



St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* February 2013

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FEBRUARY 2013 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

- FEB 2: The Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple
Ἡ Ὑπαπαντή τοῦ Κυρίου
- FEB 3: 15th Sunday of Matthew
ἸΕ΄ Ματθαίου
(τοῦ Νομικοῦ)
- FEB 6: St. Photios the Great
Φώτιος Πατριάρχης
Κωνσταντινουπόλεως
- FEB 10: 16th Sunday of Matthew
ἸΣΤ΄ Ματθαίου
(τῶν Ταλάντων)
St. Haralambos the Martyr
Χαραλάμπος Ἱερομάρτυς
- FEB 17: Sunday of the Canaanite
ἸΖ΄ Ματθαίου
(τῆς Χαναanaίας)

Feb 24: Triodion Begins
ἸΣΤ΄ Λουκᾶ (Τελώνου καί
Φαρισαίου)

Epistle: St. Paul's 2nd Letter to
Corinthians 4:6-15
Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β΄ 4:6-15
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
Λουκᾶν 24.13-35

SERVICES
(unless otherwise stated)

Sunday Orthros 9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

During 2013 Weddings will not be held during Great Lent, Holy week and Easter March 17th – May 12th, Pentecost June 23rd, Sunday August 4th.

No Baptisms during Holy Week or any of the Great Feast Days of the Lord.

No Memorials from April 27 – May 23



2012-2013 Volleyball Champs

St Demetrios GOYA Girls

Pictured:

Francesca Garison, Zoie Skelly, Alexandra Rivera (co-captain,) Carol Khalil (co-captain), Katie Vosinas, Jady Simatos, Nickolas Vosinas, Maria Karanikas (coach), Marie Khalil, Cassie Garison. Not pictured Jennifer Seitis

St Demetrios Goya Girls Volleyball Champs!

The St. Demetrios Girls Volleyball team has brought the 1st place trophy back home to our parish! Sunday January 13th, our girls shed blood, sweat, and tears proving good things really do come in small packages. As a team of only 9 girls, they were able to finish the 2012-2013 season undefeated with a record of 10-0.

The championship game took place on Sunday at Holmdel versus Saint George, Piscataway. Both teams poured their hearts in to this game and gave the spectators a thrilling show. Perth Amboy defeated Piscataway in two games with scores of 25-12 in game 1 and 25-19 in game 2.

Many thanks to those of you who supported our girls this season.

Getting A Start On 2013



January 13th was a very busy day in our community. Along with the blessing of the waters and The Philoptochos annual Vasilopita luncheon, the new parish council was sworn in.

The new parish council begins its two year term to lead our community through the complex challenges of maintaining and operating our facilities,

attending to the necessities of the community's organizational needs and setting goals for our community's success.

Jady Simatos retrieved the cross from the icy waters of the Raritan Bay to conclude the blessing of the waters ceremony.

We were blessed to have the Chancellor of our Metropolis, Archimandrite Constantine Mersinas, in attendance for our activities. The Chancellor also administered the oath of office to the members of the new parish council.

Pictured here at the Vasilopita Luncheon, which followed the blessing of the waters, are outgoing parish council president Larry Simatos, Father Michaels, Chancellor Mersinas and Philoptochos president Stella Wacker.



Parish Council

Kateina Ganiaris - President
Kathy Kouretas - Vice President
Christina Garrison - Secretary
Steve Corodemus - Treasurer
Eleni Stoimonides
Alex Vosinas
Dino Kusulas
Michael Koudis
George Petrakakis
Mark Rasimowicz
Nick Giannakopoulos
Gary Ahladianakis

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dkusulas@optonline.net

Deadline for submissions for the March 2013 Bulletin is February 10, 2013.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things have passed away; behold all things become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

St. Demetrios Church turns the page on yet another two year Parish Council Service lead by Lambros Simatos. We are all thankful to Larry and all the past Parish Council members for their time, service and efforts for the community. THANK YOU.

On January 13, 2013 the newly affirmed Parish Council was honored to have our oath of office administered to us by Archimandrite Constantine Mersinas, Chancellor Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. On January 16, 2013 pursuant to the Uniform Parish By-Laws the new parish Council members voted for your new officers. The results are:

Kateina Ganiaris President
Kathy Kouretas Vice-President
Christina Garrison Secretary
Steve Corodemus Treasurer

We have much work to do over the next 2 years and it is work we must do together. I wish to strive for the following goals:

1. **AGAPE** *God's shared love among the congregation, visitors, new members, and lapsed members throughout the entire congregation creating a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere.*
2. **STABLE FINANCES AND TRANSPARENCY.** *Like all good families we must learn to live within a budget, be wise in our spending of your donations and let you know at all times where and how monies are being spent and managed.*
3. **INCLUSION** *We need to be a Christian community not isolated just within our own church but be part of Perth Amboy, the Pan Orthodox community and the greater ecumenical world.*

Please be PATIENT as we reorganize, be HELPFUL when we ask you to help with your time and talents and be PRAYERFUL in supporting the changes and understanding we will need to make our church the best we can be.

Yours in Christ,

Kateina Ganiaris



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Αλεξανδρο Βοσινας
Κωνσταντινο Κουσουλας
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Μαρια Κακαδελη

ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ

"Αν κάποιος είναι εν Χριστώ, είναι ένα νέο πλάσμα, τα παλιά πράγματα έχουν περάσει μακριά? Βλέπω όλα τα πράγματα γίνονται νέα." 2 Κορινθίους 5:17

Η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Δημητρίου γυρίζει τη σελίδα για δύο ακόμη έτη. Ευχαριστούμε το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο του Λάμπρου Σιματου για τις υπηρεσίες του. Είμαστε ευγνώμονες όλοι για τον Λάμπρο και όλα τα μέλη του τελευταίου Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου για την περιοδο των υπηρεσιών και των προσπαθειών τους στην κοινότητα. ΣΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ.

Στις 13 Ιανουαρίου 2013, πρόσφατα το συμβούλιο της ενορίας μας βεβαίωσε ότι είναι καθηκον να λαβη το συμβούλιο τον καθορισμένο όρκο που μας χορηγείσε ο Πρωτοσυγγελος Κωνσταντίνος Μερσίνας, της Ελληνο-Ορθόδοξο Μητρόπολεως της Νέας Ιερσέης. Στις 16 Ιανουαρίου 2013, σύμφωνα με το ενιαίο Καταστατικό της ενορίας, τα νέα μέλη του Συμβουλίου ψήφισαν για νέα στελέχη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου. Τα αποτελέσματα είναι ως εξής:

Κατίνα Γανιάρης Πρόεδρος
Αικατερίνη Κουρέτας Αντιπρόεδρος
Χριστίνα Garrison Γραμματέας
Σωτήριος Κοροδίδης Ταμίας

Έχουμε πολλή δουλειά να κάνουμε κατά τη διάρκεια των επόμενων 2 χρονων. και είναι το έργο που πρέπει να κάνουμε από κοινού. Θέλω να αγωνιστούμε για τους παρακατω στόχους:

1. Να μοιραστούμε την αγάπη του Θεού. Να έχουμε ΑΓΑΠΗ ανάμεσα στο εκκλησίασμα, στους επισκέπτες, και τα νέα μέλη της εκκλησίας μας, ώστε να δημιουργήσουμε μια ζεστή, φιλόξενη και φιλική ατμόσφαιρα.
2. ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΑ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΑΦΑΝΕΙΑ. Όπως όλες οι καλές οικογένειες πρέπει να μάθουμε να κανονίζουμε την πορεία μας μέσα σε ένα προϋπολογισμό των δαπανών μας από τις δωρεές σας και να σας ενημερωνουμε ώστε να γνωρίζετε ανά πάσα στιγμή πού και πώς δαπανώνται και διαχειρίζονται τα χρήματα σας.
3. ΕΝΤΑΞΗ Πρέπει να είναι μια χριστιανική κοινότητα χωρίς να απομονώνεται μόνο στη δική μας εκκλησία, αλλά να είναι μέρος της πολιτείας του Περθ Αμπου, μια Πανορθόδοξη κοινότητα στον μεγάλο οικουμενικό κόσμο.

Σας παρακαλούμε να είστε υπομονετικοί καθώς προσπαθούμε να κανουμε αναδιοργάνωση, είναι χρήσιμο όταν σας ζητάμε να βοηθήσετε με το χρόνο και τα ταλέντα σας και να υποστήριξετε της αλλαγες, και να δειχνετε κατανόηση πως την εκκλησία μας, πού προσπαθει να κάνει το καλύτερο που μπορεί να είναι.

ΚΑΤΙΝΑ ΓΑΝΙΑΡΗΣ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ



St Demetrios GOYA

Spaghetti Dinner

March 03 2013

Be entertained by our
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Get to Know Your Parish Council Representatives: Konstantinos (Dino) Kusulas

This month, we are starting a new feature in which at least one individual from the community, will be profiled so that we can get to better know one another.

I've always found a person's individual story and the stories and tales of a group to not only be interesting, but they provide a commonality and connection between us. They help to bind us together as a community.

It is what we share in common that makes us a community and what makes a community a family.

What better way to kick off this series than with short profiles of the incoming parish council members? I'll kick things off... with my own profile

My hope is that this series will show us that we have more in common than the building we worship in.

Perhaps we will each see a little bit of ourselves in each month's profile and learn a little bit more about St Demetrios Community mosaic.

Everyone is welcomed to share their story or that of a loved one.

I look forward to your contributions.

Enjoy.

D. Kusulas

Editor



I was born and raised in Perth Amboy by Christos and Paraskevi (Freida) Kusulas. I attended the St. Demetrios Sunday and Greek Schools and I served as an altar boy under Father Ted Logothetis. I attended Perth Amboy High School and graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

After university I enlisted in the U.S. Army. I was stationed in Frankfurt Germany and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Army Signal Corps. I served six years before being honorably discharged and returning home to New Jersey. I have worked in telecommunications for 24 years and have been the Telecommunication Manager for

the Brooklyn Public Library for the last 8 years.

I met my wife Sandra of 26 years when we were both students at the Florham-Madison Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. We have two sons, Chris and Paul (now grown) who also served as St. Demetrios altar boys and attended the Sunday school. Sandra teaches in the Perth Amboy school system and taught Sunday school at St Demetrios for 12 years.

I first served on the parish council in 1999 and have served several terms since. As many of you know, I put together material for the church's monthly newsletter. In what little spare time I have, I try to work on my golf game, try to learn a bit of guitar and try to get in a bit of fishing.

I consider service on the parish council as an opportunity to serve the parish and as a responsibility to contribute time and effort towards our community and Metropolis.

My hope is that if everyone in the St. Demetrios family recognizes an opportunity, no matter how small, to contribute positively to our church or our surrounding community and acts upon it; then together through our coordinated efforts we can do truly great things and accomplish anything we set our sights on.

We have much work to do.



THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

This parable shows that a man's humble recognition of his own depravity is more important to God than the mock virtues of the proud.

"Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself; 'God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess.'

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalts himself

shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted" (Luke. 18:9-14).

It is quite likely that the Pharisee depicted in this parable was not a bad man; he did no harm to anyone. The parable does not say, however, that he has done any real good works; rather, he strictly follows the various, minute, secondary religious rites, even those of them which were not required by the Old Testament laws. Following these rites, he had no mean opinion of himself. He fits this expression of St. John Chrysostom;

"He judged the whole world but justified himself!"

People of this disposition are unable to evaluate themselves

critically, repent and start a good life. Their moral self is dead. More than once, the Lord Jesus Christ publicly castigated the hypocrisy of Judaic scribes and Pharisees, but in this parable Christ only remarks that it was the tax collector who 'went down to his house justified rather than the other'; in other words, it was the tax collector's sincere repentance that was accepted by God.

This parable lets us understand that a human being is fallen and sinful. A human has nothing to boast of before God. But with sincere repentance he must come back to his Heavenly Father and expose his life to the leadership of God's grace, like the lost sheep who passed the work of its salvation to the good shepherd!

GOYA NEWS

The Perth Amboy Goya has many activities going on this time of the year. First off, in December the Goya attended the Roseland Christmas dance. Next, the volleyball team is undefeated! Playoffs were held in Toms River and Holmdel and the resulting in the St. Demetrios volleyball team being crowned as champions.

Also, in February the Goya will be going to the annual Valentine's Day dance. On March 2nd the Goya will be attending Sights and Sounds in Westfield. The Spaghetti Dinner will be the next day, Sunday 3/3. As you can see, the Goya is having a lot of fun and is very busy. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30, Feb 5, March 5.



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GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

January 21, 2013

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to inform you that the Philoptochos Society of Perth Amboy's St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, will hold its Fashion Show on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ.

We are most grateful for the fact that these functions have been most successful due mainly to the support and generosity of our parishioners and friend such as you. Once again, we are taking the liberty of requesting a number of our co-parishioners and friends to permit us to list them as sponsors, benefactors or patrons of this affair.

The proceeds from this year's Fashion Show will enable us to fulfill our obligations as members of a society deeply involved in philanthropic endeavors. This year marks our 90th year in our community of giving other Hope and love

Hoping we may have the pleasure of including your name on the list of friends heeding our appeal, and deeply appreciative for your thoughtfulness and generosity, we are

Sincerely yours,

Philoptochos Board
Chairperson
2013 Fashion Show

Helen Suravlas
Chairperson
Donations Committee

Stella Wacker
President
Three Hierarchs

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Perth Amboy, NJ*

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*Saturday, the Ninth of March
Two thousand and Thirteen*

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Christian Stewardship is a life-style, which acknowledges being accountable and responsible before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him.

Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love, to respond by participating and supporting His plan of salvation and the ministries of the Church, which make salvation possible for them and for others.

In the Bible, the Steward is depicted as a person who is given the responsibility of managing something that belongs to the Owner, God. The Steward as the manager is thus accountable to the Owner for all that he possesses and is responsible to return to the Lord his or her fair share in gratitude and thanksgiving. As God has been generous to us, He expects us to be generous toward the work of Christ and His Church. Our Stewardship Commitment is the tool of ministry, salvation and healing for us and for others.

Christian Stewardship is the privilege and honor of directly supporting God's work on earth through the Church. A flourishing parish Christian Stewardship Program can be

compared to a river, which overflows into many tributaries and reaches out in many directions to share with others our rich and profound spiritual inheritance. Success on the local level emanates to greater support and outreach on all levels of ministry: local, national and international.

Christian Stewardship offers each person the means to become an active proponent in disseminating the Orthodox Faith through fair and generous giving to support Parish, Metropolis and Archdiocesan or National Ministries. "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:2) Saint Paul instructed the Corinthians to offer their support for the Church of Jerusalem on a regular and consistent schedule.

Our Parish has been operating on the Stewardship System for a number of years. We would like all of our parishioners to understand that the success of the work of the Church is dependent upon them and fully participate in Stewardship. God has endowed all of us with



many gifts. We are now called to offer back to Him in proportion to what He has given us.

We are asked to offer back from our Time, Talent and Treasure, each according to the extent of our blessings. If we have more time we must give more in time, if we have a special talent we should give of our talent and if have been blessed more with treasure we should give back from our treasure.

All the Ministries of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese depend upon our Stewardship. Let's fulfill our responsibility toward God, our Church and our fellow men. Let us offer back to God from the Gifts He has given us!



~ St. Demetrios February 2013 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church	Office	Hours	Tues, Wed, Fri	9AM-1PM	1	2 DIV. LIT.: 10:00 AM The Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple Η Υπαπαντη του Κυριου
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17 ORTHOS: 9:00 AM DIV. LIT.: 10:00 AM Sunday of the Canaanite ΙΖ Ματθαιου της Χαναναϊας	18	19	20	21	22	23 Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
24 ORTHOS: 9:00 AM DIV. LIT.: 10:00 AM Triodion Begins Epistle: St. Paul's 2 nd Letter to Corinthians Προς Κορινθιους β4:6-15	25	26	27	28	Notes: ** PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW TIMES OF CHURCH SERVICES **	

**THREE SEATS REMAIN OPEN ON THE PARISH COUNCIL
ANYONE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED SHOULD CONTACT KATEINA GANIARIS**



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ALTAR BOY

An altar boy is a boy who assists a priest or a deacon during the Divine Liturgy. When a boy wants to become an altar boy, he asks the priest or deacon for permission to assist. Dimitrios Kakadelis had the honor of being an altar boy at Saint Demetrios Church. He liked it very much and for the first time, he got to see what takes place inside the Sanctuary. He assisted Father Michaels by holding a candle during the Gospel reading and also when the Holy Gifts were brought out.

Dimitrios was very happy to have been an active participant in the Liturgy. We hope that these experiences encourage parents to bring their boys to church so that they can experience the Divine Liturgy from a whole different perspective. If you would like to be an altar boy at St. Demetrios Church, please contact Father Michaels. All boys are welcome to serve God and their church.

Όταν ένα αγόρι μεγαλώνει και νιώθει την ανάγκη να γίνει ιεροπαίδο, ζητάει την άδεια του ιερέα και έτσι μπαίνει για πρώτη φορά μέσα στο ιερό. Είναι ωραίο πράγμα όταν ένα αγόρι φτάσει στην ηλικία που μπορεί να υπηρετήσει τον ιερέα σε ότι χρειάζεται. Ένα από τα αγόρια της ενορίας μας, ο Δημητρίος Κακαδέλης, προσφέρει τις υπηρεσίες του μέσα στο ιερό του Αγίου Δημητρίου. Τον άρεσε πάρα πολύ γιατί είδε για πρώτη φορά από κοντά τι γίνεται μέσα στο ιερό. Ακολουθώντας, κρατούσε το κεράκι όταν ο Πατήρ Μιχαήλ έβγαλε τα Άγια στην Ωραία Πύλη και όταν διαβαζόταν το Ευαγγέλιο.

Ο Δημητρίος χαρήκε πάρα πολύ που του δόθηκε η ευκαιρία να βοηθήσει τον ιερέα. Παρακαλούμε τους γονείς να ενθαρρύνουν τα αγόρια τους να έρθουν στο ιερό γιατί προσφέρουν αγάπη και βοήθεια προς το Χριστό και η πίστη τους δυναμώνει.

Congratulations!

On February 4, 2013, Dimitrios Kakadelis will once again be honored by the Sayreville Education Association for his entry in the "Pride in Our Schools Contest". Out of all the entries in his level throughout the Sayreville district, his entry was chosen as the best. Keep up the good work! Congratulations to Dimitri, his teacher and his family.

ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ

Στις 4 Φεβρουαρίου, 2013, ο Δημητρίος Κακαδέλης θα βραβευτεί από το σύλλογο του Sayreville για την δημιουργική εργασία του επειδή ήταν η καλύτερη από όλη την περιφέρεια του Sayreville. Ευχόμαστε λοιπόν συγχαρητήρια στον ίδιο, καθώς και στον δασκάλο του και στους γονείς του.

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2012 Blessing of the Waters

Each year in celebration of the Epiphany, Greek Orthodox faithful world-wide gather at local large bodies of water to observe the heartier members of their communities dive to retrieve crosses from cold waters as an act of their faith.

The St. Demetrios community is no different. We all gathered on the boardwalk and sands of Raritan Bay on a blustery January 13th morning to see two brave young individuals steel themselves against the cold and with literal leaps of faith, hurl themselves into frigid waters to retrieve a wooden cross.

Jadyn Simatos and Zack Giannakopoulos both, without hesitation, dove for the wooden cross tossed into Raritan Bay by



Father Angelo Michaels. Jadyn Simatos emerged from the icy waters with the cross held high.

Both Jadyn and Zack were honored and celebrated for their acts of faith at the subsequent annual Philoptochos Vasilopita Luncheon. Both earned their piece of the Vasilopita that day.

Thanks and congratulations to both participants and especially to Jadyn who will surely have a blessed year.