

# St. Demetrius Orthodox Church

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## Our History Comes with a Label

Whenever I am waiting for either the frozen prosphora to defrost, or in filling up the font for baptism, I usually mosey by the table where the Church photo albums are located and I get "wowed" by our Church history. For a few minutes in the morning, I travel back in time and enjoy seeing the people and events that graced our church community. I know many of our parishioners today, and especially during our 50th anniversary, all enjoyed the wonderful and historic photo albums of our church. Those albums did not appear out of thin air, nor were they handed down from the heavens and placed on a table in our church hall. Those albums were lovingly compiled by a dedicated and faithful parishioner, **Olga Sears**.

Since 1982, over 27 years of volunteer and faithful service, Olga Sears felt the need to step down from her position as St. Demetrius Church's Historian. She has compiled over 5 large albums (ALL LABELED) for our parish, complete with pictures, articles and events of the past 50 years. Her meticulous work and labeling our history was not only a hobby, but her passion to teach us where we came from and how we've grown. If you talk to Olga, labeling a photo or an event is of the utmost importance. An old photo is just a photo, but if it has a name of who it is and what is happening, the photo become alive to us with meaning and importance. Olga has also compiled and archived Holy Ascension Orthodox Church's History, in Albion, Michigan. Olga's patience in gathering history, her love for teaching, and her resolve to label our past, will grace us for many years to come! Thank you for a wonderful job! We all appreciate your labor of love!

If anyone is interested in taking on this important position of Church Historian and archiving our history, please see me or a church board member. Again, thank you Olga for jolting our memories and inspiring us to continue to make new and exciting history!

With all of God's Blessings,  
Archpriest Fr. Dusan Koprivica

This newsletter is  
in memory of  
Stella Stamatakis  
and for the love and prayers  
of the parishioners of  
St. Demetrius Church  
during her illness.

May Her Memory Be Eternal!

### **Sunday of Orthodox Services:**

The Mid Michigan Orthodox Churches will be celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy on **Sunday February 21, 2010** at St. Herman Orthodox Church.

St. Herman's is located at 126 Reese Street, Lake Odessa/Woodbury, MI 48849. Phone 616-374-8596.

Services will begin at 4 pm. and they will have a Lenten pot-luck.

## Parish Outreach



**IOCC** *Helping others help themselves*  
INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, team up with our parish's youth to help the needy in our community and around the world. Help our team in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" by bringing one dollar and a canned good with you to Liturgy. Please support this effort and help our parish become Souper Bowl Champions!

Please mail to:

IOCC  
Post Office Box 630225  
Baltimore, MD 21263-0225

Call our toll-free donation hotline:  
(877) 803 IOCC (4622)

*Please bring a can good that will be donated to our local food pantry - Immanuel Lutheran Church and at least \$ 1 for the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). The funds will be designated for the people of Haiti. (please make checks payable to IOCC)*

## Follow up All Church Vision Meeting – Sunday, February 7

A few weeks ago, our parishioners met at the first All Church Vision meeting to discuss ideas for a possible Church Hall addition. Jean Dennerll led us in organizing the discussion and every proposal was outlined and saved.

On Sunday, the **7th of February** we will have a follow up All Church Vision meeting. The purpose is to prioritize the many needs, and ideas submitted by our parishioners at the January meeting. All eligible members, in good standing, (including those who did not attend the first meeting) will have a chance to prioritize what was outlined at our first gathering.

Once we have this information in hand we will be able to return to the parish, at a later date, with a precise plan for the addition, including solid estimates. These facts will help our Church make an educated vote on this project in the future.

The meeting will be lead by Jean, will be held after Coffee Hour on Sunday, and should last one hour. We hope to see you there!

Future Facilities Committee

## Bible Questions

### Answers to last months questions:

1. What was the relationship of Joshua to Moses? **An aide**
2. What river did the tribes have to cross to get to the land God gave them? **The Jordan River.**
3. When Joshua saw the man with the sword in his hand, what did the man tell Joshua to do? **Take off your shoes**
4. What age was Joshua when he died? **110 years old**
5. The land of Canaan was divided and given to how many tribes? **12 tribes**

### The following answers may be found in the book of Judges:

1. Who was the brother of Judah?
2. After Ehud had locked himself in the upper room—what did the servants find when they unlocked the door?
3. How many sons did Gideon have?
4. Monoah had a son, what was his name?
5. What was done to Samson so that he would no longer have great strength?

## Presanctified Liturgy

During Great Lent the celebration of the Diving Liturgy is not permitted on Monday through Friday except for the Feast of the Annunciation. Instead on Wednesdays and Fridays, and on certain other special days, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. This Liturgy, written by St. Gregory Dialogue, Pope and Bishop of Rome, is used only during Great Lent. In this Liturgy, Holy Communion is received from Holy Bread which is consecrated on the preceding Sunday. Thus, the Bread is Pre-Sanctified rather than Sanctified at the time of Liturgy itself.

The first Presanctified Service with a Lenten Supper will be on **Friday, February 19 at 6 pm.** (please see service calendar for other Presanctified service dates)

For the February Lenten suppers, those who last name begins with:

**A-E** please bring an entrée or vegetable

**F-L** please bring a salad

**M-Z** please bring a dessert

## Valentine's Day

St. Demetrius Sisterhood has received rave reviews for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbook, ***Taste of Tradition***.

People are saying that it is the "*nicest church cookbook*" that they have on their shelf, with the beautiful hard cover, and recipe dividers, not to mention the delicious recipes.

Remember your loved one with a cookbook, this year on Valentine's Day!

**Please remember in your prayers**

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