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The Feast of Holy Pentecost – Η Πεντηκοστή

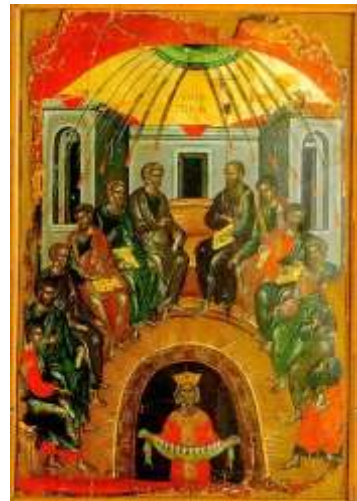
The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles.

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10).

When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39). The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized.



Πεντηκοστή ονομάζεται κατά την Καινή Διαθήκη η επιφοίτηση του Αγίου Πνεύματος στους Αποστόλους που συνέβη την πενήκοστη ημέρα μετά την Ανάσταση του Ιησού Χριστού (Πράξεις β' 1-41). Σε αναμνηση του γεγονότος αυτού, κάθε χρόνο, οι Χριστιανοί εορτάζουν με ιδιαίτερη λαμπρότητα την εορτή της Πεντηκοστής και αυτό διότι θεολογικά η ημέρα αυτή θεωρείται η γεννηθλία ημέρα της Εκκλησίας.

Την ημέρα της Πεντηκοστής έλαβε χώρα η επιφοίτηση του Αγίου Πνεύματος στους 12 μαθητές οπότε, σύμφωνα με τις Πράξεις των Αποστόλων, έλαβαν το Άγιο Πνεύμα μιλώντας στις ξένες γλώσσες «για τα θαυμάσια έργα του Θεού», γεγονός που έγινε αντιληπτό από Ιουδαίους και προσηλυτούς που ήταν στην Ιερουσαλήμ για τη γιορτή των Εβδομαδών. Έπειτα και από το κήρυγμα του Πέτρου, βαφτίστηκαν εκείνη την ημέρα 3.000 νέα μέλη της χριστιανικής εκκλησίας. (Πράξεις 1:13-15· 2:1-41) Εκείνη η ημέρα ήταν 50 ημέρες μετά την Ανάσταση του Ιησού Χριστού.



A message from Father Angelo God is Love, Love is God

Many Christians complain that they have no time to read the Bible. But it is not really a question of time as it is of love. We always find time to do the things we like to do. For example, there was once a girl who just did not care to read a certain book. Later, however, she fell in love with the author of the book. All of a sudden her whole attitude changed. She read the book over and over again, very eagerly. When we fall in love with the author (Jesus) it will not be a chore to read His personal letter to us. It will be pure delight. It has been said that the two people who read the Bible the most carefully are the atheist and the saint. The atheist because he hates; the saint because he loves.

Father George Florovsky has written, “No one profits from the Gospels unless he is first in love with Christ. For Christ is not a text but a living person, and he abides in His body, the Church.”

The highest form of Bible readings comes to those who love Jesus so much that to read His word is sheer enjoyment. They savor the wetness of being with Him through His word.

We must not expect God always to be giving us great insights when we read His word. Reading God’s word is also a way of being with God, basking in His presence, practicing His presence. A father goes fishing with his child not just to catch fish but also to be with the child.

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER PROVIDED
DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.**

**A CALENDER OF EVENTS WILL BE MAILED IN ITS
PLACE.**

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It is my extreme pleasure to congratulate our community's honorees at this years' Clergy-Laity Banquet. On Monday May 12, 2014, Fr. Michaels and I along with the President of the Philoptochos, Stella Wacker, Eleni Suravlas, and Irene Pakis attended the Clergy-Laity Conference. That evening we honored Presvytera Evanthia Michaels, Apostolos Zaferiou as the oldest steward of our community, Spero Coutros as outstanding steward of our community, Irene Pakis as Philoptochos member, Sotirios Petroutsos as Sexton, and Marie Khalil as GOYA member. Congratulations to all! Your community is very proud of you!

June is a time to celebrate graduations and acknowledge our fathers. Congratulations to our high school and college graduates and Happy Fathers Day to all of our fathers. Let us remember and give thanks to the greatest Father, our Holy Father, whom without we would be nothing. Thank you O Lord for all the blessings you have given us and all the goodness and protection that you continue to grace us with.

Christos Anesti!

Kateina Ganiaris
 Board President

2014 Clergy Laity Honorees



Helen Suravlas accepts for Irene Pakis for philoptochos, Spero Coutros for outstanding steward, Apostolos Zaferiou for oldest member, Father Michaels, Marie Khalil for Goya member, Presvytera Evanthia Micheals Sotirios Petroutsos for Sexton



Ο Αποστολος Σιμων ο Κανανιτης

Ο Σιμων ο Κανανιτης (η αλλιως Σιμων ο Ζηλωτης) ονομαζεται ετσι λογω της καταγωγης του απο την Κανα της Γαλιλαιας Τα προσωφυμια Κανανιτης και Ζηλωτης του αποδιδονται για να διακρινεται απο το Σιμωνα Πετρο. Μετα την Αναληψη του Χριστου και τη χαρη της Πεντηκοστης, ο Σιμων επιδοθηκε σε ενα ευρυ ιεραποστολικο εργο. Η μνημη του τιμαται στις 10 Μαΐου.

Ο Αποστολος Μαθθιας

Ο Ιουδας ο Ισκαριωτης, ηταν υπευθυνος για το ταμειο του Ιησου και των μαθητων του, αλλα εγινε κυριως γνωστος επειδη προδωσε του Ιησου και βοηθησε προθυμα να τον συλλαβουν. Το ονομα του ειναι επισης συνδεδεμενο με ενα γνωστικο Ευαγγελιο, το Ευαγγελιο του Ιουδα. Η λεξη «Ιουδας» χρησιμοποιειται σε πολλες γλωσσες με την εννοια του «προδοτη».

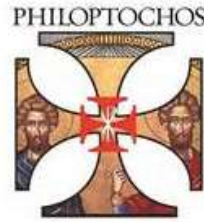
Ο Αποστολος Μαθθιας εκλεχθηκε απο τους εντεκα Αποστολους να παρει τη θεση του προδοτη μαθητη Ιουδα του Ισκαριωτη. Αμεσως μετα τη θεια Αναληψη συγκεντρωθηκαν οι Αποστολοι και κατα προτροπη του Πετρου «εστησαν δυο ανδρες, τον Ιωσηφ τον καλουμενον Βαρσαββαν, ος επεκληθη Ιουστος, και Μαθθιαν, και προσευξαμενοι ειπον' συ Κυριε, καρδιογνωστα παντων, αναδειξον ον εξελεξω εκ τουτων των δυο ενα, λαβειν τον κληρον της διακονιας ταυτης και αποστολης, εξ' ης παρεβη Ιουδας πορευθησαι εις τον τοπον τον ιδιον» (Πραξ.1,23-26). Εριξαν λοιπον κληρους. «Ο κληρος επεσεν επι Μαθθιαν, και συγκατεψηφισθη μετα των ενδεκα αποστολων» (Πραξ.1,26). Η μνημη του τιμαται στις 9 Αυγουστου.

March 25th Celebration



On Saturday March 22, 2014, the community of Saint Demetrios celebrated Greek Independence Day by raising the Greek flag at city hall in Perth Amboy. It was a beautiful day and the ceremony was well attended by our Saint Demetrios' community as well as the Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz, her council, Chief Ruiz and Pastor.

Both National Anthems were sung and the Mayor presented a Proclamation. Back at our community center, we were pleasantly entertained with poems from our young children and Greek dancing were performed by G.O.Y.A. The children did a wonderful job with the help of Helen Horan. Our hope is to continue this as a yearly tradition. Long live Greece!



Dear Parishioners:

With the coming of spring, one's thoughts begin to turn those young people amongst us who will be graduating High School, College and those students who have met the requirements for advanced degrees.

Every year the Philoptochos Society of our church wishes to honor and recognize these students. If you know of any student graduating this year, please be kind enough to either call Helen Horan or send the form provided below to the church office. Please send these forms or call me by June 31 so that each and every graduate will be properly recognized. The students whose name is given to us will receive an invitation noting the day of the presentation. We ask therefore, that every effort be made by the graduates to be present in church in order to receive their gift. If this is not possible, we ask that a family member be present to receive it. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Helen Catelanos
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Please check the box which indicates which diploma the graduate is receiving; the name of the College or University; what degree is being received (B.S, B.A. or certification) and the Major. Please call the number above, return this form to the above addresses or leave a message with the church office, no later than June 31.

Full Name of Graduate:	
Address:	Tel.#:
High School Graduate () College to attend:	
Major:	
College Attended ()	Degree:
Graduate School ()	
Doctorate ()	



On Friday May 9, the GOYANS from grades 10-12 attended the first senior dance hosted by Holmdel. It was a great success and the GOYANS who attended enjoyed their night. On May 10, our church held the annual Indoor Olympics. Like always, it was a great success thanks to the helping hands of our advisors and parents. All you do to keep our G.O.Y.A. a success is always greatly appreciated. On Memorial Day weekend our G.O.Y.A. will be attending the annual Outdoor Olympics at Monmouth University. Here we will compete in numerous track and field events. On May 30, 31, and June 1 our G.O.Y.A. will be dancing during the festival performances. Thanks to our wonderful dance teacher Spiro and the help of Nick and Christine. We couldn't do it without you. Being a part of this G.O.Y.A. has been a great experience and lifelong friends have been made. On behalf of my fellow senior Katina Vosinas and me, we thank everyone who made GO.Y.A. a great experience. We hope everyone will come to see our last festival performances and the accomplishments of G.O.Y.A. as a whole. I encourage anyone of age to join this wonderful group. It is truly a fulfilling experience of meeting friends who share the same faith and embracing it together.

Nicolette Dulin,
G.O.Y.A. Secretary

PTO

An election of PTO officers was held on March 23, 2014. The nominations and consensus resulted in the following:

President: Elizabeth DaCunha

Vice President: Jennifer Simatos

Secretaries: Jessica Rizitis and Froso Morales

Treasurer: Marietta Khalil



Sunday, June 8th is a very busy day for the Sunday School! Immediately following church services, the teachers of the Sunday School will be recognized during Teacher Appreciation Day.

In addition, Altar Boy Appreciation Day will be celebrated in honor of the young men who assist Father Michaels throughout the year.

Lastly, three of our young ladies will be graduating this year: Nicolette Dulin, Zoie Skelly, and Katina Vosinas. Graduation announcements will be made followed by a PTO Picnic (rain or shine) to close out the school year and to honor our graduates.

Please come and congratulate our students in person and enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends at the picnic.



I was born in Plainfield, N.J in April of 1977. I am a first-generation Greek-American. My parents, Nikolaos and Evridiki, came to the United States in 1976 with my older brother Dimitri who was born in Athens, Greece. My mother is from Hraklio, Crete and my father is from Asani, Kalavrita. My father worked in Greece for the OTE for 10 years before coming to America and my mother was a hair stylist. My brother and I both attended Sunday School and Greek School and also participated in all G.O.Y.A. activities with our church.

I graduated high school in 1995 and began working at Muhlenberg Medical Center as a medical billing representative. I attended night classes at DeVry University and received a Billing and Coding certificate. I worked at the hospital for an additional 12 years. In June of 2008, I married my husband Ruben Morales, A year later we were blessed with the birth of our son Nikolas Daniel. In 2009, we joined Saint Demetrios and baptized Nikolas.

I am excited to be able to maintain my strong Greek heritage and my pride in being a Greek Orthodox Christian. I look forward to showing and teaching my son the same pride and beliefs that I had growing up in the Greek Orthodox Church and participating in the G.O.Y.A. and all of the other activities that are available throughout our Greek Community. Being a part of Saint Demetrios, I plan on working hard to assist the entire community with whatever is needed. I will also do my best to be a vital part of our community and do what I can to be a part of the churches' progress and future life.



Beloved members of our community,

The Palm Sunday Luncheon Committee would like to thank all who supported the event by attending the luncheon, donating food, money, time and work. We are pleased to announce that 170 parishioners attended, which gave our church a profit of \$3,400.00. A special thank you to our chefs George Seitis, Nicolas Tsilimidos, Angelo Kostopoulos, Alex Vosinas and Michael Patras for the delicious luncheon they prepared for us. Many thanks to Father Angelo who is always there to support and provide spiritual guidance, and our Philoptochos who always helps us when we have such events in our church. Thank you to our G.O.Y.A. for volunteering to serve. A very special thank you to all the diner and restaurant owners for donating most of the food items. May God bless you and keep you healthy and well. Christos Anesti!

The Palm Sunday Luncheon Committee

Αγαπητα μελη της Κοινοτητος,

Η Επιτροπη της ημερας των Βαΐων θελει να ευχαριστηση ολου εσας που παρευρεθηκατε μαζι μας στο γευμα, που βοηθησατε οικονομικα και εργαστηκατε για αυτο το γευμα. Ευχαριστουμε τους αγαπητους μαγειρους μας: τον Γεωργο Σεΐτη, τον Νικολαο Τσιλιμιδο, τον Αγγελο Κωστοπουλο, τον Αλεξανδρο Βοσινα και τον Μιχαλη Πατρα για το ωραιο και νοστιμο γευμα που μας ετοιμασαν. Επισης, ενα θερμο ευχαριστω στον Πατερα Αγγελο και την Φιλοπτωχο που παντα μας βοηθουν οταν τους χρειαζομαστε.

Ευχαριστουμε την νεολεα μας για τον εθελοντισμο και για την εξυπηρετησει. Ενα ιδιαιτερο ευχαριστω ιδιοκτητες των εστιατοριων που μας πρεσφεραν τα πιο πολλα ειδη φαγητου. Ο Θεος να σας ευλογει κα να χαριζει υγεια στις οικογενειες σας. «Χριστος Ανεστη!»

Η Επιτροπη της ημερας των Βαΐων



Testimony: How Much Should We Give?



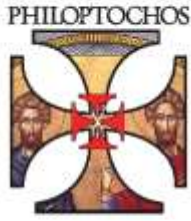
As a newlywed, becoming a steward of an Orthodox church for the first time in my adult life, I first asked the question: “How much should we give?” When I put the question to the church office administrator, she knew from experience that what I really meant was, “What do most people give?” Giving at my new parish was on a stewardship model, so there was no minimum or membership fee. I wanted to know what the right amount was for the privilege of attending services and having the priest available for our needs, something like a membership fee to other organizations in our life. But, to be honest, I also didn’t want to give “too much.” Offer a gift of thanks to God: that you are among those who are able to benefit others, instead of those who require assistance; that you do not look to others' hands for help, but they to yours. Grow rich: not in property alone, but also in piety; not in gold alone, but also in virtue --- or rather in this alone. Come to be held in higher esteem than your neighbor, by proving yourself more kind. Come to be a god to the unfortunate, by imitating God's mercy. *St. Gregory the Theologian*

The following parishioners are Stewards in Good Standing as of May 24th 2014.

John Anastasiou	Nick Giannakopoulos	Stephanie Linnehan	George Petrakakis
Angie Andreadis	Gary Hanakis	George Lionikis	George Protonentis
Constantine Arianas	George Hanakis	George Lionikis Jr	Joseph Rivera
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Atef Azouz	Helen Horan	Evan Makar	Dimitrios Roumeliotis
Stella Bales	Margaritta Jost	Cetoris Maliadis	Diane Lionikis Ruth
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Nermine Boulos	Demetrios Kandiliotis	Dino Mariolis	Angela Sinnis
Helen Catelanos	E. Karayianopoulos	Elaine Mariolis	Angeline Skelly
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Adam Early	Dino Kusulas	John Papagiannakis	Tessie Vosinakis
Petros Ganiaris	Derrick Kyriakou	Mary Paros	Emil Wacker
Costas Gatanas	John Lalis	Michael Patras	Stephen Xenios
Litsa Georgiou	Kaliopé Lalis	Matoula Pavlakos	Apostolos Zaferiou
Paul Georgiou	John Lekarakos	Vasilios Perdios	



Philoptochos News



The Philoptochos would like to congratulate two of its members. Kathy Kouretas was selected to be this year's Mother of the Year. Mrs. Kouretas has been involved in numerous organizations and activities for St. Demetrios, donating her time and energy selflessly over the years.

We also would like to congratulate Mrs. Irene Pakis, who was this year's recipient of the Philoptochos Clergy Laity award. The honors that both ladies received are well deserved...Congratulations, Kathy and Irene!

The Philoptochos would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing old and new members at our first General Meeting, which is scheduled for September 22, 2014. Plans for a seminar are in the works!

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1 Epistle: Acts of the Apostles: 20:16-18 Gospel: John 17:1-13 Festival	2	3	4	5	6	7 Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
8 Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52 Sunday School Graduation Picnic Teacher & Altar Boy Appreciation Rizitis' Baptism	9 Parish Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Senior Lunch at Pantagis 1:00 p.m.	13	14 Zenoulia Eleni Rodriguez's Baptism
15 Epistle: St. Paul Letter to Hebrews 11:33-40 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33 Father of the year Reception	16	17	18	19	20	21 Helen Basallas Suravlas' Recital
22 Epistle: St. Paul letter to Romans 2:10-16 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23	23	24 Nativity of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28
29 Epistle: St Paul Second letter to Corinthians 11:21-33 Gospel 16:13-19 Holy Apostles Peter & Paul	30 Gathering of all the Apostles Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.					



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A big thank you to Judge Marina Corodemus for the wonderful mosaic that was placed outside on the wall of the elevator. Also, for always giving up her time to assist the needs of the church. God bless you and your family for everything that you do for Saint Demetrios.

Ενα μεγαλο ευχαριστω στην Δικαστα μας Μαρινα Κοροδεμους για το υπεροχο μωσαϊκο που τοποθετηθηκε εξω σε ενα τοιχο του ανεγκυστηρα. Το μωσαϊκο αυτο ηταν μια δωρεα στην μνημη της μητερας της Χρισουλας Κοροδεμους. Οι λεξεις πανω στο μωσαικο ειναι η αγγλικη μεταφραση του υμνου του Αγιου Δημητριου. Επισης, σας ευχαριστουμε για το χρονο που παντα διαθετετε για να βοηθησετε στην καλυψη των αναγκων της εκκλησιας μας. Ο Θεος να σας ευλογει και εσας και την οικογενεια σας για οσα εχετε κανει για τον Αγιο Δημητριο και τους ενοριτες.