



St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* August 2013

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Des Stamateris honored at 2013 N.J. Clergy Laity Banquet



His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey awards Despina Stamateris an acknowledgment as a most senior member of the St. Demetrios Perth Amboy parish during the Annual Awards Banquet of the 2013 Metropolis of New Jersey Clergy Laity. Assembly held in Garfield New Jersey at The Venetian. Assisting with the award presentation is Father Angelo Michaels.

August 2013 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

4 August

Epistle: St. Paul's letter to the Romans 12:6-14
Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

6 August

Holy Transfiguration
Divine Liturgy 10AM

7 August

Paraklesis Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 730PM

9 August

Paraklesis
Divine Liturgy 730PM

11 August

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

14 August

Vespers in Holmdel 7PM

15 August

Panagias
Divine Liturgy 10AM

18 August

Epistle: St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

25 August

Epistle: St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

SERVICES

(unless otherwise stated)

Sunday Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

During 2013 Weddings will not be held Sunday August 4th.

No Baptisms will be scheduled during any of the Great Feast Days of the Lord.

CORRECTION

Last month's newsletter incorrectly reported the Father of the Year. The 2013 Father of the Year was awarded to Jimmy Pakis.

Apologies to both the Pakis and Seitis families for this editorial error.

2013 Father of the Year



Jimmy Pakis named 2013 Father of the Year
Jimmy and Irene Pakis are the first husband and wife to win Mother and Father of the Year in the same Year. We are all so honored to have them as parishioners.

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"Anyone wishing to join a newly formed prayer group please contact Peter Christopoulos."



Message from Father Angelo

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF CHURCH

Here are the ten rules for effective results from Church-going. Take just a few minutes of your time to think about it.

1. Attend church regularly.
 - Any medicine is not effective if taken once a year.
2. Think of church-going as a skill governed by definite rules.
3. Spend a quiet Saturday evening at home and prepare yourself for Sunday Service at Church.
4. Go to Church on Sunday morning in a relaxed state of body and mind.
 - The absence of tension is a requisite to successful worship.
5. Go to Church with the expectation of enjoyment.
 - Church is not a gloomy place.
 - Christianity is a radiant and happy way of living.
6. God's grace cannot reach you if your body and mind are tensed.
7. Go expecting to get your problems solved in Church.
 - Conceive of God's peace as quieting your thoughts to permit insights from the depths to come to the surface of your mind.
8. In Church, practice eliminating ill will.
 - Grudges block the flow of spiritual power.
 - To cast out ill will, pray in Church for those against whom you feel resentment.
9. Practice the art of meditation.
 - Fix your mind on Christ.
 - This will tend to bring you peace and refreshment.
10. Go to Church expecting some great and exciting thing to happen to you spiritually.
 - Every Sunday, some people's lives become thrillingly different.

It can happen to you!

Submitted by Father Angelo J. Michaels

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dormition of Our Supremely Pure Lady Theotokos
and Ever Virgin Mary**
AUGUST 15

St. Gregory Palamas writing on the Dormition of Our Supremely Pure Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary reminds us that “the death of the Theotokos was also life-bearing, translating her into a celestial and immortal life and its commemoration is a joyful event and festivity for the entire world.”

The sadness of the Panagia’s passing is replaced by the comfort that she is ever more and always with us. For before her immortality Mary was human and a mother. The mother of the son of God, the Redeemer of the world, but a mother in the human sense as well.

As one Christian writer put it: Mary was the bearer-of-God, yes, but she’s that because of who Jesus is. Turn in your mind’s eye and think for a minute about what Jesus was like and about how he interacted with the world and those in it because of who Mary was, because of the things she taught him, because of her goodness and selflessness and faithfulness. Mary carried, cared for, protected, nurtured, and loved her little boy. By word and example, she taught him how to be good, how to nurture His creation, how to be loved. Jesus is Word incarnate; He is the Son of God; He is God. He is also Mary’s little boy, taught at her knee, held in her arms: held there in the manger and held there on that lonely hill of Golgotha. Mary, the mother of God, constant, quiet, loving. In so many ways, it is her example that we should emulate.

What should we feel when this most blessed of feast day is upon us in August? We should be humbled that God in his infinite wisdom chose Mary most pure to be the Mother of our Lord; we should be in awe that Jesus himself welcomed the Theotokos into the kingdom of Heaven and placed her above the Angels, the Seraphim and at his right hand. (Psalms 45:5.)

So this month, join the community of St. Demetrios in fasting, prayers of devotion and praise for the Theotokos the God Giver, our Supremely Pure Lady Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary.

Kateina Ganiaris
President



Byron Stoimenides

July 18th marked the passing of our beloved parishioner Byron Stoimenides. Byron was born in Salonica, Greece and came to the United States in 1963, then to Perth Amboy in 1970 and settled in Cliffwood Beach for the last 32 years.

He served in the Air Force in Greece and was a member of the Olympic Team in 1956 that went to Melbourne, Australia. He had been a professional boxer and was known as “Byron the Great” and “The Axe”.

He is survived by Eleni, his devoted wife of 40 years; daughters Theadora and Maura, their husbands, his grandsons as well as two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by his family as well as the entire St. Demetrios community.

The Stomenides Family is honoring Byron’s memory with the “Byron Stoimenides Scholarship Fund” for graduating St. Demetrios students. Anyone wishing to pay tribute to Byron can make checks payable to the “Byron Stoimenides Scholarship Fund”

May his memory be eternal.

Deepest sympathies to the Stoimenides family on Byron’s passing.

May his memory be eternal.



A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY OF ROSE SAKEL

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all who generously made donations to St. Demetrios in our Mothers honor. Our desire would have been to acknowledge each person individually but due to an unforeseen problem with mail delivery these records were lost.

Please accept our apologies and our thanks to all for their donations, prayers, cards and words of kindness.

A special thank you to Father Michaels. We are grateful for his visits and spiritual support to our Mother during these last few years.

Gratefully,

Deepest sympathies to the Sakel family on Rose’s passing.

May her memory be eternal.

Geoffrey Sakel, Stacy (Sakel) Walters & Family

A SPECIAL THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to send a warm and heart-felt thank you from the bottom of my heart to Our Priest Father Angelo Michaels and Presbytera for coming to visit me in the hospital and for their prayers and well wishes.

Also I would like to thank the Board of Trustees of our church the Philoptochos and all the rest of parishioners who prayed for me and visited me in the hospital, which includes relative’s friends and acquaintances. I appreciate all the cards and flowers and phone calls that I received. I wish to all of the family of Saint Demetrios to be blessed with health happiness and prosperity.

With much love Koula Vosinakis.



Η Κοιμηση της Θεοτοκου

Όταν ο Χριστός αποφάσισε να καλεσει κοντά του τη Μητέρα του, τρεις ημέρες νωρίτερα, της γνωστοποίησε ένας αγγελος για την μετασταση της.

Εκείνη ανέβηκε με προθυμία στο Όρος των Ελαιών για να προσευχηθεί. Στην διάρκεια της προσευχής τα δέντρα το Όρους λυγισαν από μονα τους και σαν δούλοι απεδώσαν τιμή στη Δεσποίνα.

Επειτα επέστρεψε στο σπίτι της. Αναψε πολλά φώτα και ευχαρίστησε το Θεό. Επιπλέον, προσκάλεσε τους συγγενείς της και τους γείτονες της. Σκουπίσε ολό το σπίτι, ετοίμασε το νεκρικό κρεβάτι και όλα τα απαραίτητα για την ταφή. Γνωστοποίησε όσα της είπε ο αγγελος για την μετασταση της στους ουρανούς και έδειξε το σύμβολο που της είχε δώσει, ένα κλαδο φοινίκια, για επιβεβαίωση.

Οι γυναίκες που είχαν προσκληθεί, θρήνουσαν και κραυγαζαν με σπαραγμο. Την παρακαλούσαν να μη τις αφήσει ορφανές. Η Παναγία όμως τις διαβεβαίωσε ότι όχι μόνον αυτές, αλλά και ολό τον κόσμο θα προστατεύει και θα επιβλέπει.

Ενώ Εκείνη διευθετούσε και κανόνιζε τα θέματα, ακούστηκε ξαφνικά ήχος δυνατής βροντής και συγκεντρώθηκαν πολλές νεφέλες που μετέφεραν στο σπίτι της Μαρίας τους Μαθητές του Χριστού. Μεταξύ αυτών ήταν και θεοσοφοί Ιεραρχές. Αργότερα έφτασε και ο αποστολος Παυλος, ο οποίος επέσε στα πόδια της Παναγίας και την προσκύνησε.

Μετά από αυτά, η Παρθένος Μαρία τους χαιρέτησε όλους και ξαπλώσε στο νεκρικό κρεβάτι της. Προσευχηθήκε για τη προστασία του κόσμου. Έδωσε την ευλογία της στους παρευρισκομένους και στη συνέχεια παραδώσε το πνεύμα της στα χέρια του Θεού.

Άμεσως ο Πέτρος αρχίζε τους εξόδους υμνούς. Άλλοι αποστολοι σήκωσαν το νεκρικό κρεβάτι, άλλοι προπορευόνταν με λαμπέδες και υμνωδίες, ενώ άλλοι ακολουθούσαν, οδηγώντας το σώμα Της προς τον ταφο. Αγγελοι υμνούσαν και οι φωνές τους γεμίζαν τον αέρα. Οι αρχόντες των Ιουδαίων, αφού υποκίνησαν κάποιους από τον όχλο, τους έπεισαν να ανατρεψουν το νεκρικό κρεβάτι, πάνω στο οποίο ήταν τοποθετημένο το σώμα Της και να το ρίξουν κάτω. Όμως αυτούς τους εκρίνε η θεία Δίκη και τους τιμώρησε όλους με τυφλώση. Ένας μάλιστα απ' αυτούς στερήθηκε και τα δύο του χέρια. Όμως αφού πίστεψαν με όλη τους την ψυχή θεραπεύτηκαν.

Οι αποστολοι, μόλις έφτασαν στην Γεθσημανή, τοποθετήσαν στον ταφο το σώμα Της και παρέμειναν εκεί τρεις ημέρες.

Επειδή όμως ένας από τους αποστολους απουσίασε στην κηδεία και έφτασε την τρίτη ημέρα, στενοχωρήθηκε διότι δεν είχε αξιωθεί όσα και οι άλλοι συναποστολοι. Τότε για χάρη του αποστολου ανοίξαν τον ταφο. Έκριναν ότι έτσι θα προσκύνουσε και εκείνος το παναχραντό σκηνώμα της. Βλέποντας όμως μέσα στο ταφο υπήρχε μόνο η σινδόνα.

«Στις 15 Αυγούστου εορτάζεται η πανσεβασμία Μετασταση της υπερνδοξης Δεσποίνας και αειπαρθενής Μαρίας».

Η ΠΑΝΑΓΙΑ

Η Παναγία ονομάζεται Θεοτοκος και Αειπαρθένος. Ονομάζεται Θεοτοκος, διότι γεννήσε Θεό, Θεάνθρωπο, τον Ιησού Χριστό. Γι' αυτό ομολογείται Θεοτοκος. Ονομάζεται επίσης Αειπαρθένος, διότι ήταν παρθένος πριν, κατά και μετά τον τοκό.

Η Θεοτοκος βρίσκεται στον Ουρανό στα δεξιά του Υιού της και Θεού της, και μέσα στην Εκκλησία ως Εικόνα εκείνης που βρίσκεται στον Ουρανό για να την θυμώμαστε, να την προσκύνουμε, να την τιμούμε και να ζητούμε τις πρεσβείες της.

Την τιμούμε σε σχετικό βαθμό, γιατί η απόλυτη τιμή ανήκει στον Θεό και της ζητάμε να παρακαλεί τον Θεό για μας. Η δέηση της έχει μεγαλύτερη ισχύ από τις δέσεις αγγέλων και αγίων αφού αξιώθηκε να γίνει Μητέρα του Θεού.



As of July 15th 2013, the following parishioners have committed and are current in their 2013 Stewardship Commitment to the Community.

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“Come and See”

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We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.

“Come and See”

2013 SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD PART 2

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Feast of the Dormition (Koimisis or Falling Asleep) of Mary



Do not confuse this celebration with the Assumption of Mary into heaven which occurs three days after her death according to Church Tradition. The Dormition or Koimisis (falling asleep) of the Most Holy Theotokos recognizes the time when her soul was taken in the hands of her Son and her body was placed her tomb. Orthodox Christians emphasize her death to help us remember that she was of human nature like all of us. She died a human death and was assumed into heaven three days after her death. This is an area where there is some difference between the teaching of the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church who celebrate her Assumption on this day. In the Roman Catholic Church, the Assumption is dogmatically defined, while in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, the Dormition is less dogmatically than liturgically and mystically defined.

"Unlike the Resurrection of Christ, the mysterious character of her death, burial, resurrection and ascension were not the subject of apostolic teachings, or at least there are no extant epistles; yet it has been revealed to the inner consciousness of the Church. Inaccessible to the view of those outside the Church, the glory of the Theotokos' Dormition can be contemplated only in the inner light of Tradition. The glorification of the Virgin-Mother is a result of the voluntary condescension of the Son who is incarnate of tier

and made "Son of Man", capable of dying. The Mother of God is now established beyond the general Resurrection and the Last Judgment, having passed from death to life, from time to eternity, from terrestrial condition to celestial beatitude. Hence, the feast of August 15th is a second mysterious Pascha, since the Church celebrates, before the end of time, the secret first-fruits of its eschatological consummation. "

O marvelous wonder! The source of life is laid in the tomb, and the tomb itself becomes a ladder to heaven. Thy glory is full of majesty, shining with grace in divine brightness.

(Ouspensky and Lossky, The Meaning of Icons, p 213)

Credit and Much Thanks

I would like to give credit to the Sisterhood at the Holy Apostles Convent for the work they have done to compile the lives of the saints for English speaking people. The material included on this series on the Dormition of Mary comes from their work. I have taken the liberty to condense some of what they have written and have omitted much of what they have included to make for a smooth presentation in the Blog. They have just completed the 12th volume of the Great Synaxaristes of the Orthodox Church which is the most comprehensive collection of the stories of the Saints of the Church in English. They are available at the following link and their purchase is well worth the investment. Each volume is over 1000 pages and contain many icons as well. The price is only \$55 for each volume. You will never exhaust the joy you will gain from the continual reading from these books. In addition they have some specialized books such as The Life of the Virgin Mary, The Theotokos which contains all the material on the Virgin Mary.

(The icon shown above is a mosaic from the Monastery Chora in Istanbul.)

St. Demetrios
Greek Orthodox Church

"Most Holy Theotokos, Save Us! "Paraklesis-for the Health of:

(Return to church office)



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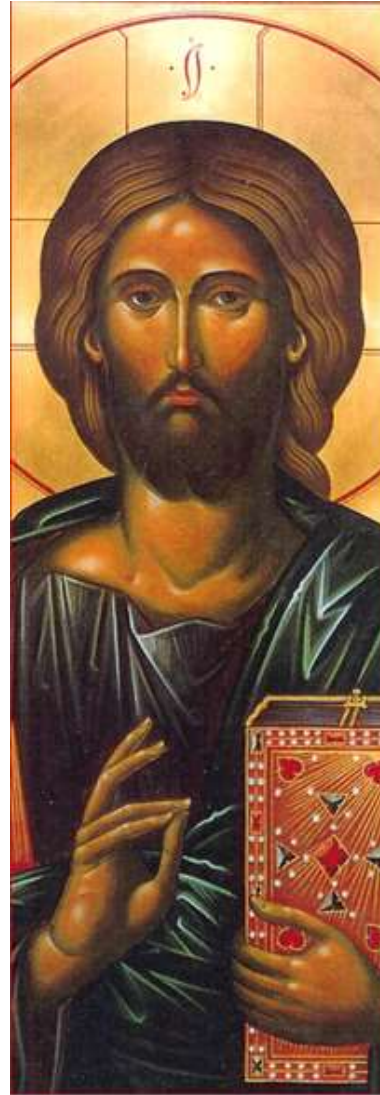
EVALUATE YOUR LIFE

Are you a contributing member of the body of Christ? Are you actively serving God and sharing Him with others? Are you contributing to peace and unity within His body? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of these principles.

We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully, the body of Christ will function to its full potential.

The New Testament’s motivation for giving is grace; giving is an act of worship in response to the generosity of God. You are to give, Paul says, “as God has prospered you.” II Corinthians 8 and 9 teaches clearly, “He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” God blesses those who give with generosity.”

Giving is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, “How much do I give to stay in the club?” or “What are the dues?” but “How can I thank God for my many blessings?”



for reflection...

BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of

Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Make your Stewardship Commitment today.
See Page 7 of this newsletter for your Stewardship Commitment Form
Completed forms can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the office any Sunday



Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the

living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

Kontakion in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father



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