



## SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Dear Parishioner:**

As we are entering into a New Year of 2017, we are reminded once again that Saint Demetrios Church like many other Churches throughout our Archdiocese and district continue to endure demanding financial difficulties. Keeping this in mind, our community relies upon the kind donation and participation of you and your families throughout the year to retain its budget and pay its every day bills.

It is therefore, imperative that our community not only survive but more importantly that its ministries continue to exist and be a vibrant place of worship and learning. Saint Demetrios needs all of our help and community effort no matter how small or great. In recent time our stewardship membership has declined. This is a reality of our parish, but we can continue to make it a vital place if we all commit ourselves and one another with love for the uplifting of our small parish. Please make an effort by offering your membership/stewardship to our beloved church if you have not done so especially in this new year of 2017.

We can encourage you and your families to make a better effort to worship regularly with us on Sunday and to have your children participate in our youth Sunday School program. Please consider making this Christmas and New Year of 2017 to be one of renewed spirit and growth and offering our best to our Church.

We have enclosed a special bulletin for the services and times and also a special Christmas offering envelope that you can return with yourselves at the Church and including the new membership stewardship 2017 form that must be filled out by everyone to help us update our mailing and stewardship system of our parish.

**A Blessed Christmas and a  
Joyous New Year to all of you**

**Rev. Fr. Ignatios J. Achlioptas  
Parish Priest**