

January 28, 2019



Dear St. Demetrios Parishioners:

On behalf of Father Steve, our Parish Council and me, I wish each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year! As we have enjoyed a Christmas season with friends and families eating delicious meals and exchanging gifts, let's not forget the real reason for all the fun we have enjoyed during this season, the birth of Jesus Christ.

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, we would like to thank all volunteers and donors in the past year, 2018, for helping with church obligations and special occasions. We had three successful festivals (Zorba, Mum and Fall Mini Festivals). Our membership has increased by 19% and we look forward to your continued support in 2019. The 2018 membership/stewardship list is attached.

The following two projects have been completed: Two of the downstairs classrooms were repaired and the tiles on the floor were replaced. Also, a portion of the wall was replaced and painted. The cost was \$3,800. The classrooms look great and ready to be occupied by our students. Before our beloved Fr. James passed, his last wish was to put up a fence to better secure our property. At no expense to the church, the fence project has been added and completed. Thank you to all who donated \$7,390.

The next project is to repair the Altar, paint the church, Narthex, and hallway, and repair the small porch outside. The estimated repairs and painting is around \$9,000. We kindly ask all our faithful parishioners and friends to help us raise these funds and to start the project immediately. Attached are some photos that show the damage to the Altar.

Membership and Stewardship have many meanings for our church members. It is not only money that helps keep our doors open, but also the giving of time and talent. It is our hope that each of you will give as much as you can this year financially and as well as volunteer in different ways at our church.

Congratulations to the new Parish Council as the confirmation was on Sunday, January 27, 2019. The Parish Council will continue to do everything possible to work together with everyone to accomplish the goals of our church. We are very grateful to Niko Giannopoulos, Antonios Mahlis, Tom Cari and Andreas Sophroniou as past Parish Council members for their dedication and hard work in the past years. We are looking for their continued support and guidance.

The Zorba 2019 Festival is fast approaching and we are looking for a chairperson, co-chair and lots of volunteers. We will start meetings very soon.

We offer our condolences to those who have lost loved ones and to those who are sick we wish a speedy recovery. Please find time on Sundays to attend Church. You are always welcome to stay afterwards and enjoy coffee and sweets and visit with one another. We welcome all!

Olga Bookas
President



2019 Parish Council Members

Olga Bookas	President
Vasilios Theodoropoulos	Vice President
Frank Tomcak	Treasurer
Evelyn Joseph	Asst. Treasurer
Andreas Theodoropoulos	Recording Secretary
Angela Bookas Brown	Correspondence Secretary
Dimitrios Kapros	Parish Council
Angelo Pappas	Parish Council
Steve Tsiongas	Parish Council

Membership/Stewardship 2018

Aris, Eva	Maragos, John
Bookas Brown, Angela	Mellekas, Steve
Bookas, George	Nousias, Konstantinos
Bookas, Olga	Nousias, Vasilios
Cari, Tom	Papachristos, Christos
Diakogiannis, Dimitrios	Pappas, Angelo
Diamantis, Fotini	Prytko, Brian
Diamantis, Kostantinos	Samiotis, Joyce
Dimitratos, Alexandra	Stamatopoulos, James
Frangos, Louis	Theodoropoulos, Andreas
Giannopoulos, Nikos	Theodoropoulos, Christos
Giordannis, Iordanis	Theodoropoulos, Andreas
Gladis, Mallie	Theodoropoulos, Vasilios
Hatzinikolaou, Konstantinos	Theologitis, Kostas
Huston, Janice	Tolides, Kenneth
Joseph, Evelyn	Tomcak, Frank
Kapros, Dimitrios	Tramontanis, Harry
Kavalos, Kaliopi	Tsiongas, Nick
Koutouvides, Alex	Tsiongas, Steve
Koutroumanis, Peter	Varnavelias, George
Kowalchuk, Florence	Vasilliou, Evi
Lacey, Susan	Yalanis, Despina
Loukoumis, Kathy	Zervas, Helen
Mahlis, Antonios	Zikos, Antonios
Manolitsis, Melissa	Ziotas, Angelo
Manolitsis, Toula	Ziotas, Panagiota
	Zissopoulos, Costos

Thank you for your continued support!

