourteenth day of the first month.**
1. What did the Lord give to Moses on Mt. Saini? **The ten commandments.**
2. Aaron had 4 sons, what were the names of the two oldest? **Nadab and Abihu.**
3. How many chapters are in the book of Leviticus? **27**

The following answers may be found in the book of Numbers:

1. The book of Numbers had to do with taking a census of the whole community of Israelites. How many tribes were to be counted?
2. How many sons did Aaron have?
3. What four words are the start of many of the paragraphs?
4. Who was chosen to succeed Moses as the leader of the Israelites?
5. What did was the day of Atonement?

Sisterhood Bake Sale

It's time again for the annual tasty fall Bake Sale! The sale will be on Saturday, November 21 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Church Hall.

Pre-orders for Baklava and Cheese/Spinach Pie are due on November 8th.

Nominations for Parish Council

At our upcoming Parish Annual meeting, **December 6**, there will be 3 vacancies for Parish Council and 2 vacancies for auditors.

Those who want to be eligible to run for Parish Council or who want to be able to participate fully in the Annual Parish meeting need to be sure that they are voting members of the parish according to the bylaws of the church. The by-laws stipulate that for a person to be considered a voting member he/she must: be a baptized and christmated Orthodox Christian and be at least 18 years of age and partake of the Sacraments of Private Confession and Communion in the Parish at least once a year and has been a member of the Parish for a prior consecutive six month person and regularly fulfills such financial obligations as may be established by the Parish. Please see Fr. Dusan, if you have questions.

If you are interested in running for Parish Council or an auditor position, please see Fr. Dusan or Phil Frantzis.

Pledge Cards

You have received your Pledge Card for 2010. Please complete the card by November 8th, so that the Budget Committee may begin preparing the budget for next year.

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Please remember in your prayers

<u>For Good Health</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Helen Tannis	Deno Demos
Chris Kirchis	Ted Chames
Mary Lazaroff	Mike Egnatuk
Phil Lazaroff	
Samantha Cipolla	
Michael Wangler	
Winnie Wangler	
Ryan Rosas	
Bill Anastasiadis	
Ted Backos	
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