St. Demetrios Event Calendar

Η΄ Ματθαίου 8th Sunday of Matthew

Week of AUGUST 3, 2025

This Weeks Services and Events

- *An Altar Vigil Light is offered today with celebration on the birthday of Irene Koutouzis, our fearless Festival Chairperson. May you have a blessed day and many years, from your St. Demetrios family.*
- *The Royal Door Flowers and an Altar Vigil Light are offered today in memory of Margaritka Valchinova (6 months), provided by her loving daughter, Presbytera Deyana & Family. May her Memory be Eternal*

Events

Monday August 4th 6:00 pm: Paraklesis (supplications) to the Mother of God

Tuesday, August 5th :5:30 pm—6:30 pm Byzantine Chant class 101 followed at 6:30 pm—7:30 pm Byzantine Chant class 201

Tuesday, August 5th 5:15 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 6th Orthros and Divine Liturgy: Holy Transfiguration

Friday, August 8th– 6:00 pm: Paraklesis (supplications) to the Mother of God

Future Offerings

Dates	Coffee Hour	Altar Vigils	Flowers
AUGUST 10	AVAILABLE	ELLIE BACOPOULOS	BACOPOULOS
AUGUST 17	BEACH REACH	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
AUGUST 24	MANOLAS	GEORGE MANOLAS	MANOLAS

DIAKONIA
RETREAT CENTER

July 17, 2025

Dear Parishioners of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church,

We are truly blessed by the generosity you have shown in contributing to the pier rebuild at the Diakonia Retreat Center. Your kindness and support mean so much to us and are deeply appreciated.

When Fr. Alexander called to inquire about available dates for scheduling a retreat, he kindly asked how the pier project was progressing. I shared with him that we were still short by $3,600 for the cost of materials. Without hesitation, Fr. Alexander responded, "We'll get it for you."

Sure enough, just three days later, the funds were in our account.

Thank you once again for your remarkable generosity. May God continue to bless you all abundantly!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Marlene

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Thank You for Your Generosity!

We are grateful to Caroline and Mike Peros for their generous donation of a beautiful gift basket, which was raffled off during our Palm Sunday event. Thanks to their kindness—and the support of all who participated—we were able to raise enough funds to purchase a brand new water fountain for our church social hall.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Jason Formicola and Rick Brown for volunteering their time and talents to install the new fountain.

We hope everyone enjoys the updated features and refreshed convenience it brings to our community space!

Beach Reach 2025

WISH LIST

Help make our annual GOYA Beach Reach retreat a success!

Direct Donations

To help, you can either ***Donate***:

- Sponsor the Farewell Luncheon on Sunday, 8/17
- Make a Direct Donation using the QR Code on the left. Direct Donations will be used to cover costs associated with the event, inicluding the DJ, which is $1,000.
- Or visit our Amazon Wishlist using the QR Code on the right and purchase any of the items listed

AMAZON LIST

OR ***Volunteer***:

- Thursday evening [6pm - 9pm]: Join us in the church hall to sort, organize, and pack the goodie bags
- Friday night [8pm - 9:30pm]: Extra security for our night on the boardwalk
- Saturday morning [7am - 8am] -Help set up the tents , volleyball nets, and hang banner
- Saturday beach & hotel patrol crew [8am - 2pm]- Extra security and helping hands to be available for beach patrol and monitor pool deck, pool gate, and hotel restrooms.
- Saturday night [6pm - 10pm] - Extra security for the dance and helping hands to setup and clean up
- Sunday farewell luncheon - Help setup and clean up

For more information or to get involved,
please contact Ellie Kousidis
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203-858-8806

Our New Youth Leadership team

We're excited to introduce our new Youth Leadership Team, a dedicated group of three passionate individuals—(in order from left to right on the pic) Ellie Kousidis, Ashley Christoforakis, and Maria Morton —who will be heading up our Greek Orthodox youth ministries, including Sunday School, GOYA, HOPE/JOY, and Little Lambs. This team will work together to organize, plan, and bring to life meaningful experiences that help our youth grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and create joyful memories rooted in our Orthodox tradition. We look forward to the year ahead under their guidance and enthusiasm!

LOOKING
FOR
Sunday School
TEACHERS!
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS
YEAR, PLEASE EMAIL US!
SUNDAYSCHOOL@STDEMETRIOSDAYTONA.ORG

Byzantine Chant 101 and 201

Byzantine Chant 101 has returned for the Summer here at Saint Demetrios and along with it, the upper level class Byzantine Chant 201. Both classes are a wonderful opportunity to learn the Hymnographic Style of the Orthodox Church as well as expand your appreciation and participation in the services of our community. If you have any questions or want to be placed on the email list, please email Samuel at: **(samuel@stdemetriosdaytona.org)**

VIP

Next Meeting August 13th, 2025

CHANGED FROM ALFIE'S THEY HAVE CLOSED

Instead:

Go to RIVER GRILLE on the Tomoka River

950 N. Highway #1, Ormond Beach

PLEASE BRING MONEY FOR PAINTING CLASS

Come get help in Painting

Painting Class on September 10th

The painting class is a step-by-step instruction by a professional artist who has been doing these classes for over 10 years with many times doing it for the VIP

Be there at 9:30 to get set up - Potluck lunch at 1pm

Cost to VIP member $35, non-member $40

PLANT THE SEEDS FOR TOMORROW

When you are considering your estate planning please remember St. Demetrios as a beneficiary of your estate.

Your church can meet many philanthropic and educational needs, immediate and long term through your donation.

Your bequest to Saint Demetrios Church will be treated with the utmost care for the benefit of the future ministry led by Saint Demetrios. Should you need assistance contact Father Alexander or the church finance office at 386-252-6012.

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