



## SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Parishioners,

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate once again the Resurrection of our Lord and wish one another “**Christ is Risen**” or “**Χριστος Ανεστη**”! As we come close to spring, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped St. Demetrios get through a difficult year.

I am looking forward to working closely with our Parish Council and each one of you to build a stronger and more sustainable future for our beloved church. The Parish Council’s resilience and determination along with us working together to find ways to increase our membership. Provide and offer a great experience through our Greek and Sunday school programs; get involved with the choir, altar boys and the young dancers; find new talents and offer our services to attract new members in 2018 and beyond.

On Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, our Greek school will celebrate Greek Independence Day with poems reflecting the history and lives of our heroes of 1821. The Mayor of Bristol will also be attending.

The Ladies Philoptochos will prepare a delicious fish luncheon on Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. For RSVP, please call Evelyn Joseph and leave her a message at (860) 558-9787 by Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our spring General Assembly meeting was well attended, respected and as your President I am looking to unite us all, serve one another in Love of Christ and work together for our Zorba 2018 Greek Festival June 14-17. We are looking for volunteers more than ever before to support our number one fund raiser. We will have weekly brief meetings at coffee hour to exchange ideas and bring in as many donations as possible. Please come and have some fun with our Ladies baking pastries and preparing foods such as Pastitsio, Mousaka and much more that we know our American Friends come just for the homemade and delicious Greek food.

I thank each and every one of you for your continued generosity with Stewardship, and I thank God for your presence and service in our Church Family. I look forward to our bright future together, and seeing you during Holy Week.

*Καλη Ανασταση και Καλο Πασχα! Με αγαπη και υγεια!*

Wishing you and yours a Blessed Easter,

*Olya Bookas*

Parish Council President