**Weekly Bulletin**

December 20th, 2020

**Sunday before Nativity**
**Ignatius the God-Bearer**

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Antiphons. 2nd Mode.

Antiphon 1. Pg. 16. (By the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us).

Vs. 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.
Vs. 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.
Vs. 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Glory...Both now...By the prayers...

Anti. 2. Pg. 18. (Save us, O Son of God, Who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia).

Vs. 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.
Vs. 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.
Vs. 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Glory...Both now...Only Begotten Son...


Vs. 1: This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.
Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐῤῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β΄.
Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.
Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος γ΄.
Ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλόγας ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος

Dismissal Hymns
Resurrectional Mode 3.
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Propostition. Ἦχος δ΄.
Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἤνοικται πᾶσιν ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθᾶ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ως ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται, τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

For the Forefeast. Mode 4.
O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened unto all. And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree of life has in the grotto blossomed forth from the Virgin. Indeed her womb is shown to be spiritually a Paradise, in which is found the God-planted Tree. And if we eat from it we shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of old. Christ is born, so that He might raise up the formerly fallen image.

Τῶν Πατέρων. Ἦχος β΄.
Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως κατορθώματα! Ἔν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὅδατος

For the Fathers. Mode 2.
Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly
ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἄγιοι Τρεῖς Παίδες ἠγάλλοντο, καὶ ὁ προφήτης Δανιήλ, λεόντων ποιμήν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἡχος γ΄.
Μέγαν εὕρατο ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ ὑπερμαχὸν ἡ οἰκουμένη, Ἀθλοφόρε τὰ ἔθνη τροποῦμεν. Ὡς οὖν Λυαίου καθεῖλες τὴν ἔπαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ θαῤῥύνας τὸν Νέστορα, οὕτως Μεγαλομάρτυς Δημήτριε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον. Ἡχος γ΄.
Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπῆλαιῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀποῤῥήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Ἀνάγνωσμα τοῦ Ἀποστόλου
Προκείμενον. Ἡχος πλ. δ’. Προσευχή τῶν Ἁγίων Τριῶν Παίδων.
Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε ὁ Θεός τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν.
Στίχ.: Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.
Πρὸς Ἐβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (11:9-10, 32-40)
Ἄδελφοί, πίστει παρῴκησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

For the Church. Mode 3.
All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. So, as you humbled Lyaios's arrogance by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrius, to Christ our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion. Mode 3.
On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Epistle Reading
Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. The Prayer of the Three Holy Youths.
Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.
Vs.: For You are righteous in all You did for us.
The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)
Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs
with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**Alleluia. Mode 4.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Vs. 1: O God, we heard with our ears.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Vs. 2: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them.
The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of the fathers of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of the fathers of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'tiel, and Sheal'tiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the son of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of the fathers of Zadok, and Zadok the father of the fathers of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar,
and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and
Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the
father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of
whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.
So all the generations from Abraham to
David were fourteen generations, and from
David to the deportation to Babylon
fourteen generations, and from the
departure to Babylon to the Christ
fourteen generations. Now the birth of
Jesus Christ took place in this way. When
his mother Mary had been betrothed to
Joseph, before they came together she was
found to be with child of the Holy Spirit;
and her husband Joseph, being a just man
and unwilling to put her to shame,
resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he
considered this, behold, an angel of the
Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,
"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take
Mary your wife, for that which is
conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she
will bear a son, and you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their
sins." All this took place to full what the
Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold,
a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as
the angel of the Lord commanded him; he
took his wife, but knew her not until she
had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.
Wisdom of the Fathers

"The tribes of Judah and Levi were united by a fusion of their lines of descent, and that is why Matthew assigns Christ’s family to the tribe of Judah. And the Apostle says, ‘for our Lord has sprung out of Judah’ (Heb. 7:14). Thus, from the tribe of Levi may be counted a heritage that is priestly and filled with holiness, while from the tribe of Judah - to which David and Solomon and the rest of the kings belonged - there shines forth the splendor of a royal descent. And so, by the testimony of the Scriptures, Christ is shown to be at once both king and priest." - St. Ambrose of Milan
Saints of the Week

December 20

Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bore God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

December 22

Anastasia the Great Martyr

This Saint was a most comely, wealthy, and virtuous maiden, the daughter of Praepextatus and Fausta. It was her mother who instructed her in the Faith of Christ. The Saint was joined to a man named Publius Patricius, who was prodigal in life and impious in disposition, but she was widowed after a short time. Henceforth, she went about secretly to the dwellings of the poor and the prisons where the Martyrs of Christ were, and brought them whatever was needed for their daily subsistence. She washed their wounds and loosed them from their fetters, and consoled them in their anguish. Also, because the Saint, through her intercessions, has healed many from the ill effects of spells, potions, poisons, and other harmful substances, she has received the name "Deliverer from Potions." Since the fame of her deeds had spread about, she was arrested by Diocletian's minions, and after enduring many torments she was put to death by fire in the year 290.

December 23

Ten Martyrs of Crete

These Saints, who were all from Crete, contested for piety's sake during the reign of Decius, in the year 250. Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, and Eunician were from Gortynia, the capital; Zoticus was from Knossos; Agathopus, from the port city of Panormus; Basilides, from Cydonia; Evarestus and Pompey, from Heraklion. Haled before the Governor as Christians, they were subjected to torments for thirty days, being scourged, racked, dragged upon the ground through dung heaps, stoned, spit upon. They were questioned again, but their costancy roused the Governor to greater fury. After subjecting them to torments more bitter still, he had them beheaded.
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**Notes:**
- Fish/wine/oil allowed
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Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

For Orthodox Christians

Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted appropriately and strive always to love God and their neighbor. Persons conscious of grave sin should seek immediately to be reconciled through the Mystery of Confession so they can begin again to receive Communion immediately. Frequent communion is recommended to all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians

We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions of Christianity that we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (Antidoron) which will be distributed at the end of the service.

Shut-ins and Hospital Visitation

If anyone is in the hospital or otherwise in need of prayer or visitation, we are happy to publish their information (name and/or visitation information) in the bulletin. Please note, however, that we are unable to publish such information without a direct request.

If you are interested in helping with the visitation of the sick, please speak to Presvytera Peggy or contact the Church office.

In your prayers:

Please continue to pray for the health and recovery of: Augusta Ahejew, Petro Ahejew, Ann De Corte, Soula Economou, Edward & Gabriella Economous, Jean Farrington, James Kokas, Krista Koopman, Paul Kushner, Mark Legner, Sharon Legner, Marge Paron, Bill Tarachas, and Eva Zestos.

(If you would like to have a name added to or removed from this list, please contact the Church office).

A Prayer for the Sick

O holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, Who sent Your Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: do You visit and heal Your servant (name), granting him/her release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that he/she may give thanks unto You and bless Your holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Prayer courtesy of the Antiochian Archdiocese, from the "Pocket Prayer Book"**
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"Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
Psalm 90:12

A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN

Please bring this form to the Church or mail it to the Church Office at 4970 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

Name: ________________________________
Street Address: ________________________________ City: ___________ State: ______ Zip Code: ______

Individual or Family Spouse (if applicable) Children (if applicable)
Name: ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________
Home Tel: ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________
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Occupation: ________________________________ (Last, current)

In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ’s work at St. Demetrios Church for 2020.
$ ______ weekly $ ______ monthly $ ______ quarterly $ ______ semi-annually $ ______ annually

Our goal as a parish family is to raise our stewardship by $20/month for the 2020 calendar year. However, stewardship is a spiritual discipline that should be discussed with your spiritual father.

Please indicate areas of expertise or interest where you would like to serve:
(Individuals should provide a check mark and families provide “H” for husband, “W” for wife and “C” for children)

 ADMINISTRATION
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 ___ Computer / Technical ___

I/we would like to receive notifications from St. Demetrios by: ___ email ___ paper mail

You can also submit your stewardship card and your contributions online at www.stdemetrios.mi.goarch.org/stewardship

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“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.” - Matthew 14:14

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

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Our 2020 Stewardship goal is $170,000. As of December 14, we have received pledges reflecting 86% of that goal. Thank you to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2020. Please join them in their support of our St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

(Please submit any corrections to the Church office).

Total Pledges: $145,780.00
Stewards pledged: 122

Offerings Received: $142,355.78
Pledges Unfulfilled: $15,965.65

Largest pledge: $15,000.00
Median pledge: $700.00

Rev. Fr. Timothy & Pr. Catherine Cook
Rev. Fr. Peter & Pr. Peggy Bistolarides
Augusta Ahejew
Debra Ahejew
Petro & Sandra Ahejew
Petro Ahejew Jr.
Chris & Olga Anagost
George Andros
John & Kathi Andros
Dr. Thomas & Angela Barris
Mr. & Mrs. Bastounis
Dr. Andrew & Annie Bazakis
Warren Bensinger
Johnathan Bernhart
Sophia Bernhart
Tom & Joan Billingsley
Deno Bistolarides
Dr. John & Dr. Judy Blebea
Jeremy & Taylor Blohm
Dr. Kevin & Bessie Bone
Dimitra Brown
Perry Bujouves
Mr. & Mrs. Caldwell

Georgia Caris
Shawn & Vaia Clifford
Dr. Constantinos & Mimi Constantinou
Bill & Vonnie DeLong
Ashley Dietzel
Mr. & Mrs. Duke
Soula Economou
Austin Economou
Edward & Gabriella Economous
Dorothy Ellis
Michael & Dr. Stavroula Erfourth
Bill & Alexia Evans
Corey & Andrea Ferris
Kathleen Gavalas
Quincy & Kimberly Gowenlock
Betty Lou Gustafson
Mariam Haddad
Kurt & Svetlana Hauffee
Evan & Alexia Houpis
Bambi Howard
Doug & Linda Hubbell
Kathy Huber
John & Melissa Ioannidis

Matina Ioannididis
Dr. Risty & Karen Kalivas
George & Alexandra Kallos
Mersina Karris
Katerina & Athanasios Katsiouras
Ron & Connie Kelso
The Kennedy Family
Elaine Kimmerly
James & Mary Kokas
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kokas
Anthony & Rula Koutras
Thomas & Athena Kurtz
Mr. & Mrs. Legakis
Mark & Koula Legner
Dr. Teona Maghlakelidze
Mr. & Mrs. Majoros
Dr. Elaine Makas
Grace Makrianis
Dymitr Malik
Andrew & Stephanie Mehl
Katherine Metropoulos
Dominic & Amanda Moes
Adam & Eleni Morris
Tom & Peggy Nemode
Dr. David & Elan Nichols
David Ortega
Dennis & Soula Ostler
Eleftheria Paez
Jose & Joni Porchia
Eliana Porchia
Leonardo Porchia
Jamey Paron
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Marge Paron
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Kosta & Charolotte Povich
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Michael & Dawn Sous
Rita Sous
Elaine Tambouridis
Achilles & Tena Tarachas
Electra Tarachas
William & Thespou Tarachas
Dr. George Triantafillou & Jean Farringtan
Gustav & Marty Triantafillou
Art Tselepis
Tamara Tsulaia & Vasil Mamaladze
Dr. George & Virginia Ulmer
John Veremis
Kanella Veremis
Theodore & Georgia Veremis
Athanasios & Eipnvn Veremis
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Submit your candle and prayer requests online!
**METROPOLIS OF DETROIT COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**
(see website or call office with questions)

- Anyone who is currently experiencing **any** symptoms of illness **must** stay at home.
- All at risk persons are strongly encouraged to stay at home.
  - At risk persons are those with pre-existing health conditions, and those over the age of 65.

*St. Demetrios will continue to live-stream all of our services, so anyone who is so desires may continue streaming our services from home.*

- Everyone is **required** to wear masks. Masks are available at the door if one does not have one.
  - The priest may choose not to wear a face covering in the altar but must wear one while distributing Communion/antidoron.
- The faithful should refrain from kissing the icons and other holy objects, showing reverence instead with a bow.

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**A Gift for Christmas**

As we approach the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and reflect on the Most Precious Gift God has given us by coming to us in the flesh, we offer gifts to our loved ones. Let us choose graciously and carefully for our spouse, remembering the words of St. John Chrysostom, “There is no relationship between man and woman so close as that between man and wife,...”
**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:** For those visiting today, we are excited to welcome you to St. Demetrios Church. Everyone is welcome at our services, though only those who are baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive the Holy Mysteries. We hope you will stay not only for the service, but afterwards for coffee hour, so we can greet you and get to know you. If anyone has any questions about the Orthodox Faith or joining St. Demetrios, please feel free to speak with Fr. Timothy after the service.

**FOOD BASKETS:** Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with our annual Christmas Outreach! We are so glad that we were able to continue our Christmas tradition this year, and so thankful for all of the support that we received in donations, gifts for the children, volunteer hours, and your prayers. We were able to give more than 60 food baskets (with the extra food going to the Saginaw Rescue Mission), and gifts to 78 children. Despite the pandemic restrictions, we even set a record for packing and delivering the gifts and food in record time.

Special thanks to our Outreach Coordinator Andrea Ferris for the hours of work and phone calls she put in to this ministry this year (and every year), as well as to her husband Corey Ferris for his work picking up the food and organizing the delivery routes. Merry Christmas to everyone, and God bless you all!

**TODAY'S GREETERS**
Andrea Ferris & Corey Ferris

**Prosphora**
12/20 - Alexia Houpis, in memory of her father, Lou Economou

For the time being, we are operating with the Prosphora that is in the freezer. This will only take us so far, however, so if you can, please consider baking and bringing some prosphora

**Coffee Hour**
Due to COVID, Coffee Hour has been suspended until further notice. However, as long as the weather lasts, we encourage everyone to stay and socialize outside after the service. We look forward to when we can safely resume our normal routine.
ST. DEMETRIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Christmas Services

December 24th, Christmas Eve
Royal Hours of Christmas Eve - 9:00 am
Vesperal Liturgy - 5:00 pm

December 25th, Christmas Day
Orthros of Christmas Day - 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Christ is born! Glorify Him!
Χριστὸς γεννᾶται! Δοξάσατε!
Христос рождается! Славимо Його!
مولد شف! دلو حيسم!