



St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* March 2013

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MARCH 2013 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

March 03

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

ΙΖ΄ Λουκα (του Ασωτου)

Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

March 10

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

Κυριακή της Απόκριω

Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

March 17

Forgiveness Sunday

Κυριακή της Τυροφάγου

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

March 24

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Κυριακή Α΄ των Νηστειών (της
Ορθοδοξίας)

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Gospel: John 1:43-51

March 31

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Κυριακή Β΄ Νηστειών Γρηγορίου
Αρχιεπ. Θεσσαλονίκης

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

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

Trip Planned to Agia Skepi in Pennsylvania

Prepare for Easter with a family Lenten pilgrimage to the Monastery of Agia Skepi in Pennsylvania. As part of her commitment toward faith based initiatives, Parish Council President Kateina Ganiaris is organizing a church-wide pilgrimage to Agia Skepi monastery on Saturday, April 6, 2013. All church members are invited.



Agia Skepi is a beautiful working monastery called, Holy Protection Greek Orthodox Monastery. It was founded in 1993 by Elder Ephraim, former Abbot of Philotheou Monastery on Mount Athos who also founded 16 other monasteries throughout the United States and Canada. The Monastery's "Mother House" is the Archangel Michael Monastery on the island of Thasos in Greece.

The monastery follows the ancient way of monastic life consisting of common meals, common prayer and church services, common work and rest periods. The members of the Sisterhood are united through solidarity in their struggle in Christ under the spiritual guidance and obedience to the mother abbess Gerontissa Olympiada and to their spiritual father Elder Ephraim.

The daily program begins at midnight by keeping vigil with prayer and spiritual reading, followed by the first daily Church service. After a rest period and breakfast, the Sisters begin their work day until evening when they retreat to their cell for rest.

Fashion Show March 9th

Saturday, March 9th marks the date of the Perth Amboy Ladies Philoptochos Annual Fashion Show. The event will be held at the Pines Manor in Edison, N.J. at 12 noon.

This major fundraising event allows the group to meet its annual obligations to the National Philoptochos and its philanthropic endeavors. This year's event is chaired by Helen Suravlas. All are encouraged to attend.

Suggested donations begin at \$55 per person. For additional information, please contact any of the following individuals: Helen Suravlas (732) 257-3237, Irene Pakis (732) 591-1878 or Stella Wacker (908) 273-7391.

The Perth Amboy chapter of the Ladies Philoptochos Society celebrates 90 years of service in the St. Demetrios Community.

March Events

Mar 2 GOYA Sights & Sounds - Westfield, N.J.

Mar 3 GOYA Spaghetti Luncheon

Mar 5 Goya Meeting 7:30 PM

Mar 9 Fashion Show 12 PM - Pines Manor Edison, N.J.

Mar 11 Board Meeting 7:30

Mar 14 Seniors Meeting 11 AM

Mar 18 Philoptochos Meeting 7:30 PM

Mar 25 Greek Independence Day



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Submissions and ideas for content are encouraged and can be emailed directly to the editor at dkusulas@optonline.net

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

REACHING HIGHER GROUND

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heaven's table land,
 A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.
 Johnson Oatman, Jr. - Lyrics 1856-1922 Medford, N.J.*

As the great flood waters from Hurricane Sandy swept into so many of our communities, that ancient advice of "head for HIGHER GROUND", echoed once more. The concept of "heading for higher ground" is referred to in the Bible from the Book of Daniel 4 to St. Paul's reference Pressing Toward the Goal (Philippians 3:12-4:1).

Higher ground represents safety, dry land, a direction closer toward God. So like the other people of faith we have to lead our community to safety and away from the dangerous waters. We pray that our path will be enlightened by God's help.

We are adopting new policies to raise our operating level at St. Demetrios based upon recommendations made by the audit chairperson Stella Wacker and Strategic Planning chairperson Judge Marina Corodemus.

We have created 10 Standing Committees:

1. STEWARDSHIP: George Petrakakis
2. WAYS AND MEANS/ MEMBERSHIP: Alex Vosinas
3. LEGAL AND INSURANCE CO-CHAIRS: Gary Ahladianakis/Ken Doukas
4. BUDGET FINANCE-CO-CHAIRS: Steve Corodemus/ Stella Wacker
5. COMMUNICATIONS: Dino Kusulas /Maria Kakadelis
6. ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFFING: Kateina Ganiaris
7. CHURCH SERVICES: Eleni Stoimenides/Nick Giannakopoulos
8. EDUCATION: Kathy Kouretas/Christina Garrison /Helen Horan
9. MINISTRY & OUTREACH: Mike Koudis/Helen Catelanos
10. PHYSICAL PLANT: Mark Rasimowicz/Nick Pakis

While Parish Council Members will head the committees, all parishioners are asked to join at least ONE committee giving their time and talents. By creating this structure we can better plan, implement and execute plans without placing undue burdens on a few people to do the work of many.

Let's not wait for the flood water to take us by surprise again. Let's seek higher ground now.

Yours in Christ,

Kateina Ganiaris
 Board President



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ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ

Οι μεγάλες πλημμυρες και δυνατοί άνεμοι Sandy κατεστρεψαν πολλές κοινότητες στην περιοχή μας. Μολις κοπασαν τα καταστροφικά φαινόμενα, βρήκαμε την ψυχραιμία μας, ευχαριστήσαμε τον Θεό που είμαστε υγιείς και αρχίσαμε να σκεφτομάστε με ποιο τρόπο θα τα διορθώσουμε.

Έτσι, το πρώτο μέλημα μας ήταν να προσευχηθούμε και να ζητήσουμε από το Θεό να βρεθούν αδελφοί σαν εμάς, ώστε όλοι μαζί να ενωθούμε και να βοηθήσουμε αυτούς που έχουν ανάγκη, για να είναι η βοήθεια μας γρήγορη και μεγάλη. Ευτυχώς αυτό εισακουστήκε και μπορέσαμε και βοηθήσαμε τους συνανθρώπους μας.

Η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Δημητρίου χαρήκε για την προθυμία που δείξαν τα αδελφία μας και προσέφεραν την βοήθεια για τους πλημμυροπαθείς. Τη ίδια για βοήθεια περιμένει να δείξουν και για τις ανάγκες της εκκλησίας, και για αυτό τους περιμένει να γραφτούν στις 10 Επιτροπές της εκκλησίας που δημιουργήθηκαν για την ανακούφιση των πιστών.

Οι 10 Επιτροπές είναι:

1. ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΧΕΙΡΙΣΗ: Γιωργος Πετρακακης
2. ΤΡΟΠΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΣΑ / Membership: Αλεξανδρο Βοσινας
3. ΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑ-συμπροεδροι: Κωνσταντίνος Αχλαδιανακης/ Κεν Δουκας
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8. ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗ: Αικατερίνη Κουρετάς / Χριστίνα Γκαρίσον / Ελενη Χοραν
9. ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΡΑΛΛΗΛΕΣ: Δημητρη Κουδης/ Ελενη Κατελανος
10. ΦΥΣΙΚΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΚΤΙΡΙΩΝ: Μαρκ Ρασιμονγουιτζ / Νικος Πακης

Όλοι είμαστε ευγνώμονες στο Θεό και να μας έχει γέρους να βοηθάμε τους άλλους που έχουν ανάγκη.

Με αγάπη Χριστού,

Κατίνα Γανιάρης

Προεδρος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου



Prepare for Lent

Dear Beloved:

The Great Lent period is the most significant part of our Orthodox Faith. The first day of Great Lent is Monday, March 18, 2013. Permit me to examine closely the “true” purpose of Lent. Let us, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, turn to our Holy Church Fathers for spiritual guidance.



St. Nectarios of Aegina gives us his spiritual counseling as follows:

“The path of virtue is a path of effort and toil: Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it; whereas the gate of vice is wide and the way spacious, but lead to perdition.” St. Nectarios goes on to say “Fasting is an ordinance of the Church, obliging the Christian to observe it on specific days, especially Holy and Great Lent.” Concerning fasting, our Savior teaches: “When thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father Who is in secret: and thy Father, Who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” From what the Savior teaches we learn (a) that fasting is pleasing to God, and (b) that he who fasts for the uplifting of his mind and heart towards God shall be rewarded by God, Who is a most liberal bestower of Divine gifts, for his devotion.

St. Ambrose of Milan also speaks to us in love and gives us guidance:

“We are now entering the most sacred period of the Holy and Great Lent and so you must be me more earnest in Prayer and Almsgiving, in Fasting and in Spiritual Vigilance...He that till now has given alms, in these days let him give more, for as water quenches a flaming fire, so does almsgiving wipe out sin.” (Ecces. 3:33). “He that till now fasted and prayed, let him fast and pray more, for there are certain sins which are not cast out except by prayer and fasting.” (Matt17:28)



St. Cosmas Aitolos gives his special guidance and love and tells us “Fast according to your ability, pray according to your ability, give alms according to your ability, and always hold death before the eyes of your mind.” The Holy Father tells us Fasting is not mere matter of diet. It is to return to God, to come home like the Prodigal to our Father’s House. In the words of St. John Chrysostom, it means “abstinence not only from food but from sins.” The fast, he insists, “should be kept not by the mouth alone but also by the eye, the ear, the feet, the hands and all the members of the body: the eye must abstain from impure sights, the ear from malicious gossip, the hands from acts of injustice.” St Basil protests, “It is useless to fast from food, protests St. Basil, and yet to indulge in cruel criticism and slander: You do not eat meat, but you devour your brother.”

Our response to Lent varies. Some of us are resolved and determined to make a sincere attempt to observe this Holy period. Some will be indifferent and continue to live their lives without any change. Then there are those who simply talk about Lent, about Fasting, and about confession, but never get to the realm of application. Nevertheless, here are some simple things we can do:

- We can begin our day with prayer.
- We can make time in our day to attend to our Bible readings and Bible study.
- We certainly can attend church services more regularly, especially Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

May our Lord and his Saints guide us all to a very successful and happy Lent season to the great and awesome Holy Resurrection of Christ.

In Christ’s Love

Father Angelo



Get to Know Your Parish Council Representatives: Steven Corodemus

Putting out a newsletter requires the efforts of a dedicated team. A team willing to make use of all available tools and resources; A team willing to plan ahead and prepare beyond the immediate edition and work on editions two or three months ahead of publication.

A team willing to dedicate the time necessary to create an interesting and, I hope a useful newsletter; A team that helps to share the load; A team that works towards common goals and commits to success.

With that said, I encourage you to strongly consider Kateina's call to get involved with one of the standing committees that have been organized. If not one of the committees; please step forward and join the PTO, the Philoptochos. Help teach Sunday School on an occasional Sunday. Volunteer to do a gospel reading during church services. Join the choir. Help pass a tray. Help get the ball rolling with the Festival by volunteering to help anyway you can.

There's always something that needs doing. Invest some "clock" in your church. Donate some effort. Share your skills. I challenge you all to see what you might get out of committing yourself to improving and building upon the St. Demetrios community - if even just a little bit.

I'd like to thank the other members of the editorial board. It is the efforts of this team that continues to improve your monthly newsletter.

Enjoy.

D. Kusulas

Editor



My name is Steven Corodemus. I was born in Newark, N.J. and raised in Old Bridge, N.J. I am the eldest of three children (Stella-Stamatea and Elizabeth-Vasiliki) born to Christy (Christos) and Lee (Garifalia) Corodemus. I am named after my Grandfather Soterios Demetrios Corodemus who was from Agios Petros and married to my Grandmother, Marina Corodemus from Itilon, Mani Greece.

They immigrated to the United States in the early 1920's. They were lifelong members of St. Nicholas Church in Newark New Jersey. Like my grandparents and parents, I have grown up with a love and dedication and tradition of service to the church.

I am a lifelong member of St. Demetrios. I attended St. Demetrios Sunday school and was involved in the GOYA and served as altar boy under Father John Liadis. I worked at bingo and have helped in many church functions and fundraising over the years. I joined the church choir in February 2010. I was honored as a choir member in May 2011 by the clergy Laity in Garfield, N.J.

I attended Madison Township High School and graduated from Middlesex County College and Ramapo College of N.J. I have been employed as an accountant for 32 years. For enjoyment I go bowling twice a week. I also maintain a stamp collection.

This is my first year working for the parish council. I was elected to the office of treasurer for our church. As an accountant, I will put my trained professional skills toward the betterment of our community. My hope is that we can work all together as a family for St. Demetrios Church.



See the World as God's Gift to You

Come and see God's many blessings in your life. What is your response to His gifts? In gratitude and thanksgiving, you offer your time, talents and treasure in proportion to what you have been given. Gregory the Theologian writes, "You will never overcome God's

generosity, even if you give away all that you have.... And however much you bring to him, always more remains. Nor will you give anything that is your own; for all things flow from God (Or 14.22)."

See What the Church can Become

Come and see what the Church can become - not just maintaining current programs, but doing the ministries made possible by your support.

works of the Church. This is the Church that we as Orthodox Christians claim to be.

In the early Church, every person brought everything they could spare for the needs of the Church. They provided for the sustenance of the clergy, widows and orphans, for helping the poor, and for all the good

How much can your offering do for Christ? - Only as much as you empower it to do. It depends on your love, because we give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him. We are called to love God with our entire being - our time, talents and treasure.

See God Work through You

Come and see God work through you to serve His Church and those who seek His Truth.

others. The greatest gift we can give to another person is Christ, and the ministries of the Church provide the opportunity to do so. But these ministries require your support.

God will place you in situations to share your faith. As He called upon His disciples on the day of His Ascension, He has also called upon you to be His witness.

We are able to fulfill God's mission for the Church only to the extent that we support it. We do this by our physical, spiritual and financial support.

We begin by bringing ourselves to Christ. But it doesn't stop there. After we have brought ourselves, we bring

Come and See

This Phrase is simple yet powerful. It calls us to change our location - physically and spiritually. If we want to find Christ, we must move toward Him. We must grow and mature in our faith.

A check mailed to the church is meaningless unless it is accompanied by our presence, by our willingness to serve, by our prayers, and by our commitment. Giving is not a substitute for our commitment - it is an expression of our commitment. Come and see how you can grow through service to the Church.

Giving to the Church is an opportunity - an opportunity to examine our priorities and values. It is an opportunity to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It is an opportunity to participate in the work of God. Come and see what we can do together with your support.

Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome (Psalm 66:5).

Cheerful Giving

In II Corinthians 9:7 we read "Each person should give what he/she has decided in his/her heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Consider your weekly expenditures on

entertainment, coffee, etc. Keep in mind that the expenses of the Church increase every year. In order to grow our ministries and meet our expenses, stewardship contributions must also increase each year.

Proportionate Giving

The more we are given, the more that is expected of us. Each steward should determine the percentage of their time, talents and treasure that can be committed to Christ and His Church.



“THE PRODIGAL SON”

The parable of the prodigal son is known so well that some of its phrases have passed into ordinary spoken language.

This parable, found in chapter 15 of the Gospel according to Luke, stresses forgiveness in the final time. But its themes are inexhaustible. There are too many to count.

The theme of repentance is also present. The gradual, inner process of the sinner's turning towards full repentance, which calls for awareness of his fall, his sincere remorse, and his humble conversion of spirit toward the Heavenly Father.

The younger, prodigal son is all fallen mankind as well as each individual sinner. His portion of goods, his share of the property are, God's gifts to each man. The demand made to the father for the portion of goods falling to the son in order to use it arbitrarily is the striving of man to distance himself from God, to follow his own thoughts and desires. The father's consent to hand over the property depicts the absolute authority with which God has honored man in the use of God's gifts."

Having taken his portion, the younger son departs to a far country, a foreign place of estrangement from God. There he stops thinking of his father and "lives riotously," in a life of sin that alienates him further from the Creator. He quickly squanders his property, his share of God's gifts of mind, heart, and body. His poverty is spiritual desolation. Such a man

does not really control what brings him pleasure. It controls him.

One Church thinker has written: "This far country, this foreign land reveals to us the profound essence of our life, of our condition. Only after having understood this, can we begin the return to real life. He, who has not felt this at least once in his life, who has never realized that he is spiritually in a foreign land, isolated, exiled, will not understand the essence of Christianity.

Remorse and repentance are born out of the experience of alienation from God, from the joy of communion with Him . . . It necessarily includes in itself the profound desire to come back, to return, to find anew the lost home."

Having lost his inheritance, the younger son begins to hunger. To survive, he becomes a pig herder. A saving thought awakens in him: "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"

The prodigal son had not lost his one remaining gift--memory of his father and his home, which amounts to his conscience (God's voice within us). He understands his terrible situation, resolves to forsake his sins and repent his offences to the Lord. Finally, his humility, repentance, and awareness of his unworthiness bring the sinner back to the father. God allows calamities to sinners to bring them to their senses. They are God's call to repentance.

The parable's father stands for the Heavenly Father. The Father's goodness exceeds all human concepts, in His love for the sinner and His joy when the prodigal son's returns to Him.

The Father has already forgiven and forgotten everything, and he receives the dissolute and starving swineherd as a beloved son. The father does not require proofs of his son's repentance, because he sees that his son has overcome shame and fear to return home. The Father's joy is there because "my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." The prodigal son was spiritually dead when he was living without God, and he come back to spiritual life by returning to life in God.

At some time, we all behave like the prodigal son. By our sins, we all alienate ourselves from His love. The service for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son describes our alienation from God: "I have wasted the riches which the Father gave me; I have spent them all and now am destitute."

Salvation begins when you come to know your own divine nature, as the prodigal son did. In one instant he saw that he was a slave to sin in a foreign land without genuine life. After a such self-recognition, a man may contrast himself with God's image in him, however bruised and calloused by habitual sin. Then a man begins to thirst for regeneration from sin and conversion back to being God's image.



SACRED MUSIC CORNER

Are you suffering from post-Christmas music blues? Are you missing visions of sugarplums dancing in March? Not quite Easter but longing for that same moving holiday music?

Take heart! PIOTR ILYITCH TCHAIKOVSKY to the rescue! Yes that most wonderful of composers that brought you the Nutcracker, Swan Lake, 1812 Overture, symphonies, concertos, operas, ballets and chamber music was a profound composer of liturgical music. Being an Orthodox Christian it is not too surprising that he did indeed compose the music for the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. (1878)



PIOTR ILYITCH TCHAIKOVSKY
(May 1840 – 6 November 1893)



Sts. Basil the Great (left) and John Chrysostom Authors of the two most frequently used Divine Liturgies.
, c. 1150 (mosaic in the Palatine Chapel, Palermo).

Many of these Russian liturgy recordings have been re-recorded in English and are easily recognized by any Orthodox Christian. One such excellent recording is that of the Sacred Treasure Series. Of particular fame worldwide is Tchaikovsky's Cherubim Hymn for Choir.

Despite Tchaikovsky's version of The Divine Liturgy having been approved for correctness by the Moscow office of Sacred Censorship; when the Director of the Imperial Chapel learned of Tchaikovsky having obtained permission for publication, he ordered the police to seize all published scores of the work.

The first performance of the Liturgy was held in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory in 1880. Of that performance Tchaikovsky wrote to his brother, that he received "...a terrific and unexpected ovation together with the presentation of a kind of lyre-shape garland from an anonymous admirer."

While the literature was never accepted by the church in Tchaikovsky's life time, it was performed for the first time in a church in 1893 on the 40th day after the composer's death. After this it was sung on the annual anniversary of the composer's death. His liturgy served as a model for numerous Russian composer's including Tchaikovsky's student Sergei Rachmaninoff.

To hear this beautiful hymn along with a slide show of beautiful churches worldwide go to: http://youtu.be/_qSUB2Z8NVs Hymn of the Cherubim, Tchaikovsky - Beautiful Churches

ECS Publishing notes from E.C. Schirmer Music Company's 1947 edition edited by H. Clough Leightner.

GOYA to Host Spaghetti Luncheon Sunday March 3rd

The St. Demetrios GOYA will host their annual Spaghetti Luncheon immediately following church services on Sunday, March 3rd. In addition to the pasta, the GOYA will showcase their talents with displays of their

submissions, performances and awards from this year's Sights and Sounds competition (held in Westfield, Saturday March 2nd). The cost for the meal is \$10.00 each. Children under 5 pay \$5.00.



YOUR AD IN THE
ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend of St. Demetrios,

The newsletter is the official monthly publication of the Saint Demetrios Church. It is published 12 times throughout the year and it reaches 183 families monthly in hard copy. It is also distributed in softcopy via the church's email mailing list via the archdiocese listserv service for even greater market exposure.

In an effort to continue to provide a quality newsletter and defray the cost of printing and postage, we are offering you a space for your business to advertise in the newsletter at a cost of \$200 per year on a calendar year basis (reduced from \$250 from previous years). This is an annual contract.

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Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely, the St. Demetrios Newsletter Editorial Board

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Meet, Greet and Eat

The St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Law Enforcement Federation will hold its first "Meet and Greet Dinner" on Thursday, March 7th, 2013 at 7pm at the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church 2200 Church Road in Toms River, NJ.

There is no charge to attend and the event is open to all Federation members as well as prospective members.

Expect to have a great evening of fellowship as the group breaks bread together, networks,

exchanges business cards, and perhaps plays a game or two of pickup volleyball if the gymnasium is available. Contact George Petrakakis at locknload@optonline.net or call him at 732 525-9268 or 732 522-3797.

The St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox LE Federation is a ministry established by His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos for all active and retired civilian and military law enforcement officers of the Eastern Orthodox faith.

Get well wishes for very speedy recoveries

George Sietis
Mike Patras
Evelyn Mariolis
Laura Harding and
Evan Makar

40 Day Baby Blessings & Baptism

Congratulations to Spiro & Christina Kanellidis for the blessing of their triplets,
Sofia & Andrew Wyrzten for their daughter's 40 day blessing, and
Eleni & Nick Tsakon for the blessing of their son.
Congratulations to Stamatia and Joseph Berikakis on the baptism of their son.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the families of Angeliki Krousos and Freida Kusulas for the loss of their beloved brother and uncle Dionisios Spanos and beloved brother-in-law and uncle Athanasios Pollatos.

Condolences to Litsa Kaidas and her family on the loss of her mother, and also condolences to Eleni Mantsis and her family on the loss of her father.

May Their Memories be Eternal

NYC Greek Independence Day Parade

This year's Annual NYC Greek Independence Day Parade shall be held on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Please contact the church office no later than Friday, March 15 and provide your name if interested in participating.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> GOYA Sights & Sounds Westfield
<u>3</u> Sunday of the Prodigal Son ΙΖ' Λουκα (του Ασιώτου) Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 Spaghetti Luncheon	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Goya Meeting 7:30PM	<u>6</u> Greek School 5PM	<u>7</u> St. Andrew Law Enforcement Fed. Dinner 7PM St. Barbara's Toms River	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Saturday of Souls Orthos 9:00 AM Div Lit 10:00 AM Fashion Show Pines Manor 12 PM
<u>10</u> Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) Κυριακή της Απόκρεω Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	<u>11</u> Board Meeting 7:30	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Greek School 5PM	<u>14</u> Seniors Meeting 11:00 AM	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Saturday of Souls Orthos 9:00 AM Div Lit 10:00 AM
<u>17</u> Forgiveness Sunday Κυριακή της Τυροφάνου Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14:14:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	<u>18</u> First Monday of Lent Philoptochos Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Greek School 5PM	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 1 st Salutation of the Theotokos 7:30 PM	<u>23</u> Saturday of Souls Orthos 9:00 AM Div Lit 10:00 AM
<u>24</u> Sunday of Orthodoxy Κυριακή Α' των Νηστειών (της Ορθοδοξίας) Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26:32-40 Gospel: John 1:43-51	<u>25</u> Annunciation of the Theotokos Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου Orthos 9:00 AM Div Lit 10:00 AM Greek Indep. Day	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Greek School 5PM Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 PM	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 2 nd Salutation of the Theotokos 7:30 PM	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Κυριακή Β' Νηστειών Γρηγορίου Αρχιεπ. Θεσσαλονίκης Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14:2:1-3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	<p align="center">Notes: ** PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW TIMES OF CHURCH SERVICES**</p> <p align="center"><u>Orthos 9:00 AM</u> <u>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</u></p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>ONE SEAT REMAINS OPEN ON THE PARISH COUNCIL ANYONE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED SHOULD CONTACT KATEINA GANIARIS</p> </div>					

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Archdiocese Inducts New “Leadership 100” Members



Picture:

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Judge Marina Corodemus

Judge Marina Corodemus received the Tree of Life Icon from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios at the recent Leadership 100 initiation held February 7th through 9th in Dana Point California.

Under the guidance of Archbishop Iakovos, Leadership 100 was created in 1984 as an endowment fund through which Greek Orthodox leaders were asked to commit themselves to maintain the life-sustaining ministries of the Church.

The Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, as it is known today, continues to support the priority needs of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and is broadly dedicated to advancing the Orthodox faith and Hellenic ideals in America.

Leadership 100 grants have been instrumental in seeding and nurturing such organizations as the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), and have been the mainstay of support of Holy Cross School of Theology, providing scholarships that have prepared young men for the Priesthood.