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St. Demetrios the Great Martyr October 26th



Holy Relics of St. Demetrios the Great-martyr, from his Church in Thessaloniki. His relics continue to give off Holy Myrrh.

ST. DEMETRIOS' VESPERS



VESPERS FRIDAY OCT. 25, 7pm FEAST DAY Sat. Oct. 26 liturgy 10am Divine Liturgy Sun. 10 am

According to Saint Gregory Palamas, Demetrios was graced with splendid prophetic power and was counted worthy of "the apostolic and teaching diaconate and a high position". He was full of virtues and was not inferior to the saints in asceticism "and in their radiance of life". But he was behind some, was like others; superior to some and surpassing others. He possessed many gifts.

The patron Saint of Thessaloniki was "both a teacher and an apostle, wise and chaste and holy, and we may say very beautiful and spotless, and made radiant by nature, zeal and grace".

Comparing Saint Demetrios with Job of the Old Testament, Saint Gregory says that while Job was blameless, righteous and pious, just as Demetrios was, Job was not praised by God for chastity, something which Saint Demetrios had. His chastity showed Saint Demetrios to be higher than nature and on a par with the angels.

The Gospel of Luke 8:5-15

Κατα Λουκαν 8.5-15

Gospel:Sunday of the 7th

Oct. 20 - Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18;

OCTOBER 2013

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

Oct. 6 - Epistle: St. Paul's Second

Oct. 13 - Epistle: St. Paul's Letter

Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15 Προς Κορινθιους Β' 4:6-15

Gospel: 3rd Sunday of Luke

The Gospel of Luke 7:11-16

Κατα Λουκαν 7.11-16

to Titus 3:8-15

Προς Τιτον 3:8-15

Ecumenical Council

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' 6:16-18; 7:1 Gospel: 6th Sunday of Luke The Gospel of Luke 8:26-39 Κατα Λουκαν 8.26-39

Oct. 25 - St Demetrios Vespers 7PM Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:18-24 Προς Εφεσίους 6:18-24 Gospel: Friday of the 6th Week The Gospel of Luke 11:23-26 Κατα Λουκαν 11.23-26

Oct. 26 - Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10 Προς Τιμοθεον Β' 2:1-10 Gospel: The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer The Gospel of John 15:17-27; 16:1-2 Κατα Ιωάννην 15.17-27, 16.1

Oct. 27 - Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11 Προς Κορινθιους Β' 9:6-11 Gospel: 7th Sunday of Luke The Gospel of Luke 8:41-56 Κατα Λουκαν 8.41-56

WORSHIP WEEKEND OCT 25, 26, 27

October marks a wonder celebration month in our church. It is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint St. Demetrios and we are celebrating the entire weekend with prayer and fellowship. The weekend events are:

- FRIDAY OCT. 25TH VESPERS 7:00 HIS **EMINENCE METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS AND** SURROUNDING PRESBYTERS ALONG WITH **FATHER** MICHAELS. Reception by Philoptochos.
- SATURDAY OCT. 26TH FEAST Day of St. Demetrios Liturgy 10:00 followed by FREE LUNCHEON to follow- w/media presentation.
- SUNDAY OCT 27th Divine Liturgy 10:00am Poems and crafts by Sunday School of St. Demetrios.

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN **EVANGELOS WILL CELEBRATE ST DEMETRIOS VESPERS**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH 7:00PM



SERVICES (unless otherwise stated) Sunday Orthros 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

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



Message from Father Angelo

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Demetrios Church.

October is the celebration of our Patron Saint Demetrios. On Friday, October 25th, the Vesper service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Clergy from around the area will be joining us in the celebration. On Saturday, October 26th, we will be celebrating Saint Demetrios, which is an honor for our church. Divine Liturgy starts at 10:00 a.m. Following the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, there will be coffee and a light lunch.

We invite everyone to attend the Vesper (10/25/13) as well as the Divine Liturgy (10/26/13) which is dedicated to Saint Demetrios. Let's make it a memorable celebration and show the rest of our guests how much we love our church and honor our Patron.

It is my sincere prayer and hope that you will be attending the celebration of our Church. May our Patron Saint Demetrios bless you with health, love and prosperity. May He intercede to our Lord Jesus Christ to protect us from every harm and any other misgiving.

Happy Nameday to all who celebrate their Nameday.

With Spiritual love in the Lord Jesus Christ, Reverend Father Angelo J. Michaels, Protopresbyter

Αγαπητοι Ενοριτες και φιλοι του Αγιου Δημητριου,

Τον Οκτωβριο είναι η εορτη του πολιουχου μας, Αγίου Δημητρίου. Την Παρασκευη, στις 25 Οκτωβρίου, ο Εσπερινός θα αρχίσει στις 7:00 μ.μ. Κληρικοί από την γύρω περιοχή θα είναι μαζί μας στον εορτασμό. Τον Σαββατό, στις 26 Οκτωβρίου, θα γιορτασούμε τον Αγίο Δημητρίο που είναι τιμή για την εκκλησία μας. Η Θεία Λειτουργία ξεκινάει στις 10:00 π.μ. Μετά από τη Θεία Λειτουργία το Σαββατό, θα εχούμε καφέ και γεύμα.

Σας προσκαλουμε ολους στο Εσπερινο (10/25/13), καθως και στην Θεια Λειτουργια (10/26/13), η οποία είναι αφιερωμένη στον Αγίο Δημητρίο. Ας κανουμε μια αξέχαστη γιορτή και ας δείξουμε στους υπολοίπους επίσκεπτες μας πόσο αγαπαμέ την εκκλησία μας καθώς και να τιμησούμε τον προστάτη μας, τον Αγίο Δημητρίο.

Ελπίζω οτι θα ερθεται στον εορτασμο της Εκκλησίας μας. Ο προστατή μας ο Αγίος Δημήτριος να σας ευλογεί με υγεία, αγαπή και ευημερία. Ας πρεσβευεί στον Κυρίο μας Ιήσου Χρίστο για να μας προστατεύει από καθε κακό και καθε αλλή ανήσυχια.

Χρονια πολλα σε ολους τους εορταζοντες.

Με πνευματική αγαπή στον Κυριο Ιήσου Χρίστο, Αιδεσιμοτατός Πατέρας Αγγέλος Ι. Μιχαλίος, Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρος

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation", Psalm 95:1

JOIN THE ST. DEMETRIOS CHOIR SEE IRENE PAKIS OR FATHER ANGELO



ELEVATOR GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY Ken Doukas looks on as Peter Christopoulos and Larry Simatos break ground for St. Demetrios' new elevator which will provide easier access to the church for many parishioners



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP WEEKEND AT SAINT DEMETRIOS

The Feast Day of Saint Demetrios falls on the last weekend of October. Vespers is Friday evening, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy is on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m. As a church celebrating 95 years of existence, we are the mother church to many in New Jersey and now throughout the country. Let us dedicate ourselves, not only in attending this special weekend of worship, but reaching out to invite friends, relatives and non-parishioners of Saint Demetrios to join with us in a homecoming to honor our Patron Saint Demetrios of Thessaloniki.

"Worship Weekend" should mean much more to the parishioner than an evening or day when relatives and acquaintances are invited to attend a special church service. To the contrary, "Worship Weekend" stands as a sacred time when we recognize, venerate and pray to our Patron Saint Demetrios. It is a time within the church calendar year when members travel from far and near. Friends, relatives, acquaintances and community associates return for a "Worship Weekend" to testify to the faithfulness of God and also to witness the new things being orchestrated by God in the life of their "Home Church."

To begin this Worship Weekend, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos will preside over the Vesper services Friday night. Our wonderful Philoptochos Ladies will have coffee and pastries directly after Vespers to celebrate the festivities. On Saturday, our church will celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Demetrios with Liturgy starting at 10:00 a.m. A FREE LUNCHEON will be open to all attendees of the Saturday Divine Liturgy. A media presentation of Videos on The Chora Church and Agia Sophia will be shown after the luncheon. Let's make sure every seat is filled and every service is spilling over with old and new faces. Make every effort to invite just two extra people to the Services and we can be as Jeremiah foretold: gathering the flock.

Yours in Christ, Katina Ganiaris, President, Parish Council

Ο ΜΗΝΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΑΡΟΙΚΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ

Η εορτη της εκκλησιας του Αγιου Δημητριου ειναι το τελευταιο Σαββατοκυριακο του Οκτωβριου, με τον Εσπερινο στις 25 Οκτωβριου και την Θεια Λειτουργια στις 26 Οκτωβριου. Καθως η εκκλησια μας γιορταζει τα 95 χρονια απο την ιδρυση της, ειναι η μητερα εκκλησια σε πολλες παροικιες της Νεας Ιερσεης και τωρα σε ολοκληρη την χωρα. Ας αφιερωσουμε τους εαυτους μας, οχι μονο με το να ερθουμε να προσευχηθουμε αυτη την ιδιαιτερη ημερα, αλλα ας προσπαθησουμε να φερουμε τους φιλους, συγγενεις και αλλους παροικους απο τις γειτονικες ενοριες που δεν ειναι μελη του Αγιου Δημητριου ωστε να ελθουν κοντα μας και να τιμησουν τον προστατη Αγιο Δημητριο της Θεσσαλονικης.

Η κατοικια πρεπει να σημαινει κατι παραπανω στον παροικο μας απο μια προσκληση απο φιλους η γνωστους για την παρακολουθηση μιας ιδιαιτερης, εκκλησιαστικης εορτης. Ειναι μια ιερη ημερα, μια ημερα μεσα στο ημερολογιο της εκκλησιας μας οπου τα μελη ταξιδευουν απο μακρια και φιλοι, συγγενεις, γνωστοι, και συντροφοι της παροικιας γυριζουν στην Μητερα εκκλησια, για να μαρτυρησουν την πιστη τους στο Θεο και επισης να μαρτυρησουν τα νεα πραγματα, εναρμονιζοντας δια του Θεου στην ζωη της Μητερας εκκλησιας.

Αρχιζοντας αυτο το Σαββατοκυριακο, ο Σεβασμιοτατος Μητροπολιτης Ευαγγελος θα κυρηξει το Θειο Λογο μετα απο τον Εσπερινο τη Παρασκευη το βραδυ. Οι κυριες της Φιλοπτωχου θα σερβιρουν καφε και αναψυκτικα μετα τον Εσπερινο. Το Σαββατο η εκκλησια μας θα γιορτασει τον Αγιο Δημητριο με την Θεια Λειτουργια στις 10:00 π.μ. Γευμα θα δωθει σε ολους τους παρεβρισκομενους στην εκκλησια. Μετα το γευμα, θα παρουσιασουμε ταινιες με την εκκλησια της Αγιας Σοφιας. Ας προσπαθησουμε να γεμισουμε με κοσμο ολα το καθισματα της εκκλησιας μας με παλαια και νεα προσωπα που θα παρευρεθουν εκει. Ας κανουμε καθε προσπαθεια να φερουμε δυο ακομη ατομα το Σαββατοκυριακο της εορτης μας ωστε να γεμισει ο χωρος της εκκλησιας μας σαν μια οικογενειακη εστια.

Με την εν Χριστω αγαπη. Κατινα Γανιαρη, Προεδρος Δ. Συμβουλιου



Ο Αγιος Δημητριος, ο Μεγαλομαρτυρας και Μυροβλητης



Ο Αγιος Δημητριος, πολιουχος της Θεσσαλονικης, εζησε γυρω στο 300 μ.Χ. Καταγοταν απο επισημη οικογενεια της πολης. Η πιστη του στο Χριστο τον εκανε να ξεχωρίζει απο αλλους νεους της ηλικίας του στην ευγενεια, στην αγαπη, στην ειλικρινεια, στους στοχους και στη δραση. Είχε μεγαλο ποθο να γνωρισουν οι συμπατριωτες του τον αληθινο Θεο. Για το σκοπο αυτο μαζευε τους νεους σε μια απο τις στοες της πολης που εκτεινονταν κατα μηκος της σημερινης Πλατείας Δικαστηρίων (πολυ κοντά στην Παναγία Χαλκέων). Η στοα αυτη ονομαστηκε απο τους Χριστίανους «Καταφυγί». Εκεί ο Δημητρίος αναδείχθηκε ο κατεξόχην Καταχητής της Θεσσαλονικής μετά τον Αποστολο Παυλο.

Το νεο οτι ο Δημητριος ειναι Χριστιανος διαδοθηκε γρηγορα και ο γενναιος μαθητης του Χριστου βρεθηκε προσωρινα δεσμιος, μεχρι να εκδικαστει η υποθεση του, στα κεντρικα λουτρα της πολης, εκει οπου σημερα

εξυψωνεται ο ναος του. Ενω συνεβαιναν αυτα, ο νεαρος Νεστορας, μαθητης του Δημητριου (ακομα δεν ειχε βαπτιστει), πηγαινοντας να τον επισκεφθει στη φυλακη του, ακουσε μια αλαζονικη φωνη να βλαστημει το Θεο των Χριστιανων. Ηταν ο γιγαντοσωμος ειδωλολατρης Λυαιος που σαν αλλος Γολιαθ προκαλουσε τους Χριστιανους να μονομαχησουν μαζι του. Ο Νεστορας με την ευχη του Δημητριου τολμησε να τον αντιμετωπισει αοπλος. Με τη βοηθεια του Θεου καταφερε να τον εξοντωσει. Αυτη τη νικη ομως την πληρωσε πολυ ακριβα οπως προεβλεψε, καθως αμεσως μετα τη μαχη δοθηκε διαταγη να σκοτωσουν και αυτον αλλα και τον Δημητριο, που θεωρηθηκε υπευθυνος γι' αυτην την αναπαντεχη επιτυχια του νεαρου χριστιανου.

Οι Χριστιανοι ενταφιασαν το σκηνωμα του μαρτυρα με μεγαλη ευλαβεια. Δεν περασε πολυς καιρος και ο ταφος του μετατραπηκε σε πηγη θεραπειων, καθως αναβλυζε μυρο. Ο Αγιος Δημητριος πηρε την προσωνυμια Μυροβλητης και εγινε πασιγνωστης. Η πολη της Θεσσαλονικης τον τιμα και τον εχει προστατη.

Στη μνημη του, στις 26 Οκτωβριου 1912, στην ομορφη πολη του Θερμαϊκου, μπηκε θριαμβευτικα ο ελληνικος στρατος και την απελευθερωσε απο τους Οθωμανους Τουρκους, υστερα απο 500 χρονια σκλαβιας.





Στα χρονια του βασίλια Λεοντα του Μεγαλου (457-474 μ.Χ.) ζουσε στην Κωνσταντινουπολη ο οσιος Ανδρεας, ο κατα Χριστον σαλος. Κατα Χριστον σαλοι ονομαζονται καποιοι Αγιοι, οι οποιοι κανανε καποια περιεργα και παραλογα πραγματα, με απωτερο σκοπο να θεωρηθουν παλαβοι και να μη τιμηθουν απο τους Χριστιανους ετσι ωστε να ζησουν με ταπεινωση και στην αφανεια. Μια νυχτα που γινοτανε αγρυπνια στο ναο της Παναγιας των Βλαχερνων, ο οσιος Ανδρεας μαζι με τον μαθητη του Επιφανιο, ο οποιος αργοτερα εγινε και πατριαρχης της Κωνσταντινουπολης (520-536 μ.Χ.), ειδαν την Υπεραγια Θεοτοκο οφθαλμοφανως να μπαινει απο την κεντρικη πυλη του ναου. Την συνοδευαν ο Ιωαννης ο Προδρομος και ο Ιωαννης ο Θεολογος και ενα πληθος αγγελων. Αφου μπηκε μεσα στο ναο προχωρησε στον σολεα. Εκει γονατισε και προσευχηθηκε πολλη ωρα με θερμα δακρυα υπερ της σωτηριας των πιστων, ενω την εβλεπαν μονο ο Ανδρεας και ο Επιφανιος. Αφου προσευχηθηκε για πολυ, η Θεοτοκος σηκωθηκε και μπηκε μεσα στο ιερο, οπου φυλασσοταν το τσεμπερι της, το πηρε στα χερια της και

βγαινοντας εξω το απλωσε πανω απο τους πιστους, για να δειξει οτι τους σκεπει και τους προστατευει.

Η Εκκλησια μας καθιερωσε την γιορτη της Αγιας Σκεπης προς τιμην της Παναγιας, η οποια σκεπαζει και προστατευει το λαο του Θεου και φωτίζει τους πιστους στο δρομο για την τελειωση. Μας σκεπαζει με τις προσευχες της, με τις παρακλησεις της και με τα δακρυα της. Η Παναγια μας απλωσε το μαφοριο της εντος του ναου και σκεπασε οσους αγρυπνουσαν και προσευχοταν. Με την ενεργεια αυτη, μας εδειξε οτι πρεπει να εχουμε ουσιαστική σχεση με την Εκκλησία για να μας σκεπασει με τις πρεσβείες της.

Δεν ειναι τυχαιο οτι οι δυο σημαντικότερες εθνικές γιορτές μας έχουν το ιδιαίτερο χαρακτηριστικό να συνεορτάζονται με μια γιορτή της Παναγίας. Την 25η Μαρτίου γιορτάζουμε τον Ευαγγελίσμο της Θεοτόκου και την 28η Οκτώβριου την Αγία Σκέπη της Θεοτόκου. Η γιορτή αυτή μετατέθηκε από την εκκλησία μας το 1952 από την 1η Οκτώβριου στην 28η ως ενδείξη ευγνωμόσυνης προς τη μητέρα του Θεού για τη σκέπη και την προστάσια που προσέφερε στον αγώνα των Ελληνών απέναντι στον αλαζονικό ιταλικό στρατό.



ΤΑ ΙΕΡΑ ΜΥΣΤΗΡΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Το μυστηριο του Βαπτισματος

Το μυστηριο του Βαπτισματος το ιδρυσε ο Ιησους Χριστος, κατα το χρονικο διαστημα μεταξυ της Αναστασης και Αναληψης Του, με προτροπηεντολη προς τους μαθητες Του «πορευθεντες μαθητευσατε παντα τα εθνη, βαπτιζοντες αυτους εις το ονομα του Πατρος, και του Υιου και του Αγιου Πνευματος, διδασκοντες αυτους τηρειν παντα οσα ενετειλαμην υμιν» (Ματθ. 28.19). Πιο αναλυτικα ειπε «πηγαινετε και κανετε μαθητες σας ολα τα εθνη, βαπτιζοντας τους στο ονομα του Πατρος και του Υιου και του Αγιου Πνευματος, διδασκοντας τους να τηρουν και να φυλαγουν ολα οσα σας εδωσα σαν εντολες». Αυτοι ειναι και οι ιδρυτικοι λογοι του Μυστηριου.

Ο Ιησους Χριστος βαπτιστηκε απο τον Ιωαννη τον Προδρομο στον Ιορδανη ποταμο, οπου φανερωθηκε η Αγια Τριαδα. Το μυστηριο της βαπτισης ξεκιναει με την κατηχηση, τις ευχες που λεγονται απο τον λειτουργο Ιερεα στην εισοδο του Ναου. Στο ιερο Μυστηριο, ο Ιερεας αγιαζει με δυο ευχες το νερο, τελει το μεγαλο Αγιασμο και μετα ευλογει το λαδι, με το οποιο αλειφει ο αναδοχος το βρεφος σε ολο το σωμα. Στη συνεχεια βαπτίζεται το βρεφος απο τον Ιερεα στην ιερα κολυμπηθρα τρεις φορες, εις το ονομα της Αγιας Τριαδας.

Το Βαπτισμα είναι κορυφαίο μυστήριο και ονομάζεται «κυριακό» γιατί στην Αγία Γραφή υπαρχεί ρήτη πληροφορήση, για την αμέση συστάση του από τον Χρίστο όταν Εκείνος είπε στους Αποστόλους: «Πορευθεντές μαθητεύσατε πάντα τα έθνη, βαπτίζοντές αυτούς είς το όνομα του Πατρός και του Υίου και του Αγίου Πνευματός...». Με το Βαπτίσμα ο ανθρώπος ενσωματώνεται μυστικά στο Σωμά του Χρίστου κάθως γίνεται επίσημα μέλος της Εκκλησίας μας και έχει το δικαιώμα συμμετόχης και στα υπολοίπα μυστήρια της Εκκλησίας.

28 Οκτωβριου – Η ημερα του ΟΧΙ



Η Επετειος του ΟΧΙ αφορα την αρνηση της Ελλαδας στις ιταλικες αξιωσεις επι τελεσιγραφου που επιδοθηκε στις 28 Οκτωβριου του 1940 συνεπεια της οποιας ηταν η εισοδος της Χωρας στο Β΄ Παγκοσμιο Πολεμο και η εναρξη του Ελληνοϊταλικου πολεμου του 1940.

Ο πολεμος αυτος ηταν αποτελεσμα της επεκτατικης πολιτικης του φασιστικου καθεστώτος του Μπενιτο Μουσολινι που είχε εγκαθιδρύσει στην Ιταλία. Στα μέσα του 1940, ο Μουσολίνι, έχοντας ως πρότυπο τις κατακτήσεις του Αδολφού Χίτλερ, θέλησε να αποδείξει στους Γερμανούς συμμάχους του Αξονά ότι μπορεί και ο ίδιος να οδηγήσει την Ιταλία σε

αναλογες στρατιωτικές επιτυχιές. Το πρωΐ της 28ης Οκτωβρίου του 1940, ο Ιταλός Πρέσβης, Εμανουέλε Γκρατσί, επέδωσε ιδιοχείρα στον Ελληνα Πρωθυπουργό Ιωαννή Μεταξά τελεσιγραφό, με το οποίο απαίτουσε την ελευθέρη διέλευση του Ιταλικού στρατού από την Ελληνοαλβανική μεθορίο, προκείμενου στη συνέχεια να καταλήφθουν καποία στρατηγικά σημεία της Ελλάδας για τη μετέπειτα προώθηση του στην Αφρική. Ο Ελληνάς Πρωθυπουργός διαβάσε το τελεσιγραφό και απαντήσε στα γαλλικά με την ιστορική φρασή «Alors, c'est la guerre» που σημαίνει «Λοίπον, αυτό σημαίνει πολέμος». Η αρνήση αυτή πέρασε στην ιστορία ως «**OXI**».

Αμεσως μετα την αρνηση του Μεταξα, ξεκινησε η ιταλικη εισβολη, που υποχρεωσε τις ελληνικες δυναμεις σε υποχωρηση, μεχρι τα μεσα Νοεμβριου 1940. Ακολουθησε, ομως, η ηρωϊκη ελληνικη αντεπιθεση κατα την οποια απελευθερωθηκαν ολα τα ελληνικα εδαφη που βρισκονταν υπο ιταλικο ελεχγο και επιπλεον καταληφθηκαν οι πολεις Κορυτσα, Μοσχοπολη, Ποργαδετς, Αργυροκαστρο και Αγιοι Σαραντα. Ετσι, το μετωπο μεταφερθηκε σε βαθος εξηντα χιλιομετρων μεσα στην Αλβανια. Ενω συνεβαιναν αυτα, πεθανε ο Μεταξας και ο Γεωργιος Β΄ διορισε πρωθυπουργο τον Αλεξανδρο Κορυζη.

Σε αυτή τη δυσκολή ωρα για τις δυναμείς του αξονά, ο Χίτλερ επένεβη για να σωσεί την καταστάση. Ο Ελληνικός Στρατός αντέπιτεθηκε και αναγκάσε τον Ιταλικό Στρατό σε υποχωρήση. Η αντέπιθεση των Ιταλών, το Μαρτίο του 1941, απέτυχε, με κέρδος μονό μικρές εδαφικές εκτασείς στην περιοχή της Χειμάρρας. Οι Γερμανοί, αφού εκαμψαν την γενναία ελληνική αντίσταση, αρχίσαν να κινουνταί προς την Αθηνά, ένω τα ελληνικά στρατευμάτα της Αλβανίας διαλυοντάν. Τότε, ο αρχίστρατηγός Τσολακογλού υπέγραψε συνθηκολογήση στις 20 Απρίλιου του 1941 με τους Γερμανούς και με τους Ιταλούς που περαίωσαν τυπικά τον ελληνοιταλικογερμανικό πολέμο. Στις 27 Απρίλιου του 1941, όμως, οι Γερμανοί κατέλαβαν την Αθηνά.

Παρα την κατοχη που επεβαλαν οι Γερμανοι και οι Ιταλοι στα ελληνικα εδαφη, ο ελληνικος λαος συνεχισε την ηρωϊκη αντεπιθεση. Το φθινοπωρο του 1941 δημιουργηθηκαν και οι πρωτες οργανωσεις αντιστασης. Μετα απο πολλες αιματηρες συγκρουσεις με τις δυναμεις του Αξονα, η Ελλαδα κατορθωσε να απελευθερωσει πολλες ελληνικες περιοχες. Καθως ολα εδειχναν οτι ο πολεμος τελειωνε, ολες οι ελληνικες πολιτικες και αντιστασιακες δυναμεις, καθως και η ελληνικη κυβερνηση που βρισκοταν στην Αιγυπτο (κυβερνηση του Καϊρου), υπεγραψαν τη συμφωνια του Λιβανου (20 Μαΐου 1944), η οποια προεβλεπε τον σχηματισμο κυβερνησης εθνικης ενοτητας. Μετα την Απελευθερωση (12 Οκτωβριου, 1944) η κυβερνηση, με πρωθυπουργο τον Γεωργιο Παπανδρεου, εγκατασταθηκε στην Αθηνα και ανελαβε την εξουσια.

Καθε χρονο στης 28 Οκτωβριου γιορταζουμε το μεγαλο ΟΧΙ που ειπε ο Μεταξας στους Ιταλους και τιμουμε τους Ελληνες που πολεμησαν με ανδρεια και θεληση για την απελευθερωση της Ελλαδας.

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΔΑ!



TO OXI TOY 40

Δυο συλλαβες, μια λεξη μονο και μενουν αφθαρτες μεσα στο χρονο. Τι θεση εχουνε οι αριθμοι; κι'αν οι εχθροι μας ειν'πολλοι; Το χρεος μας ειναι καυτο και πιστη μας το ιδανικο. Και χθες και σημερα και παντα, ετσι το ζουμε στην Ελλαδα. Δυο συλλαβες, μια λεξη μονο αιωνες τωρα χρονο με χρονο σε καθε νεα επιβολη ακουγεται σαν αστραπη. Κι'οποιος το πη ηρωϊκα το «OXI» γραμμενο στην καρδια του το 'χει. On October 1, 911, there was an all-night Vigil in the Blachernae Church of the Mother of God in Constantinople. The church was full of people praying for deliverance by a barbarian invasion.

The Theotokos, in response to prays for safety from invaders, miraculously appeared and approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears.

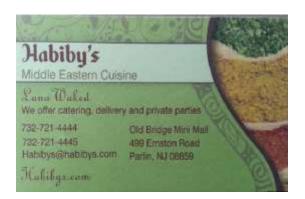
The Most-holy Theotokos, holding her omophorion outstretched as a protective covering for the faithful. She was clothed in gold-encrusted purple, and shone with an ineffable radiance, surrounded by apostles, saints, martyrs and virgins. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

The Feast of the Protection was instituted to commemorate this event, and to remind us that we can prayerfully receive the unceasing protection of the Most-holy Theotokos in any time of difficulty."

The Holiday date was changed from October 1 to 28 to honor the Theotokos appearance on OXI day.

(REMEMBER OUR BLESSED SISTERS AT AGIA SKEPI IN PENNSYLVANIA IN YOUR PRAYERS.)

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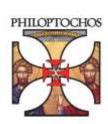
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SAINT DEMETRIOS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY



"Let us not get tired of doing good. As often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith." Galatians 6:9-10

We would love to have all of you join in our pursuit to help those in need. If you are not a member yet, it's not too late! Our drive for new members is on! Please join our chapter.

A general meeting will be announced in the church bulletin after the executive Board elections. Please keep your calendars open. Tentative meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14.

I hope together we can participle in the various activities planned for our chapter and the Metropolis.

On Monday, September 16, 2013, the Ladies of the Philoptochos held an election for members of their Executive Board. They are as follows:

Stella Wacker President
Evelyn Mariolis Vice President
Irene Pakis Treasurer

Helen Suravlas Assistant Treasurer
Helen Catelanos Recording Secretary
Mary Lou Rivera Corresponding Secretary

Board Members: Argiro Ahladianakis, Tana Kizides, Anna Kyriakatos, Lynn Markus, and Joanne Xidias **Honorary Board Member**: Sylvia Kress

With the Board in place, the Philoptochos is ready to undertake another year of special events in which we hope the parishioners of Saint Demetrios will participate.

Philoptochos Calender of Events

- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 7:30 p.m. The next General Meeting is scheduled for November 3.
- Starting **Sunday**, **October 6**, a box will be set up downstairs in the church hall to collect donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets that are prepared for those individuals in need of thoughtfulness and care. Items to donate include: frozen turkeys, dry foods, pasta, rice, beans, sugar, coffee, cereal, canned foods, soups, beans, vegetables, milk, peanut butter, tuna, jelly, crackers, and cranberry sauce.
- Perth Amboy's Saint Demetrios Church will be celebrating its 95th anniversary! In honor of this special event, on October 25, Metropolitan Evangelos will be attending the Vespers service. The Philoptochos would like to invite our Saint Demetrios family, friends and neighboring churches to attend Vespers services, which will immediately be followed by dessert and coffee in our downstairs hall. Please join us for this auspicious occasion!
- Divine Liturgy for Saint Demetrios will be held on October 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- On **November 1**, the Philoptochos honors Saints Cosmas and Damianos, our patron Saints.
- On **November 10**, Saint Michael's Home for the Aged will be holding a Gala at the Metropolitan Club in New York. If you are interested in attending, please see a member of the Philoptochos for more information.
- On **February 28**, there will be a trip to visit St. Michael's Home. If you are interested in attending, please see a member of the Philoptochos for more information.

Please see upcoming bulletins for updates and future events. As you can see, the Philoptochos has a very busy schedule lined up for this year, with still more to come. In addition, a membership drive will be underway soon. The only way that this organization can continue to succeed is with your help and generosity, which will always be appreciated!



G.O.Y.A. News and Events

It's hard to believe summer is over. I would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to two very special ladies who have been our role models, our teachers, our friends in addition to being our past G.O.Y.A. advisors - Callie Vosinas and Irene Dimitratos. You both have done so much not only for the G.O.Y.A., but the P.T.A., Sunday School, Bingo, Festival and more. It will be a giant task to fill the role of G.O.Y.A. Advisor but I know, you got my back! New G.O.Y.A. officers were elected at the end of the season:

President: Katina Vosinas Vice President: Marie Khalil Secretary: Nicolette Dulin

Treasurer: Zach Giannakopoulos
Historian: Rachel Giannakopoulos
Advisor: Stacey Vosinas 1st Chair

Advisor: OPEN 2nd Chair
Alternate Advisor: Callie Vosinas 1st Chair
Alternate Advisor: Jennifer Simatos 2nd Chair

A fond farewell to our seniors who graduated in the spring and good luck with all that you do. You will always be in our hearts and our prayers. Katina Vosinas will represent Saint Demetrios at the 2013 Mr. and Miss G.O.Y.A. Pageant. She will be escorted by Zach Giannakoupolos. The event is being held at The Pines Manor in Edison on October 13th.

The October G.O.Y.A. meeting will take place on Sunday, October 20th immediately following coffee hour. All Goyans should plan to attend as there will be a full agenda. Parents of the G.O.Y.A., please plan to be present on the 20th also to help with setup, serving and clean-up for coffee hour. We are still accepting registration for becoming a member of G.O.Y.A. I encourage the youth of our church to become part of this fabulous organization. It is not only an opportunity to serve our parish and to make new friends at St. Demetrios, but to also serve our Lord through giving of ourselves generously to the community in which we live, getting involved in charities and to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than we are. The Goyans welcome all new members with open arms. We hope to see some new faces at the October meeting.

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, PARISHONERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have an adult G.O.Y.A. Advisor position that must be filled. Please contact me if you are interested in helping to guide and shape the future of these very dedicated youths of our church.

Yours, Stacey Vosinas

Senior News

Our new season begun with the August 15 Panagias' church service followed by a luncheon at the Barge. Thank you to Helen Catelanos for chairing the luncheon reservations. A total of 38 attended with three non-members joining us. It's always great to get together.

Our first meeting took place on September 12 with 17 in attendance. It was a pizza lunch (served from Luigi's located in Perth Amboy near King's Plaza) with many desserts brought in by Helen Catelanos, Evelyn Mariolis and myself. Ben DiBlasi brought the sodas.

Father Angelo Michaels also attended and spoke on various subjects related to our liturgy. The most informative was the preparation of communion with wine, hot water and bread.

I also want to say hello and give get well wishes to: George and Maria Bratsano, Callie Coutros, Georgia Coutros, Angie Skelly, Dimitri Vrachnos and Eugenia Tsoukatos who are ailing. Our love to you.

Our next meeting will be on October 10th. We need volunteers for lunch plans.

Tana Kizides, President

Young Iconographers

In commemoration of our Patron Saint Demetrios and the 95th Anniversary of our Church in Perth Amboy, our Sunday School students will become iconographers by creating their very own icons of Saint Demetrios on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 10:15 am.

The icons will become part of a display in our Church Hall for all parishioners to view and enjoy. They will be returned to the children to keep in their homes afterwards. All children of our church are invited to join in this unique and memorable event.



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G.O.Y.A. Coffee Hour/Meeting	21 Philoptochos General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 St. Demetrios' Vespers 7:00 p.m.	26 St. Demetrios' Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	



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The P.T.O. helped kick off the year with a successful family picnic. It was a beautiful day. Our thanks to Helen Horan, Mary Lou Rivera and committee. Many thanks to our super chefs George Petrakakis and Mike Koudis. A good time was had by all."



The Kakadelis family enjoy the P.T.O. picnic with Stan and Helen Suravlas.

Saint Demetrios' worship weekend

Vespers – Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.; reception to follow

Saint Demetrios' Divine Liturgy, Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.; luncheon with speaker to follow