

**PART 1 – MISSION STATEMENT HEAT MAPPED CONCEPTS**

**31 - WELCOMING/ACCEPTING/FELLOWSHIP** - warm and welcoming environment; all people find a place of acceptance; belonging; welcomes all; welcome all with open arms; welcoming to all people; welcome and encourage all; welcomes all; community; Fellowship; welcoming environment; Fellowship; warmly inviting; Hospitality; welcome all; fellowship; welcome all; welcoming all of God's children; welcoming; fellowship; family; fellowship; community welcoming; embracing all people; supporting each other; family values; inclusion of all people; bring our community together; church community; Community; Accepting; encouraging all people.

**28 - SPIRITUAL GROWTH/FAITH** - grow our faith in Jesus Christ; faith; faith; faith; keep faith; faith in God; spiritual growth; Faith; keep faith strong; faith; cultivate faith; strengthen their faith; faith; faithful; faith; spiritual growth; grow spiritually; spiritual; spiritual grow spiritually; spiritual growth; grow spiritually; in the fullness of the Orthodox Christian faith; apostolic faith; religious beliefs; prioritizing our faith; faithful adherence to the sacred traditions of the orthodox church and rich liturgical life; provide spiritual value to their lives.

**22 - ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY** - Orthodox Christianity; support the values of the Orthodox church; Orthodox education Orthodox Christian faith; Orthodox faith; Strengthening the Orthodox faith; Orthodox Christian faith; Orthodoxy; Orthodox community; nourish Orthodox community; Orthodox Church; Orthodox faith; Orthodox faith; learn our Orthodox faith; Orthodoxy; fullness of the Orthodox faith tradition; faith in Orthodoxy; Embracing the Orthodox faith; teach the Orthodox Christian faith; commitment to the holy tradition; and traditions of our holy church.

**21 - CHRIST/GOD-CENTERED/LIKE** - love of Christ, committing to Christ-centered values; be like God; love God; Christ-centered; Christ-centered; Follow God's word; live out the way of Jesus; Christ-centered; in the name of Jesus Christ; serve God; in Christ; proclaim Christ; body of Christ.; faith in God; Grow in God; bring us closer to Christ; grow closer to Christ; teachings of Christ; liberates through the power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; Christ-entered community.

**18 - LOVE** – love; love God; love our neighbors as ourselves.; loving community; love of each other; reflect God's love; experience and share Christ's love; love; love all; love; love; love; love; love; loves the people; loving all unconditionally; encouraging others to seek the same love.

**16 - SERVICE/PHILANTHROPY** - service; service; service; service; service; service; service; improve service; service to the Word; philanthropy; serve our parishioners and community; giving back to the community; serve the needs of our parishioners and our local community; compassionate; compassion; and positive difference in the lives of others.

**14 - EDUCATING/LEARNING** – Education; to grow spiritually; lifelong learning; education; Educating; learn; educating; education; Teach and nurture faith; teach and

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proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ; scripture; teachings of the Holy gospel; to teach and spread the Orthodox Christian faithful; while helping people translate the events that occur in this misunderstood world through biblical principles.

**12 - WORSHIP** – worship; worship; worship; worship; Worship; worship; worship; haven of worship; worship; worship; worship; participate in our services; lives the liturgy.

**7 - GREEK/ETHIC CULTURE/HERITAGE** - Greek culture; Greek Orthodox Community, culture, remembering our heritage; culture; heritage; keep the culture.

**6 - EVANGELIZING** - sharing the gospel; sharing His word; reach people; bearing witness; make his message known to our community; proclaim the gospel of Christ.

**6 - STEWARDSHIP** – stewardship; stewardship; Stewardship; stewardship; stewardship; stewardship.

**5 - GROW** - grow; Growing; grow; grow our community; community growth.

**3 - ACCEPTANCE / TOLERANCE** - acceptance and tolerance; be kind; treat every one as family.

**3 - PRAYER** - prayer; pray for others; prayer.

**3 - OUTREACH** – outreach; Outreach; outreach.

### **ONE OFFS**

~ energize, cultivate, comfort and guide our parishioners lives in the church;

~ see the light

~ heal our broken world;

~ hope,

~ collectively and selflessly progress to the modern times and the needs of our church and parishioners;

~ Parish exist for future generations

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## **PART 2 – ACTUAL PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENTS**

To create and promote Orthodox Christianity and Greek culture;

To be faithful the teachings of Christ and traditions of our holy church while helping people translate the events that occur in this misunderstood world through biblical principles;

To proclaim the gospel of Christ to teach and spread the Orthodox Christian faithful to energize, cultivate, comfort and guide our parishioners lives in the church;

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We want to be the church or choice for our parishioners, not because of the location but because we will provide spiritual value to their lives;

to be a Christ-entered community welcoming to all people to grow spiritually in the fullness of the Orthodox Christian faith through love, worship and service;

To teach the Orthodox Christian faith as handed down by Jesus Christ to the apostles, we strive to accomplish this sacred mission through worship of the Holy Trinity, commitment to the holy tradition, and scripture of the church, education, service and fellowship bearing witness to this calling as faithful members of the body of Christ.;

Our parish should be the inclusion of all people of every nationality into our faith, welcoming them with open arms into our faith to help St. Demetrios grow;

To love God, keep your faith no matter what and pray daily for others;

To see the light and have faith in God;

Grow in God and community, to help reach people not just those in need, and to help heal our broken world;

Teach and nurture faith and family values to help create and nourish our Orthodox community.;

To love God with all of our hearts, all our souls and all our minds, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.;

To be Christ-centered, true first and foremost of the doctrines of the Orthodox Church, to welcome and encourage all those seeking the Orthodox faith, to participate in our services and church community;

to strive to grow spiritually and established a community based on faith, love and hope, that will better serve our parishioners and community as a whole;

To be a Christ-centered loving community that welcomes all to worship, pray, and learn our Orthodox faith;

Follow God's word living out the way of Jesus;

To embrace and welcome all to the Orthodox faith for spiritual, family and community growth;

To promote faith in God through the teachings of the Holy gospel, stewardship, fellowship and service;

To embrace all of the values of Orthodoxy while accepting, growing, educating and giving back to the community to help bring us closer to Christ;

Embracing the Orthodox faith and all of God's children and welcoming all to learn, grow, and give back to the St. Demetrios Community;

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For a Greek Orthodox Community to collectively and selflessly progress to the modern times and the needs of our church and parishioners;

To grow our community through faith, love of Christ and of each other so that our Parish can exist for our children, grandchildren and future generations to come;

The mission is to bring our community together to teach and proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ and to keep the culture and faith strong within our community;

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To become one in faith, to be kind, compassionate, faithful and to treat every one of God's children as family, love is the answer;

To support the spiritual growth of its members through faithful adherence to the sacred traditions of the orthodox church and rich liturgical life, lifelong learning, and sharing the gospel with the greater Warren area; to be Christ-centered, community welcoming, and embracing all people;

to grow spiritually in the fullness of the Orthodox faith through faith, worship and love as Christ intended;

Worship, education, hospitality, outreach, stewardship, fellowship, heritage;

To provide a welcoming environment where parishioners can find fellowship, strengthen their faith, seek guidance and grow closer to Christ;

To cultivate faith, love and worship in the community by encouraging all people to participate and grow spiritually in the Orthodox Christian faith;

To build and strengthen the Orthodox faith through love, worship and service; To welcome and love all who wish to be saved just as Jesus would do;

We should desire to make his message known to our community and support the values of the Orthodox church;

To serve God by sharing His word with those who are willing to listen and warmly inviting them to join the rest of the St. Demetrios family in prioritizing our faith, acknowledging our fortune and loving all unconditionally;

To proclaim the ministry of Christ through love, prayer, stewardship, Orthodox education and a commitment to serve the needs of our parishioners and our local community at large;

To utilize our culture and respect for tradition our church was built upon to better understand and improve service, stewardship, worship and the Orthodox Christian faith;

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Through embodying the ideals of Orthodoxy, both culture and spiritual in our daily lives, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church will be a beacon of faith, love, compassion and service to the Word in the name of Jesus Christ;

We are a welcoming Orthodox community supporting each other in spiritual growth and philanthropy in Christ;

We are committed to creating a warm and welcoming environment where all people find a place of acceptance, belonging, and spiritual growth through worship, service and outreach;

Our goal is to reflect God's love and to make positive difference in the lives of others, both inside and outside of our Parish.;

God came to earth as the Son of God and declared I am He. We declare He truly is and we want to be like Him.;

To provide a haven of worship, stewardship and service and outreach to its parishioners and community and to take responsibility for committing to Christ-centered values as taught by the Holy Fathers;

Strengthening the Orthodox faith within St. Demetrios while educating, promoting and encouraging others to seek the same love and faith in Orthodoxy;

A parish which lives the liturgy, loves the people, and liberates through the power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ;

St. Demetrios Church welcomes all to experience and share Christ's love and the apostolic faith through worship, education, fellowship, stewardship and service;

To grow our faith in Jesus Christ through our religious beliefs, acceptance and tolerance of others, while remembering our heritage.