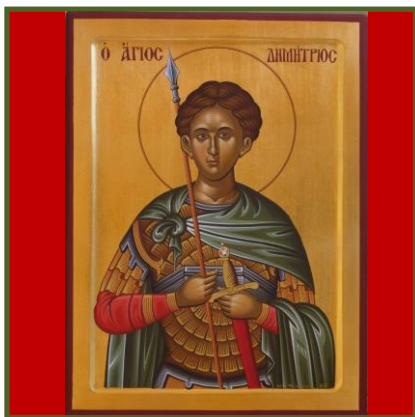




St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* December 2014

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**Καλά
Χριστούγεννα**

**OUR CHURCH AT THE
CENTER OF PERTH
AMBOY VETERAN'S DAY
CEREMONY**



December 2014 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

Dec 7

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Ephesians 5:8-19
Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 5:8-19

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Λουκᾶν 13.10-17

Dec 14

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Colossians 3:4-11
Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24
Λουκᾶν 14.16-24

Dec 21

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40
Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:9-10; 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25
Ματθαῖον 1.1-25

Dec 28

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the
Galatians 1:11-19
Πρὸς Γαλάτας 1:11-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
Ματθαῖον 2.13-23

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.



In the fullness of time our Lord Jesus Christ was born to the Holy Theotokos and Virgin Mary, thus entering into the world as a man and revealing Himself to mankind. The Virgin Mary is the Theotokos, the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son and Word of God. She conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. She was cared for by her betrothed husband, Joseph, who took the child and his mother into his home as his own.

. The Feast of the Birth of Jesus is also known as the "Incarnation of Christ." This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as Christmas.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL ELECTED!

Submitted ballots of paid Stewards, (as of November 16, 2014) were counted SUNDAY December 7, 2014.

Votes were counted by the Nominating committee and reported the Father Michaels and will be submitted to the Metropolis office.

See Page 3 for the election results.



Metropolitan Evangelos accepts a St. Demetrios book from the Ionanidis brothers from the Sunday School.



Christmas 2014 Message from Father

Dearly Beloved,

"Let heaven and earth today make glad prophetically. Angels and Men, let us keep spiritual feast: for Go, born of a woman, has appeared in the flesh to those that sit in darkness and shadow!" (Ode of the Christmas Canon)

Without a doubt, the greatest joy of Christmas is that God became man. He is with us and promises to always be with us to the end of time. On Christmas day, Heaven and earth are united with the love of God. How great and marvelous is God's love for all people? Today Paradise is open to us. Theotokos gave us the fruit of salvation for the whole world. God the All-Perfect is born a babe; By his birth he sets through becoming a child, He heals our souls.

A long time ago, a cold, darkened world was filled with the glory of God. The Shepherds saw the first "outdoor Display" as heart. As e transform the outside of our homes or, decorate out windows and doors, maybe this year and for years after, we can try to draw our life and prayer to our Lord Christ. Let us draw our attention to Christ and his church.

The beauty of Christmas can be found in our church and in our Christian way of life.

Come dear faithful and let us behold where Christ is born, let us join the Magi, the kinds from the east, and follow the guiding star. Let us Glorify Christ by offering our faith and love to the one who has given us everything.

Let the New Year, 2015, and the feast of the lights shine in our lives. May our lives be filled with love for one another, and the one from Bethlehem; to follow his example, to serve others and thereby to serve Christ. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Father Angelo Michaels

Χριστουγεννιάτικη Μνήμα

"Αφήστε τον ουρανό και τη γη σήμερα να κάνουν ευτυχείς προφητικά. Άγγελοι και άνθρωποι, ας κρατήσουμε την πνευματική γιορτή γιατί, γεννημένος από μια γυναίκα, ο Θεός έχει εμφανιστεί στη σάρκα σε εκείνους που κάθονται στο σκοτάδι και τη σκιά!" (Ωδή του Χριστουγεννιάτικου Κανόνα)

Χωρίς αμφιβολίες, η μεγαλύτερη χαρά των Χριστουγέννων είναι ότι ο Θεός έγινε άνθρωπος. Ο Θεός είναι μαζί μας και υπόσχεται ότι θα είναι πάντα μαζί μας μέχρι το τέλος. Την ημέρα των Χριστουγέννων, ο ουρανός και η γη είναι ενωμένοι με την αγάπη του Θεού. Πόσο μεγάλη και θαυμάσια είναι η αγάπη του Θεού για όλους τους ανθρώπους; Σήμερα ο Παράδεισος είναι ανοικτός σε όλους εμάς που πιστεύουν.

Η Θεοτόκος έδωσε τον καρπό της σωτηρίας σε όλον τον κόσμο. Ο Θεός γεννιέται σαν ένα μωρό και με την γέννησή του, γιατρεύει τις ψυχές μας. Πριν από πολύ καιρό, ένας κρύος, σκοτεινός κόσμος γέμισε με την δόξα του Θεού. Πρώτα, οι ποιμένες αισθάνθηκαν αυτό το αίσθημα στην καρδιά τους. Όταν στολίζουμε τα σπίτια μας, να προσπαθήσουμε να φέρουμε την ζωή και την προσευχή μας προς τον Κύριο μας Χριστό. Ας επιστήσουμε την προσοχή μας στον Χριστό και την Εκκλησία Του.

Η ομορφιά των Χριστουγέννων μπορεί να βρεθεί στην εκκλησία μας και στο χριστιανικό τρόπο ζωής μας.

Ελάτε, αγαπητά μου τέκνα, να βλέπουμε όπου ο Χριστός γεννιέται, ας ενωθούμε με τους Μάγους από την ανατολική, για να ακολουθούμε το αστέρι καθοδήγησης. Να δοξάζουμε τον Χριστό προσφέροντας την πίστη και την αγάπη μας προς Αυτόν που μας έχει δώσει και προσφέρει τα πάντα.

Ας λάμπουν το νέο έτος, το 2015, και η εορτή των Θεοφανίων στην ζωή μας. Μακάρι να γεμίσει η ζωή μας με την ανθρώπινη αγάπη η οποία μας έδειξε Αυτός από τη Βηθλεέμ. Μακάρι να ακολουθούμε το παράδειγμά του και να υπηρετούμε τους άλλους γιατί με αυτόν τον τρόπο ακολουθούμε τον Χριστό.

Δι' ευχών των Αγίων Πατέρων ημών, Κύριε Ιησού Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών, ελέησον ημάς. Αμήν!

Σας εύχομαι ολόψυχα να έχετε Χαρούμενα Χριστούγεννα!

Με αγάπη ,

Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος π. Άγγελος Μιχαλιός

MERRY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU

TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST. DEMETRIOS

Because of YOUR generosity, on Nov21 ALL wish list items of musical instruments were shipped to ALBANIA for Orthodox children and were received by the school on St. Nicholas Day!

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!!!



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 January 2015 Bulletin is
 December 10, 2014.

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NEW ST. DEMETRIOS PARISH COUNCIL 2015-2016 VOTE COMPLETED

The following 15 members were voted onto the church council for 2015-2016 from a list of 17 candidates:

1. **HELEN HORAN** - Lifelong Member St. Demetrios Choir, Sunday School, Church Dance Chair, Greek Independence Day, Sunday School Special Projects, Philoptochos, PTO, Past Parish Council-Parish Council Secretary, Festival, 4th of July, Taverna Night Advertising and Admissions Chair, Picnics, Taste of Perth Amboy. Church Dance Chair, Greek Independence Day, Sunday School, Special Projects and Taste of Perth Amboy, Mother, Grandmother. Retired Perth Amboy Public School Principal.
2. **GEORGE PETRAKAKIS** - Member St. Demetrios 8 years, Past Parish Council Vice-President, Festival Chair, Taverna Night General Manager & Security Chair, Greek Independence Day Chair, 4th of July, Taste of Perth Amboy, Picnics, AHEPA District 5 Secretary, President St. Andrew Law Enforcement Federation, Elizabeth Town Gas Committee, Married Retired Paterson Police Lieutenant. Licensed Private Investigator. Weichart Referral Agent.
3. **ALEX VOSINAS** - Lifelong member St. Demetrios, Married Callie Vosinas. Father of two sons Nicholas and George, Past Member Parish Council, Elevator Committee, Strategic Planning, Taste of Perth Amboy, Festival. Owner Barge Restaurant.
4. **NICK GIANNAKOPOULOS** - Past Parish Council member. Festival, Repairs East Brunswick house, Taverna Night, Church Maintenance, Married Cindy. Father of two boys. Business owner.
5. **MARINA CORODEMUS** - Lifelong member St. Demetrios, Past Choir Director, Parish Council Member, Festival, Leadership 100, OCMC Missionary Volunteer. Retired Judge-Attorney. Strategic Planning Committee Chair.
6. **STEVE CORODEMUS** - Lifelong member St. Demetrios, Parish Council Treasurer, Choir, Festival. Employed as Sales Person Macy's of Edison NJ.
7. **MIKE KOUDIS** - Past Parish Council member. Sunday School Teacher, Repairs East Brunswick House and church. Festival, Picnics, 4th of July, Taverna Night Chairman. Father, one daughter. Self-Employed general contractor.
8. **MARIA MANTOUDAKIS** - Lifelong member of St. Demetrios, Sunday school, Greek School, Choir, PTO, Philoptochos, Mother. Employed Teacher Human Resources, Teacher Dale Carnegie.
9. **KATEINA GANIARIS** - President St. Demetrios Parish Council, Festival Co-Chair, Past Board Member Treasurer, Philoptochos, PTO, Youth Advisor, Elizabeth Town Gas Committee, Taverna Night Coordinator. Married Husband Petros, Three Children, and Grandmother.
10. **IRENE PAKIS** - Choir Director, Philoptochos-officer, food baskets, crop walk, St. Basil dances, Festival, PTO Past President, Greek School. Mother of the year.
11. **AFROULA KANELIDIS** - Past Parish council member, Priest Search committee, Philoptochos. Past President PTO, Greek School, Married George Kanelidis, mother, grandmother.
12. **ELIZABETH (Liz) DaCUNHA** - Member St. Demetrios 8 years, PTO President, Taverna Night Kitchen Chair, Taste of Perth Amboy, Picnics, Festival, PTO Christmas and Graduation celebrations, Married Husband Joe. Mother of two daughters. Stop 'n Shop Store Manager.
13. **DINO KUSULAS** - Lifelong member St. Demetrios, Altar Boy, Parish Council Member, Festival, Editor Parish Newsletter. Married Sandra. Father of two boys. Employed Telecommunications Manager Brooklyn Public Library.
14. **SPERO KALAMBAKIS** - Grew up in St. Demetrios, Altar Boy, Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, Owns his own practice in New Brunswick, NJ, Engaged to be married. Prior to becoming a lawyer, worked with his family owners of Edison Diner.
15. **MARK RASIMOWICZ** - Past Parish Council Member. Festival, Elevator Committee, Repairs East Brunswick house. Engineer at Feist Engineering of Monroe Township, for multiple municipalities.

Election results are unofficial and have been submitted to the Metropolis for review and final approval.



Να τα πούμε;

Παραμονή Χριστουγέννων πρωί, το κουδούνι χτυπάει, οι νοικοκύρηδες ανοίγουν και η ατμόσφαιρα γεμίζει με την γνωστή μελωδία: Τα κάλαντα των Χριστουγέννων. Ο ήχος της μελόντικας, μια φλογέρα ή πολλές φορές μόνο ένα απλό τριγωνάκι συνοδεύουν το τραγούδι των παιδιών. Όταν τελειώσουν εύχονται «και εις έτη πολλά» ή «Χρόνια Πολλά» και η νοικοκυρά τους δίνει ένα συμβολικό χρηματικό ποσό για τον κουμπαρά τους. Ενίοτε, κυρίως στα χωριά, οι νοικοκυρές φιλεύουν τα παιδιά με παραδοσιακά γλυκίσματα, αμύγδαλα ή φρούτα.

Με τη γιορτή των Χριστουγέννων ξεκινά μια περίοδος εορτασμού δώδεκα ημερών, το γνωστό Δωδεκαήμερο, που τελειώνει με τον εορτασμό των Θεοφανίων. Στις παραμονές των εορτών που σηματοδοτούν το Δωδεκαήμερο (Χριστούγεννα, Περιτομή ή Αγίου Βασιλείου, Φώτα) ψάλλονται τα κάλαντα από μικρές ομάδες, κυρίως παιδιών. Τι είναι όμως τα κάλαντα και πώς εξελίχθηκαν στη σημερινή τους μορφή;

Ετυμολογικά η λέξη κάλαντα προέρχεται από την λατινική calendae που σημαίνει νεομηνία. Στην Αρχαία Ελλάδα, συναντάμε κείμενα καλάντων παρόμοια με τα σημερινά με παινέματα για τον «αφέντη» του σπιτιού και για την ευημερία του νοικοκυριού. Την εποχή εκείνη τα παιδιά τραγουδούσαν τα κάλαντα κρατώντας ένα ομοίωμα карабиού για τον θεό Διόνυσο. Κάποιες φορές κρατούσαν και ένα κλαδί ελιάς ή δάφνης στο οποίο κρεμούσαν τις προσφορές των νοικοκύρηδων.

Από το 2ο μισό του 2ου αι π.Χ. γιορταζόταν η αρχή του νέου χρόνου τις πρώτες μέρες του Ιανουαρίου. Σύμφωνα με μια παράδοση, η Ρώμη σώθηκε από τρεις αδελφούς, τον Κάλανδο, τον Νόννο και τον Ειδό, που ανέλαβαν να θρέψουν τους κατοίκους της. Ο πρώτος για το χρονικό διάστημα 12 ημερών που ονομάστηκε «Καλάνδας», ο δεύτερος για τις επόμενες 10 μέρες που τις είπαν «Νόννας» και ο τρίτος για τις τελευταίες 8, τις Ειδούς. Με το πέρασμα του χρόνου οι δυο γιορτές επισκιάστηκαν από την πρώτη και έτσι έμεινε η γιορτή των καλάνδων ως μεγάλη εορτή και οι άλλες δυο ξεχάστηκαν πολύ πριν την εμφάνιση των χριστιανικών εορτών. Κατά τα πρώτα Χριστιανικά χρόνια, τα κάλαντα-άσματα δημιουργήθηκαν μέσα από την ανάγκη υπενθύμισης του περιεχομένου των εορτών και των συνηθειών που σχετίζονται με αυτές.

Senior News

The October 9 meeting went very well with 21 members in attendance. Father Angelo gave the prayers and informed us of some upcoming events. Nurse Michelle from Raritan Bay Hospital took Blood Pressure readings for everyone. Michelle will be visiting us for every meeting.

We thank John and Cally Haricopis from Hamilton and members for years, for their generous contributions. We would like to thank Angie Mellas and Georgia Papageorgiou for hosting the luncheon and donating everything with Maria Kalamaras assisting in the preparation and serving. Thanks also to Tessie Christopoulos for her special desert donations. Plans were made for November and December. Our annual chicken dinner will be prepared and hosted by Georgia Papageorgiou, Maria Kalamaras, Angie Mellas and Frieda Kusulas for the November meeting.

The December 12th meeting will be our annual Christmas party which will be a buffet luncheon prepared and served by Alex Vosinas from the Barge. Details pending and date to be announced.

See you Soon
Tana Kizides



Δεκεμβρίου 24

Θείου Πνεύματος, τή υμνωδία, φώς προσέλαβες θεογνωσίας, Ευγενία Χριστού καλλιπάρθενε, καί εν Οσίων χορεία εκλάμψασα, αθλητικώς τόν εκθρόν εθριάμβευσας. Μάρτυς ένδοξε, Χριστόν τόν Θεόν ικέτευε, δωφήσασθαι ημίν τό μέγα έλεος.

Τήν τού κόσμου πρόσκαιρον, φυγούσα δόξαν, τόν Χριστόν επόθησας, τό ευγενές σου τής ψυχής, αδιαλώβητον σώζουσα, Μάρτυς θεόφρον, Ευγενία πανευφημε.

2014-2015 Calendar of Events

Dec 8-Parish Council Meeting

Dec 14- Christmas Pageant and PTO Party with Santa

Dec 14- Perth Amboy Historic Houses of Worship Tour (Revised Schedule1:30pm – 5pm)

Dec 14-Metropolis of NJ Tree Lighting Ceremony & Open House

Dec 21-GOYA Meeting

Dec 31 – St. Demetrios New Year's Celebration - no volunteers yet; announce at GA Meeting

Jan 4, 2015 Vasilopita Luncheon, St. Demetrios, Perth Amboy?

Jan - 4, 2015 Vasilopita Cutting for GOMNJ Clergy and Families, Metropolitan Council, GOMNJ Philoptochos, Parish Council Presidents and Parish Philoptochos Presidents
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, Westfield, NJ

March 1, 2015 **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

March 22, 2015 Greek Independence Day Parade, Philadelphia, PA

March 25, 2015 Name Day Celebration of His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelismos of NJ, Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church, Jersey City, NJ

March 29, 2015 Greek Independence Day Parade – NYC, NY

April 5, 2015 PALM SUNDAY / Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 6 – 11 Holy Week

April 12, 2015 PASCHA

May 9, 2015 GOYA Indoor Olympics, St. Demetrios Church, Perth Amboy, NJ

May 10-12, 2015 Metropolis Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Convention, The Venetian in Garfield, NJ

May 10, 2015 His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos' 12th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Episcopate

May 11, 2015 His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos' 12th Anniversary of Enthronement as Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

May 24-25, 2015 Metropolis GOYA Outdoor Olympics, Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ

May 25, 2015 **PENTECOST**

May 29-31 St. Demetrios, Perth Amboy Festival-by-The Bay

June 11, 2015 Name Day Celebration – H.A.H., Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

July 12-18, 2015 Camp Good Shepherd – JOY, Branchville, NJ

July 19-25, 2015 Camp Good Shepherd – GOYA #1, Branchville, NJ

July 26-August 1, 2015 Camp Good Shepherd – GOYA #2, Branchville, NJ

Advertising / Public Relations

This is a reminder to all our church ministries and organizations that our parish supports AKTINA FM (aktina@aktina.org; aktina@earthlink.net) through a yearly donation of \$250.00 which entitles every ministry and organization in our parish to advertise ALL their programs and activities are announced on the Saturday and Sunday AKTINA FM Greek and English programs.

This is a yearly paid service that we ALL need to utilize throughout the entire year, and not just for the festival.

Simply email Elena Maroulleti (aktina@aktina.org; aktina@earthlink.net) your request with a flyer and narrative, and she could also do a 'live telephone interview' prior to the event; the same as she has been doing with me every year on the Saturday of our festival. Simply request this in your email to her.

A list of advertising resources used for our Annual Festival can be obtained by contacting the church office, stdgoa@gmail.com; (732) 826-4466.



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**In gratitude for God’s blessings I / we make the following commitment
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A total amount of: \$520 __ \$750 __ \$1,000 \$ 2,500 More/Other \$ _____
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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

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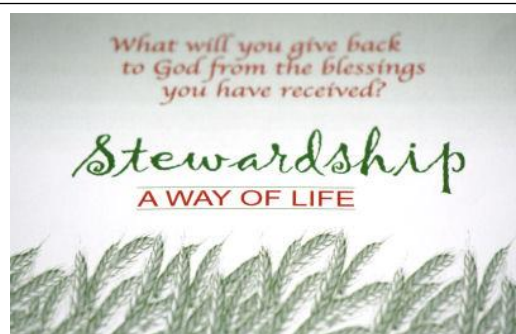
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2015 Festival By-the-Bay

May 29-30-31

Preparations are beginning NOW for our 2015 Festival By-the-Bay scheduled for May 29-30-31.

Our first meeting was held during the November 9th coffee hour. It was well attended and parishioners were very engaged in the discussion of the best exhibit of one's stewardship and fundraising event held each year by our parish.

Ideas and issues generated included sponsorships, Super 50/50 raffle, revenue gathered from potential use of the parking lot, mentor program for parishioners to learn how to bake our delicious homemade desserts, kitchen chairperson / chef and staffing, advertising and public relations which is fundamental to our success, the need to become much more customer oriented, admission fees, and more.

Recommendations and suggestions need to be investigated now, not next March, to determine if feasible to implement.

We have an enormous base of businesses and residents here in Perth Amboy that we need to target.

We have the best 'product' in the area. We need much better attendance, and we need to improve the process of 'how we do things.'

We need to 'simultaneously multi-task parish events.' We cannot wait until one event has completed before we begin the next.

The need for subcommittee chairpersons for all categories is a must.

Festival meetings shall be periodically held after Sunday services during coffee hours and shall be announced through our parish List Serv and Monthly Newsletter.

Start considering to exercise your Time –Talents – Treasures for this and all our ministries, organizations, and activities.

Kindly contact me via the church office as soon as possible to be added to the 2015 Festival Committee. Thank you!

Team Demetrios!

George N. Petrakakis

**Did you know you can now make donations and
contribute towards stewardships from our website?**

Visit us online at:

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Perth Amboy Historic Houses of Worship Tour

Our parish has been asked to participate in the first ever Perth Amboy Historic Houses of Worship Tour on Sunday, December 14th from 1pm to 4pm.

We are very honored to take part in this inaugural event because of the rich history of our Orthodox faith, the magnificent beauty of our church, and our long standing dedication to the City of Perth Amboy.

The proceeds generated from the tours shall be distributed to the participating community food banks.

We shall have several representatives from our distinguished parish that day to provide tours of our church as well as elaborate on the building and its history, and of course our faith.

Parish List Serv

Anyone with email access who is not on our St. Demetrios Parish List Serv is greatly encouraged to subscribe to this free, secure service offered to parishioners and supporters of our parish.

A wide-variety of posts include but not limited to the Sunday Weekly Bulletin; advance receipt of the Monthly Newsletter; religious services, holidays and feast day celebrations; upcoming events, news articles and photographs from happenings and activities; news and events of other Hellenic organizations and publications such as AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association), The Hellenic Federation of NJ, AHI (American Hellenic Institute), Hellenic University Clubs, public safety announcements, City of Perth Amboy events and announcements, The National Herald, the Hellenic News of America; etc.

We also welcome news from the community that you would like to share such as promotions, awards, as well as health and welfare update of parishioners, etc.

Kindly send your request to the church office join this very informative parish List Serv.

George N. Petrakakis



The St. Demetrios community mourns the passing of Eleni Karayianopoulos, mother of our beloved Philoptochos President Stella Wacker who fell asleep on the feast day of St. Barbara. May her memory be eternal.

November Events

Nov 2- 40 Day Memorial George Nickolas
Nov 2- 40 Day Blessing Olivia & Emma Wyrzten
Nov 16- 1 Year Memorial Iwana Stavritis
Nov 23- 40 Day Memorial Fotini Kosmas
Nov 30- 40 Day Memorial Dino Arianas

Εκδηλώσεις του Νοεμβρίου

2 Νοεμβρίου: Μνημόσυνο 40 μέρες του Γιώργου Νικολακάκου
2 Νοεμβρίου: Ευχή σαράντα ημερών για της Ολίβιας και της Έμμας Γουίρτζεν
16 Νοεμβρίου: Μνημόσυνο 1 χρόνου της Ιωάννας Σταυρίτη
23 Νοεμβρίου: Μνημόσυνο 40 μέρες της Φωτεινής Κοσμά
30 Νοεμβρίου: Μνημόσυνο 40 μέρες του Κωνσταντίνου Αριάννα

Please complete and submit the pledge card on page 6 of this newsletter to close out your 2014 stewardship commitment or to register and begin your 2015 stewardship commitment.



	~ December 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Εσπερινός στο Τόμς Ρίβερ 7 μ.μ	4 Αγία Βαρβάρα Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ.	5 Άγιος Σάββας ο Ηγιασμένος	6 Ο Άγιος Νικόλαος Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ.	
7 Επιστολή προς Εφεσίους 5:8- 19 Κατά Λουκάν Ευαγγέλιον 13:10-17 Πρόβα για την Χριστουγεννιάτικη παράσταση	8 Σύσκεψη του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου 7 μ.μ	9	10	11 Σύσκεψη των ηλικιωμένων 11 π.μ.	12 Άγιος Σπυρίδων Τριμυθούντος Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ.	13 Πρόβα για την Χριστουγεννιάτικη παράσταση 10 π.μ. - 12 μ.μ.	
14 Επιστολή προς Κολοσσαείς 3:4-11 Κατά Λουκάν Ευαγγέλιον 14:16-24 Χριστουγεννιάτικη Παράσταση και Πάρτι	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21 Επιστολή προς Εβραίους 11:9-10; 32-40 Κατά Ματθαίον Ευαγγέλιον 1:1-25 Σύσκεψη της νεολαίας	22	23	24 Θεία Λειτουργία: 7 μ.μ.	25 Τα Χριστούγεννα	26	27 Πρωτομάρτυρας Στέφανος Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ.	
28 Επιστολή προς Γαλάτες 1:11-19 Κατά Ματθαίον Ευαγγέλιον 2:13-23	29 Χριστουγεννιάτικος χορός των νεολαίων	30	31 Παραμονή πρωτοχρονιάς				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Vespers in Toms River 7PM	4 St. Barbara Divine Liturgy 10AM	5 St. Savas	6 St. Nikolas Divine Liturgy 10AM	
7 Epistle: St. Paul's ltr to the Ephesians 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 Christmas Pageant Rehersal	8 Board Meeting 7PM	9	10	11 Senior Meeting 11 AM	12 St. Spyridon Divine Liturgy 10AM Bridges Outreach	13 Christmas Pageant Rehersal 10a-12p Bridges Outreach	
14 Epistle: St Paul's ltr to the Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 PTO Christmas party w/Santa Sunday School Christmas Pageant	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21 Epistle: St. Pau's ltr to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 Goya Meeting	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy 7PM	25 Christmas Day	26	27 St. Stefanos Divine Liturgy 10am	
28 Epistle: St. Paul's ltr to the Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23	29 NNJYC Christmas Dance	30	31 New Year's Eve				



PERTH AMBOY VETERANS DAY 2014 CELEBRATION

Don't forget to order your special breads for the holiday from the wonderful bakery of Agia Skepi.

One size large round loaf of bread sell from the Sisters of Agia Skepi sells for \$15 @ payable to Philoptochos of St Demetrios. Contact Irene Pakis.

Deadline for ordering December 15.

The Ladies Philoptochos will host our annual Vasilopta Luncheon, after the Epiphany Services and the Blessing of the Waters on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

Donations: Adults \$15.00, Children under 12, \$6.00. Proceeds to benefit St. Basil's Academy.



Have you visited the St Demetrios Perth Amboy website lately?
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