



# The Chariot

Together - Stronger

A Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2016

## Sunday School

Our Sunday School program is running and going well.

We look forward to seeing your child in our program. We also remind you that October 9th, 2016 there will be no class due to the long weekend.

Please make every effort to come often to Sunday School

## Artoclasia, Fanouropita Memorials

Please be sure that all of the offerings are brought to the Church before 9:30am!



## GREEK DANCING CLASSES

Come join our Dance groups  
Monday Evening Practices and  
Wednesday Night of our  
Performing Group Nea Genea



## Membership Drive

Please pay your 2016  
Memberships at your earliest  
convenience!

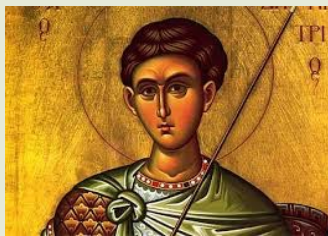


## St. Demetrios the Myrrh Bearer

Saint Demetrios suffered in Thessalonica during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families of the province of Macedonia and was widely admired not only because of his noble ancestry and grace of bearing, but also for virtue, wisdom and goodness of heart surpassing that of his elders.

The military expertise of Saint Demetrios led Galerius, as Caesar of the Eastern Empire, to appoint him commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. But for all this, Demetrios remained ever aware of the underlying realities of life. Since faith in Christ had touched his heart, all the glory of this world meant nothing to him, and there was nothing he preferred to teaching and preaching the word of God.

Despite the persecution directed against Christians by the Emperor, Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. His words convinced them because they saw in the righteousness, peace



*The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Demetrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.*

and brotherly love that marked his life an illustration of the truth of which he spoke.

The Emperor Maximian had just won a series of brilliant victories over the Scythians and was on his way back to Rome when he halted at Thessalonica to receive the acclamations of the populace and to offer sacrifices in thanksgiving to the idols. A

number of pagans, envious of the success of the Saint, took advantage of the Emperor's presence in the city to denounce Demetrios as a Christian. Maximian's astonishment gave way to violent indignation when he was told that Demetrios' was making use of his official position to spread the faith. Demetrios was summoned and confined in a cell, located in the basement of nearby baths.

Maximian arranged for games and gladiatorial combats to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaaios, a Vandal by origin. Such was this man's strength and skill in single combat that no one could withstand him. There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the baths where Demetrios was imprisoned and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy, and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaaios. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and

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## Church Service Schedule OCTOBER 2016

| Date           | Service  | Time                     |
|----------------|--|--------------------------|
| Sunday 2nd     | Orthros & Divine Liturgy - Cyprian the Hieromartyr<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία Κυπριανου Ιερομαρτυρος   | 8:30am-11:45am           |
| Sunday 9th     | Orthros & Divine Liturgy - James Alphaios, Andronikos, Athanasia<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία - Ιακωβου Αλφαιου, Ανδρονικου<br>Thanksgiving - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | 8:30am-11:45am           |
| Wednesday 12th | Divine Liturgy in English  | 6-7pm                    |
| Sunday 16th    | Orthros & Divine Liturgy -Fathers of the 7th Ecum. Council<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία - Αγ. Πατερων Ζ' Οικ. Συνοδου  | 8:30am-11:45am           |
| Thursday 20th  | Orthros & Divine Liturgy Gerasimos of Cephalonia<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία -Γερασιμου Κεφαλληνιας   | 9-11am                   |
| Thursday 20th  | Senior's Luncheon  | 12noon - 2pm             |
| Saturday 22nd  | Saturday of the Souls - Ψυχοσαββατον   | 9am - 11am               |
| Sunday 23rd    | Orthros & Divine Liturgy - James the Brother of our Lord<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία Ιακωβου Αδελφοθεου   | 8:30am-11:45am           |
| Wednesday 26th | Orthros & Divine Liturgy - St. Demetrios the Great Martyr & Myrrh-bearer<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία - Αγίου Δημητρίου Μεγ. Θεσσαλονικης                              | 9am-11:15am              |
|                | Paraklesis in English and Illuminations  | 6 - 7 pm &<br>7pm-8:30pm |
| Sunday 30th    | Orthros & Divine Liturgy - St. Kleopas, Artemas<br>Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργία - Κλεοπα, Αρτεμα  | 8:30am-11:45am           |

# Annual FALL DANCE

Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church

November, 19 2016

\$75 for Adults | \$30 for kids (14 & under)

Mississauga Grand Banquet Centre

35 Brunel Road, Mississauga, ON.

(Huronario & South of Britannia Rd. E) Tel. 905.501.0043

Contact Church Office for More Details & to Purchase Your Tickets

Phone: (905) 238-9491 Email: Admin@prophetElias.ca





# Prophet Elias Youth Group

## Ages 13-16

### SEPTEMBER

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### OCTOBER

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### NOVEMBER

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### DECEMBER

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## Schedule for fall

| Date         | Activity                                       |
|--------------|--|
| September 30 | Games and pizza @ church hall                  |
| October 14   | Battle Archery @ venue                         |
| October 28   | Pumpkin carving & pies @ church hall           |
| November 11  | Corn Maze @ venue                              |
| November 25  | Cooking – Cutthroat Kitchen style @ church     |
| December 2   | Raptors game @ Air Canada Centre               |
| December 16  | Charity function for youth or seniors @ church |



### Future fundraising events:

- Valentine's Dance in February
- Mother's Day brunch
- Father's Day brunch

### Future events:

- Bubble soccer
- Playdium
- Escape rooms
- Youth Olympics
- Amazing Race
- Movies
- Overnight event
- Pottery/Painting
- Skating
- Sledding

**Youth Director:** Spyridoula Agathos  
**Contact:** peocyouthgroup@gmail.com





PICTURES from our SEPTEMBER

# SENIORS LUNCH

Join us Again on  
Thursday October 20th, 2016



# ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT

Saturday November 5, 2016

Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church

1785 Matheson Blvd.E. Mississauga, Ont.



REMEMBER  
THE SABBATH  
AND KEEP IT  
HOLY

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Ages 12+    |                  |
| 8:30-9:30am | Registration     |
| 9:30am      | Matins           |
| 10:00am     | Session 1        |
| 11:00am     | Session 2        |
| 12:00pm     | Lunch            |
| 12:30pm     | Session 3        |
| 1:30pm      | Session 4        |
| 2:30pm      | Break            |
| 3:00pm      | Session 5        |
| 4:00pm      | Vespers          |
| 4:30pm      | Dinner           |
| 6:00pm      | Evening Activity |

Cost: \$40

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shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the barbarian.

Rather than yield to the sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. He had heard Nestor calling upon the God of Demetrios and, supposing the Saint had used some kind of witchcraft, Maximian ordered his soldiers to go and thrust Demetrios through with their lances, without trial, in the depths of his prison cell. There were some Christians, including Demetrios' servant Lupus, present at his martyrdom, and when the soldiers had gone, they reverently buried the Saint's body.

It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myron with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Time and again, during sixteen hundred years, Saint Demetrios has given proof of his benevolent care for the city of Thessalonica and its inhabitants. He has defended them from the attacks of barbarians, he has preserved them from plague and famine, healed the sick and comforted the afflicted



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