



# St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* November 2014

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## **ST. DEMETRIOS Feast Day** **SUNDAY OCTOBER 26**



### **ST. DEMETRIOS** **MOSAIC AND ELEVATOR DEDICATION CEREMONY**

The new St. Demetrios mosaic and elevator were dedicated in a special blessing ceremony on Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Those on the elevator building committee and major contributors were honored and a luncheon followed the dedication ceremony.



**Νοεμβρίου 9**

#### **Apolytikion**

Σηλυβρίας τον γόνον και Αιγίνης τον έφορον, τον εσχάτους χρόνους φανέντα, αρετής φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον τιμήσωμεν πιστοί, ως ένθεον θεράποντα Χριστού, αναβλύζεις γαρ ιάσεις παντοδαπάς, τοίς ευλαβώς κραυγάζουσι, δόξα τώ σέ δοξάσαντι Χριστώ, δόξα τώ σε θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τώ ενεργούντι διά σου, πάσιν ιάματα.

#### **Kontakion**

Ορθοδοξίας τον αστέρα τον νεόφωτον, καί Εκκλησίας το νεόδημον προτείχισμα Ανυμνήσωμεν καρδίας εν ευφροσύνη. Δοξασθείς γάρ ενεργεία τή τού Πνεύματος. Ιαμάτων αναβλύζει χάριν άφθονον τοίς κραυγάζουσι. χαιροις Πάτερ Νεκτάριε.

### **November 2014 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR**

**Nov 2**

**Epistle:** St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20  
**Γαλάτας 2:16-20**  
**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31  
**Λουκᾶν 16.19-31**

**Nov 9**

**Epistle:** St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18  
**Γαλάτας 6:11-18**  
**Gospel:** Luke 8:41-56  
**Λουκᾶν 8.41-56**  
**St Nectarios**

**Nov 16**

**Epistle:** St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2  
**Ῥωμαίους 10:11-21; 11:1-2**  
**Gospel:** Matthew 9:9-13  
**Ματθαῖον 9.9-13**

**Nov 23**

**Epistle:** St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22  
**Ἐφεσίους 2:14-22**  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21  
**Λουκᾶν 12.16-21**

**Nov 30**

**Epistle:** St. Paul's First Letter to Corinthians 4:9-16  
**Κορινθίους α' 4:9-16**  
**Gospel:** Ἰωάννην 1.35-52 John 1:35-52  
**St. Andrew**  
**No Sunday School**

### **SERVICES**

**(unless otherwise stated)**

Sunday Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SACRAMENTS**

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



## Message from Father Angelo

On this Thanksgiving Day we want to take note that before passing out the food Jesus gave thanks. His thanks is, in fact, a prominent part of the story; John tells us this twice. The Bible tells us that after the five small loaves and two fish were given to Him, Jesus “took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted”. Even more striking is John’s account of the next day. John tells us that some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. In reminding us of Jesus’s miracle, the Gospel writer wants to make sure we realize it happened after Jesus had given thanks.

Why did Jesus do this? Why did He give thanks to God the Father? Jesus gave thanks because He could see beyond the material to the spiritual. Jesus gave thanks because He could see beyond the bread and fish to the God, Who provided the bread and fish to Jesus, even the smallest morsel of food was not trivial but pointed back to its Maker and Giver. This is true not only for bread and fish but for every good thing that we might enjoy. All things point beyond themselves to their Maker and Giver. By giving thanks, Jesus shows us the intimate connection between the spiritual and the material. Why did Jesus do this? Why did He give thanks to God the Father? The second answer we can give is that in giving thanks Jesus was making the ordinary sacred. It wasn’t just bread and fish in His hands on Thanksgiving Day, it isn’t just a piece of pumpkin pie or turkey on your fork. It isn’t just a computer on your desk or a car in your garage. After you have given thanks it is something holy, sacred, a gift from God.

On this Thanksgiving Day we want to give thanks. On this Thanksgiving Day we want to join the material world to the spiritual. On this Thanksgiving Day we want to dedicate to God what has been given to us. Like Jesus we want to give thanks.

There are times, of course, when we all are tempted to feel ungrateful. At such times it is good for us to contemplate the good things God has done for us. May I offer this suggestion: write on a card small enough to fit into your wallet, 10 great things God has done for you. Then, whenever you are tempted to feel ungrateful, pull out that card and start thinking about the mercies you have written down. By thinking about God’s past provision, you’ll be encouraged to trust in His power to provide and protect in the present.

Let us be like Jesus and give thanks. Let us give thanks realizing that this joins the material to the spiritual. Let us give thanks realizing this makes the profane sacred and dedicates it to the service of God. Let us give thanks to God for His many blessings.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

With Love Father Angelo J. Michaels

Σε αυτή την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών πρέπει να αντιλαμβανόμαστε ότι πριν μοιράσει το φαγητό, Ο Ιησούς Χριστός ευχαρίστησε. Η ευχαριστία Του είναι, στην πραγματικότητα, ένα σημαντικό μέρος της ιστορίας, ο Απόστολος Ιωάννης μας το λέει δύο φορές. Η Βίβλος μας λέει ότι μετά από τα πέντε μικρά ψωμιά και δύο ψάρια που δόθηκαν σ’ Αυτόν, ο Ιησούς «πήρε τα ψωμιά, έδωσε τις ευχαριστίες και μοίρασε σε όσους κάθονταν όσο ήθελαν». Κάτι πιο εντυπωσιακό είναι η περιγραφή του Αποστόλου Ιωάννη από την επόμενη ημέρα. Ο Απόστολος Ιωάννης μας λέει ότι κάποια πλοία από την Τιβεριάδα προσγειώθηκαν κοντά στον τόπο όπου οι άνθρωποι είχαν φάει το ψωμί για το οποίο ο Κύριος είχε ευχαριστηθεί. Θυμίζοντάς μας το θαύμα του Ιησού, ο συγγραφέας του Ευαγγελίου θέλει να βεβαιωθεί ότι έχουμε συνειδητοποιήσει ότι αυτό το θαύμα έγινε όταν ο Ιησούς είχε ευχαριστηθεί.

Γιατί έκανε αυτό ο Ιησούς; Γιατί ευχαρίστησε προς τον Θεό; Ο Ιησούς ευχαρίστησε επειδή μπορούσε να ξεπεράσει από το υλικό στο πνευματικό. Ο Ιησούς ευχαρίστησε επειδή μπορούσε να ξεπεράσει από το ψωμί και τα ψάρια στο Θεό, ο οποίος έδωσε το ψωμί και τα ψάρια στον Ιησού. Αυτό ισχύει όχι μόνο για το ψωμί και τα ψάρια αλλά και για κάθε πράγμα που υπάρχει στην ζωή μας. Ευχαριστώντας, ο Ιησούς Χριστός μας δείχνει την στενή σχέση μεταξύ του πνευματικού και του υλικού. Γιατί έκανε αυτό ο Ιησούς; Γιατί ευχαρίστησε προς τον Θεό; Η δεύτερη απάντηση που μπορούμε να δώσουμε είναι, ευχαριστώντας Ο Ιησούς έκανε τον συνηθισμένο σε ιερό. Δεν ήταν μόνο το ψωμί και τα ψάρια στα χέρια Του για την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών και δεν είναι μόνο ένα κομμάτι γλυκού ή γαλοπούλα στο πιρούνι σας. Δεν είναι απλά ένας υπολογιστής στο γραφείο σας ή ένα αυτοκίνητο στο γκαράζ σας. Ευχαριστώντας για εκείνα τα κοινότητα πράγματα, γίνονται ιερά δώρα από τον Θεό.

Σε αυτή την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών πρέπει να ευχαριστήσουμε για όσα έχουμε. Σε αυτή την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών πρέπει να ενωθούμε τον υλικό κόσμο με τον πνευματικό. Σε αυτή την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών πρέπει να αφιερωθούμε στο Θεό εκείνα τα πράγματα, τα οποία μας έχει δώσει. Όπως ο Ιησούς, πρέπει να ευχαριστήσουμε προς τον Θεό.

Μερικές φορές, βέβαια, δελεάζομαστε να αισθανόμαστε αχάριστα. Σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις είναι καλό να σκεφτόμαστε τα καλά πράγματα που ο Θεός έχει κάνει για μας. Θα ήθελα να προσφέρω αυτή την πρόταση: να γράψετε σε μια κάρτα, που χωράει στο πορτοφόλι σας, 10 σπουδαία πράγματα που ο Θεός έχει κάνει για σας. Έπειτα, κάθε φορά που δελεάζομαστε να αισθανόμαστε αχάριστα, να βγάλετε αυτήν την κάρτα και να αρχίσετε να σκεφτόμαστε για όσα έχετε γράψει. Με τη σκέψη για την πρόνοια του Θεού, θα ενθαρρυνθείτε να εμπιστευόμαστε στην εξουσία Του να προσφέρει και να προστατεύει το παρόν.

Ας είμαστε σαν τον Ιησού Χριστό και να ευχαριστήσουμε. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε συνειδητοποιώντας ότι αυτό ενώνει το υλικό με το πνευματικό. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε συνειδητοποιώντας ότι μεταμορφώνει το βέβηλο σε ιερό και αφιερώνει στην υπηρεσία του Θεού. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε τον Θεό για τις πολλές ευλογίες Του.

Να έχετε μια χαρούμενη Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών!

Με αγάπη,  
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος π. Άγγελος Μιχάλιος



## Parish Council

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### NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD

Fr. Angelo J. Michaels  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I would like to thank Larry Simatos and the elevator committee for all their hard work. It's been a long time coming but, the elevator is open and running! Hopefully those members who need assistance will take advantage of this convenience. Job Well Done!

Our General Assembly Meeting will take place on November 16, 2014. We will be taking nominations for a new Parish Council for the next 2 years. I urge everyone, when making a nomination, to please be aware of the person you are nominating. Is that person an active member, a regular attendee, and most important does he or she have the time to attend monthly board meetings and attend Sunday services as a representative of the board? We need people to financially support our church, mentally support our church and physically support our church. Your best friend is not necessarily what is best for the church. The Parish Council assumes the great responsibility of operating the church. Please nominate someone who is devoted and has the time for our church.

There are 2 months left to this fiscal year. There is still time to make your stewardship commitment. Last year we had 155 paid members. Thus far we only have 125 paid members. Hopefully we haven't lost 30 members and they will respond to this message. St. Demetrios needs to keep all of its members. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Yours in Christ,  
Kateina Ganiaris  
Board President

Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τον Larry Σιμάτος και την επιτροπή ασανσέρ για όλη τη σκληρή δουλειά τους. Πέρασε πολύς καιρός αλλά πλέον το ασανσέρ είναι ανοιχτό και σε λειτουργία! Ας ελπίσουμε ότι τα μέλη μας που χρειάζονται βοήθεια θα επωφεληθούν από αυτή την ευκολία. Η δουλειά τελείωσε πολύ καλά!

Η Γενική μας Συνέλευση θα λάβει χώρα στις 16 Νοεμβρίου 2014. Θα λάβουμε υποψηφιότητες για το νέο Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο για τα επόμενα 2 χρόνια. Καλώ και παρακαλώ όλους σας όταν κάνετε μία υποψηφιότητα να γνωρίζετε το πρόσωπο που προτείνετε. Το άτομο αυτό πρέπει να είναι ενεργό μέλος και να συμμετέχει τακτικά. Και το πιο σημαντικό, να έχει το χρόνο να παρακολουθήσει τις μηνιαίες συνεδριάσεις του διοικητικού συμβουλίου και τη λειτουργία της Κυριακής ως εκπρόσωπος του διοικητικού συμβουλίου.

Χρειαζόμαστε ανθρώπους που θα στηρίξουν οικονομικά και πνευματικά την εκκλησία μας και θα διαθέσουν αρκετό από τον χρόνο τους. Ο καλύτερος φίλος σας δεν σημαίνει απαραίτητα ότι είναι και ο καλύτερος για την εκκλησία μας. Το Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο αναλαμβάνει τη μεγάλη ευθύνη της λειτουργίας της εκκλησίας. Παρακαλούμε να προτείνετε κάποιον που είναι αφοσιωμένος και έχει το χρόνο για την εκκλησία μας.

Απομένουν 2 μήνες για την παρούσα χρήση. Υπάρχει ακόμα χρόνος για να τακτοποιήσετε τη συνδρομή σας. Πέρυσι είχαμε 155 μέλη που κατέβαλαν τη συνδρομή τους. Μέχρι στιγμής έχουμε μόνο 125 μέλη που καταβάλλουν συνδρομή. Ας ελπίσουμε ότι δεν έχουμε χάσει 30 μέλη και ότι όλοι θα ανταποκριθούν σε αυτό το μήνυμα. Ο Άγιος Δημήτριος χρειάζεται να κρατήσει όλα τα μέλη του!

Να έχετε μια υπέροχη Ημέρα Ευχαριστιών (Thanksgiving)

Με Χριστιανική αγάπη,  
Κατινα Γανιάρης



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Philoptochos of St Demetrios is collecting nonperishable food donations for the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Please consider donations of cereal, rice, canned beans, soup, canned vegetables, pasta, tuna fish, cookies, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese etc. Also, we need frozen turkeys to offer families the traditional holiday meal.

Please bring the items downstairs by the stage area. Tuesday, Nov 25 we put the baskets together. Thank you all in advance for your kindness and generosity.

The Philoptochos Society of St Demetrios.

Μια ανακοίνωση από την Φιλόπτωχο Αδελφότητα,

Η Φιλόπτωχος Αδελφότητα του Αγίου Δημητρίου συγκεντρώνει άφθαρτα τρόφιμα για τα καλάθια που θα φτιαχτούν για την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών. Δημητριακά, ρύζι, κονσέρβες, σούπες, κονσερβοποιημένα λαχανικά, ζυμαρικά, μπισκότα, φυστικοβούτυρο, ζυμαρικά με τυρί κ.λπ. Επίσης, χρειαζόμαστε κατεψυγμένες γαλοπούλες να προσφέρουν στις οικογένειες το παραδοσιακό γεύμα της γιορτής.

Σας παρακαλούμε να φέρετε τα άφθαρτα τρόφιμα στο υπόγειο της εκκλησίας μας. Την Τρίτη, 25 Νοεμβρίου θα φτιάχνουμε τα καλάθια μαζί. Σας ευχαριστούμε εκ των προτέρων για την καλοσύνη και την γενναιοδωρία σας.

Η Φιλόπτωχος Αδελφότητα του Ιερού Ναού Αγίου Δημητρίου.

## Senior News

Our Annual August 15 Panagias Celebration went very well. After the Church Liturgy guests and members lunched at the Barge. Nellie and Ted Maliades hosted. Thank you Alex and Nellie for a Successful afternoon.

The first meeting of the season took place Sept 11. Remember to pay your dues and since we had our September meeting we voted to increase our dues to \$15.00 annually. We had an attendance of 19 members.

The lunch was hosted and donated by Maria Kalamaras and Freida Kusulas. Desert was donated by Tessie Christopoulos and Helen Catelanos. It was a very successful meeting and luncheon. Tana called George Bratsano Sunday Sept 21. The caregiver Miss Maria spoke with me. She is caring for both George and Maria. I also had an opportunity to say hello to Maria. I gave Miss Maria our best wishes and prayers.

I hope to have blood pressure screenings arranged by the Raritan Bay Medical Center at our next meeting.

See you soon

Tana Kizides





### “Come and See”

#### 2014 SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD PART 1

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: City: State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

**In gratitude for God’s blessings I / we make the following commitment  
to the ministries of St. Demetrios Church:**

A total amount of: \$520 \_\_ \$750 \_\_ \$1,000 \$ 2,500 More/Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ semi-annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually  
*Come and See God work through your talents, skills and experience, as well as your financial support.  
 Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.  
 We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.*

### “Come and See”

#### 2014 SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD PART 2

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

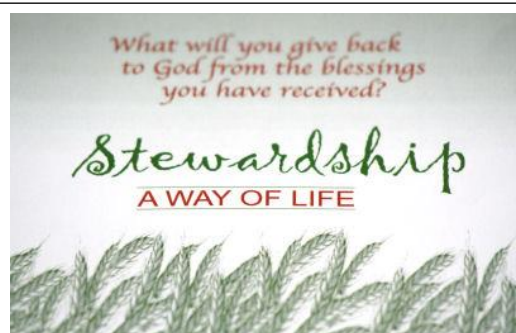
**I / We would like to offer my/our time & talents to the ministries, organizations, and activities of  
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in the following areas:**

*Please check*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Management      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Language School                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Camp                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Elderly / Infirm              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking - Events or Outreach               | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator Project            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer - general                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering / Welcome          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer-Web Site Management                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Festival                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Picnic               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media Liaison / Public Affairs              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical / Plumbing / Electrical         | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in liturgy)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Monthly Newsletter                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Building maintenance        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Work                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Dance                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Network/support group for job seekers       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> J.O.Y. (Jr. Orthodox Youth) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and Evangelism                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Y.A.L. (Young Adult League)                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Weekly Bulletin                      | <input type="checkbox"/> G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |  |

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<u>Gary Ahladianakis</u>	<u>John Georgas</u>	<u>John Lalis</u>	<u>Joseph Rivera</u>
<u>John Anastasiou</u>	<u>Litsa Georgiou</u>	<u>Kaliope Lalis</u>	<u>Michael Rizitis</u>
<u>Angie Andreadis</u>	<u>Paul Georgiou</u>	<u>John Lekarakos</u>	<u>Dimitrios Roumeliotis</u>
<u>Constantine Arianas</u>	<u>Nick Giannakopoulos</u>	<u>Stephanie Linnehan</u>	<u>Diane Lionikis Ruth</u>
<u>Iraldo Arias</u>	<u>Gary Hanakis</u>	<u>George Lionikis</u>	<u>Gary Seitis</u>
<u>Demetrios Asimakis</u>	<u>George Hanakis</u>	<u>George Lionikis Jr</u>	<u>George Seitis</u>
<u>Georgia Asimakis</u>	<u>Vera Hartenias</u>	<u>Helen Loukedis</u>	<u>Demosthenis Simatos</u>
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<u>Gus Batsulas</u>	<u>Theodore Kaidas</u>	<u>Maria Mantoudakis</u>	<u>William Spillman</u>
<u>Demetrios Bekas</u>	<u>Athena Kaldis</u>	<u>Dino Mariolis</u>	<u>Eleni Stoimenides</u>
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<u>Helen Catelanos</u>	<u>George Kanellides</u>	<u>George Mavrookas</u>	<u>C. Theodoracopoulos</u>
<u>Peter Christopoulos</u>	<u>John Kanellides</u>	<u>Louis Mavrookas</u>	<u>Albert Tomori</u>
<u>Vasso Chrysanthopoulos</u>	<u>Peggy Kantor</u>	<u>Mae Menchise</u>	<u>Julia Trendos</u>
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<u>Marina Corodemus</u>	<u>Eleni Karayianopoulos</u>	<u>Fr Angelo Michaels</u>	<u>Theodora Tsistinas</u>
<u>Vera Corodemus</u>	<u>Kostas Kokodis</u>	<u>Maria Michaels</u>	<u>Dimitrios Tsvivelis</u>
<u>James Corodemus</u>	<u>Angelo Kostopoulos</u>	<u>George Nicolaidis</u>	<u>George Tzitzis</u>
<u>Spero Coutros</u>	<u>Socrates Kottaras</u>	<u>Anna Papageorgiou</u>	<u>George Vosinakis</u>
<u>Stella Coutros</u>	<u>Demetrios Koudis</u>	<u>Georgia Papageorgiou</u>	<u>Tessie Vosinakis</u>
<u>Joseph Dacunha</u>	<u>Gregory Kouretas</u>	<u>Demetrios Pakis</u>	<u>George Vosinas</u>
<u>John DeBoer</u>	<u>Kosta Kouretas</u>	<u>John Papagiannakis</u>	<u>Emil Wacker</u>
<u>Bennie Di Blasi</u>	<u>Samuel Kouretas</u>	<u>Peter Papagiannakis</u>	<u>Stamatios Xenakis</u>
<u>Ken Doukas</u>	<u>Sylvis Kress</u>	<u>Mary Paros</u>	<u>Stephen Xenios</u>
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<u>Costas Gatanas</u>	<u>Makis Kyriakatos</u>	<u>George Petrakakis</u>	

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

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# St Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

41-47 Wisteria Street  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Dear Parishioners,

Every year we exchange warm holiday wishes to each other through our community Christmas card. The Christmas holiday is quickly approaching. Once again we invite you to participate to make this special event a success for our community by having your name imprinted on the Christmas Card. Your individual or Family wishes to all the parishioners must be either mailed to the church office or to Kathy Kouretas no later than December 5, 2014 together with a minimum donation of \$20 payable to "St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church". Please print the individual or family names as you wish to see them imprinted on our community Christmas card. Please note, Names received after the deadline of Dec 5, 2014 may not appear on the card, and their offer will be considered a donation to the Church.

Yours in Christ,

The Christmas Card Committee

Please complete the form below and mail with your donation to the church: **Attention Kathy Kouretas or directly to the address below.**

**Kathy Kouretas  
6 Sterling Court  
Perth Amboy, NJ  
08861**

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

How you would like your name to appear on the Christmas Card:

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Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Κάθε χρόνο ανταλλάσσουμε θερμές εορταστικές ευχές μέσω της κοινοτικής μας Χριστουγεννιάτικης κάρτας. Οι εορτές των Χριστουγέννων πλησιάζουν γρήγορα. Για άλλη μια φορά σας καλούμε να συμμετάσχετε στην ειδική αυτή εκδήλωση ώστε να πραγματοποιηθεί με επιτυχία για την κοινότητά μας, έχοντας το όνομά σας αποτυπωμένο στην κάρτα Χριστουγέννων. Οι μεμονωμένες ή οικογενειακές σας ευχές προς όλους τους ενορίτες μας πρέπει είτε να ταχυδρομηθούν στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας ή στην Kathy Kouretas το αργότερο μέχρι 5 Δεκεμβρίου 2014 μαζί με ελάχιστη δωρεά των \$ 20 πληρωτέα στον "Άγιο Δημήτριο, Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία». Παρακαλείσθε να εκτυπώσετε τα ατομικά ή οικογενειακά ονόματα όπως εσείς επιθυμείτε να τα δείτε αποτυπωμένα στην κοινοτική μας Χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα. Παρακαλώ, προσοχή, ονόματα που παραλαμβάνονται μετά τη λήξη της προθεσμίας της 5ης του Δεκέμβρη 2014 μπορεί να μην εμφανίζονται στην κάρτα και η προσφορά τους θα πρέπει να θεωρείται δωρεά στην εκκλησία.

Με Χριστιανική Αγάπη

Η Επιτροπή Χριστουγεννιάτικης Κάρτας

Παρακαλώ συμπληρώστε την παρακάτω φόρμα και ταχυδρομείστε την μαζί με τη δωρεά σας στην εκκλησία: Υπόψιν **Kathy Kouretas ή απευθείας στην παρακάτω διεύθυνση:**

**Kathy Kouretas  
6 Sterling Court  
Perth Amboy, NJ  
08861**

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Το όνομά σας: \_\_\_\_\_

Ποσό δωρεάς: \_\_\_\_\_

Πως θα θέλατε το όνομά σας να εμφανιστεί στην κάρτα Χριστουγέννων:

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## OPA! We danced all night at our Bayside Taverna!

Our first-ever Bayside Taverna Night was held Saturday, October 4, 2014, 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM. This evening event highlighted a Live Greek Bouzouki Ensemble (until 1:00 AM), featured singing sensation, Stavros Theodorou, and offered appetizing and thirst-quenching items from our delicious mezedakia and bar menus.

Our menu offerings included spanakopita, tiropita, dolmades, keftedes, fried calamari, Greek Fries, Greek Brushetta, Greek Dips and pita and, of course, delicious desserts; baklava and the best loukoumades in the area. A full bar compliment featured Ouzo, Metaxa, Greek wines and beer, mixed drinks and soft drinks which were served from a brand new bar custom built to create a unique taverna atmosphere.



Our décor resembled an authentic taverna in Greece with a blue and white theme, flowing blue fabric that created a stage backdrop for the band, beautifully decorated Greek columns, lovely table lanterns and, of course, our magnificent waterfront view reminiscent of tavernas along the sea.



Approximately 80 people including guests and workers thoroughly enjoyed the event with our traditional Greek Bouzouki music and dancing that we all love. Joining us that evening were our very own Father Angelo Michaels and Presbytera Eva. Perth Amboy Councilwoman, Lisa Nanton, was in attendance as well. She was delighted to spend time with us and even ordered food from our menu to take home to her family. It was wonderful to

see so many of our own parishioners who came out to partake in this night of dancing and mingling right in our own home “with para”. It certainly confirmed that our Greek customs and traditions continue from one generation to the next by observing the number of families with grandparents and young adult grandchildren enjoying the night together.

Our guests received complimentary keepsake photographs at our Grecian Photo Booth which complimented our décor and added even more conversation and excitement to our special event.

Much gratitude and appreciation is extended to everyone involved from our welcomed guests, generous donors and invaluable volunteers who all joined together to create a warm, inviting environment and familiar atmosphere for all to gather in our Greek way of enjoying a fun-filled Taverna night as one happy family.

In HIS Service,

Bayside Taverna Committee

Chairperson: Dimitrios (Mike) Koudis

Decorations: Stacey Vosinas

Coordinator: Kateina Ganiaris

Security & General Tasks: George N. Petrakakis

Advertising & Admissions: Helen Coutros Horan

Kitchen Chairperson: Elizabeth (Liz) DaCunha

Clerical Assistant: Froso Morales





## OCMC WOMEN'S RETREAT TO ALBANIA 2014

Shen (St.) Vlash Seminary, Durres, Albania, October 5, 2014 by Judge Marina Corodemus.

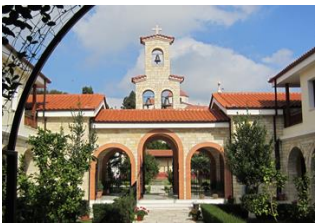


One week ago, seven Orthodox American women, five Presbyteras and two lay church leaders traveled to Albania to work with OCMC professional missionaries. The goal was to meet, confer and share life experiences with Priftereshas (Priests Wives) of Albania. We were led by OCMC Team Leader Renee Ritsi, (FLA.) our team included: Presbyteras Stephanie Panagos, (Conn.) Joy Corona, (CAL.) Anna Lillios (Penn.), Maggie Hock (Neb.) and lay leaders Stella Wacker (NJ-Philoptochos) and Judge Marina Corodemus (NJ-Leadership 100).

We seven women had never met each other, did not speak Albanian, and had no expectations other than a desire to serve God and answer a silent calling to go to Albania. So each woman, with her own charismas, went to help the OCMC missionaries. For me, coming from a traditional Greek Orthodox family, I was on a quest to discover if indeed we all were μια ορθόδοξη οικογένεια "One Family Orthodox."



Beginning our journey in the Albanian capital city of Tirana we were hosted for two nights by OCMC missionary persons who opened their own houses to us. There we saw and learned, from an American perspective, a quick initiation in



Albanian culture, family, and Church history. During the day we were treated to visit the Orthodox Protagonist School, which recently graduated its first class of 12 full years, a new kindergarten of 120 children (of all faiths). We were then blessed to view the new Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Cathedral was opened in 2012 and is the third largest Orthodox Church in Europe.

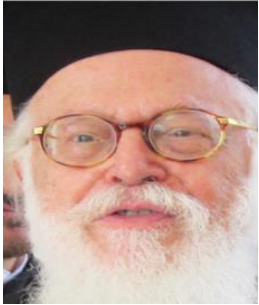
Day three, we were driven toward the town of Durres, to the Resurrection Orthodox Theological Academy in Shen Vlash. This major complex contains several chapels, a church, theology school dormitories for men and women, a dining hall, classrooms, and the wonderful "House of Hope" for Children. There we 7 were housed in a most beautiful women's monastery, under the direction of one petite Orthodox nun, Motra (Sister)Rakela, who alone, runs the lovely monastery of "The Myrrh Bearing Women", which is adorned with vasilico plants, colorful flowers, and multiple sparrows singing. This became our Albanian home with Sister Rakela, the sanctified Myrrh Bearing Women Chapel and the Theotokos to protect us.

For the next 5 days, we participated in two, 3 day programs, covering the roles and challenges of serving as Presbyteras, raising an Orthodox family, and Christian dispute resolution, including the social problems of human trafficking. From our Albania Sisters, we heard compelling stories of Orthodoxy being "underground" during the long dark era of communism, with churches having been destroyed and used as storage centers. In the last 20 years, resurrection has occurred, where the church has risen from the ashes of communism to a living, vibrant, exciting Orthodox church.

So many beautiful memories and friendship were developed with our brothers and sisters in Albania. Some of the most memorable to me were: (1)One afternoon, while we were awaiting the arrival of Bishop Asti, our Albanian sister broke into a spontaneous singing of village songs, followed by the American women answering in a Gospel song and then most miraculously, we all joined into a three language homage to the Theotokos, singing Agni Parthene Despina in Albanian,



English, and Greek. What a rare privilege and blessing to experience Orthodox women, as sisters, coming together to praise the Theotokos.



The Second and more awesome experience, was the meeting, visiting, and interacting with his Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios. From the moment we landed in Albania, we heard Albanians speak about our “Blessed Archbishop.” Each person placed their hopes, dreams, and unconditional faith in “our “Blessed Archbishop” who has led us, appointed Albanian clergy, teachers, and scholars, supported mothers, children and provided for a church of true believers. Again, I questioned if this could be true?

Seeing this Archbishop, and being in his charismatic presence was for me like meeting Abraham (Father of the Nation), Moses (leads his people toward freedom) and St Nicholas (who cares for his children). The answer was YES, all that the Albanian Orthodox people said of this archbishop was true. They felt the pain of the unsubstantiated attacks leveled against him by non-believers, but reveled in the joy of successes the church had achieve because of him. We were each presented with a cross from His Beatitude, that has his emblem from St. John 12:24, “..unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” Here, in Albania, Archbishop Anastasios has cultured the garden of Orthodoxy and that must clearly be pleasing to God.



So for me, my personal question of whether we “are we one Orthodox family” is answered by a resounding yes! And, I say, Glory to God, for allowing me to be His witness.

Our sincerest condolences to the Arianas family from the entire Saint Demetrios Community on the recent passing of Dino Arianas.

Dino served our community throughout many years of selfless dedication and service.

We send our love to the entire Arianas family along with our prayers for God's comfort and peace upon them.

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~ November 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 St. Cosmas & Damianos Divine Liturgy 10AM
2 <b>Epistle:</b> St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 16:19-31 Tray Collection in honor of Cosmas and Damianos	3	4	5	6	7	8 Synaxis of the Archangels Divine Liturgy 10AM
9 <b>Epistle:</b> St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 8:41-56 <b>Agios Nectarios</b>	10 Board Meeting 730PM	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 Nativity Fast Begins
16 <b>Epistle:</b> St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 9:9-13	17 Philoptochos Board Meeting 7PM	18	19	20	21 Presentation of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy 10AM	22
23 <b>Epistle:</b> St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12:16-21	24	25 Saint Katherine Divine Liturgy 10AM Preparation of Thanksgiving baskets	26 St Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 <b>Epistle:</b> St. Paul's First Letter to Corinthians 4:9-16 <b>Gospel:</b> John 1:35-52 <b>St. Andrew</b> <b>No Sunday School</b>						



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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

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Left to right Sophia Sousa, Kali & Luka Simatos, Megan & Dylan DaCunha

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CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT'S NAME DAY**