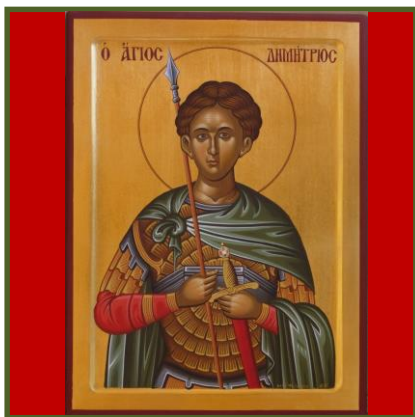




# St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* July 2015

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## July 2015 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

5 July - Epistle - St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2  
Πρὸς Γαλάτας 5:22-26, 6:1-2

Gospel - Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1  
Ματθαῖον 8:28-34, 9:1

July 12- Epistle - St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14  
Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 12:6-14

Gospel - Matthew 9:1-8  
Ματθαῖον 9:1-8

July 19- Epistle - St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15  
Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15

Gospel - Matthew 5:14-19  
Ματθαῖον 5:14-19

July 26- Epistle - St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5  
Πρὸς Γαλάτας 3:23-29, 4:1-5

Gospel - Matthew 14:14-22  
Ματθαῖον 14:14-22

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## 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.

## ST PARASKEVE JULY 26TH



Saint Paraskeve, was born near Rome to pious parents, Agatho and Politia.

Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskeve), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation").

From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ.

GREEK SCHOOL OPENS IN SEPTEMBER WITH KYRIA ALEXANDRA.

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## TRIFECTA GRADUATION

Congratulations to the Khalil family on the graduations of 3 family members this year.

Marie Khalil graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and will continue her studies at Kean University.

Christine Khalil graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science and Sports Studies.

Marietta Khalil graduated from Kean University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education - certified P-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Best wishes from the entire community for much success as you all move on to even greater endeavors.

## 2015 GRADUATES FROM THE ST DEMETRIOS FAMILY

### High School Graduates

Zachary Giannakopoulos, attending Middlesex County

Elizabeth Gifford attending Seton Hall University

Tony Ruth attending Rowan University

Marie Khalil attending Kean University majoring in Occupational Therapy

### College Graduates

Christine Khalil - Rutgers University with a BS Degree in Exercise Science/Sports Studies

Marietta Khalil - Kean University with a BA Degree in Education (P-Grade 6)

Spero Petroustos - Rutgers University with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering

Victoria Rivera - Monmouth University with a BS Degree in Psychology & Criminal Justice



*Message from Father Angelo*

My Dear beloved parishioners of St. Demetrios, after a very successful festival it is time for us to reflect for the summer time that we have a lot of things that need to be done to the church.

As you all know we had significant water damage downstairs which has been taken care of. The lighting in our church is being restored and we are in the process of replacing our sound system. As you all can see that great progress has been made in our church and we must remind you that summer is the time to relax and enjoy the summer but not the time to forget your church.

In the upcoming ecclesiastical year we have a great deal of work and projects to be accomplished. Greek School will be in session we ask you to register your children ahead of time so proper schedules can be made. Plans will begin to be made in preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. Our annual St. Demetrios day Celebration will be coming up quick in October, we hope you participate in Vespers and Divine Liturgy. We anticipate a great deal of guests for our Patron Saint and for the Glory of God.

Please don't forget our upcoming church dance in November, come and join us for a wonderful evening. I would like to once again show my gratitude and appreciation of all our community, our Parish Council and all of our organizations because without you nothing can be done. You are the life and the pulse of St. Demetrios.

May you all have a wonderful and safe summer and we anticipate you to come back rested and safe and sound. May St. Demetrios, Christ and Panagia be with you always to keep you healthy and safe.

Father Angelo Michaels  
Protopresbyter

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**BUS TRIP TO ATTEND HOLY CROSS  
CEREMONY IN ASBURY PARK**

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## Η ανακοίνωση του Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρου

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες του Αγίου Δημήτριου

Μετά από ένα επιτυχημένο φεστιβάλ, πρέπει να στοχαζόμαστε για το καλοκαίρι διότι έχουμε πολλά πράγματα για να κάνουμε στην εκκλησία. Όπως γνωρίζετε, είχαμε μεγάλη ζημιά που προκλήθηκε από διαρροή νερού στο υπόγειο. Ο φωτισμός στην εκκλησία μας φτιάχνεται και είμαστε στη διαδικασία της αναβάθμισης του συστήματος ήχου. Όπως μπορείτε να δείτε, υπάρχει μεγάλη πρόοδος στην εκκλησία μας και πρέπει να σας υπενθυμίσω ότι το καλοκαίρι είναι η κατάλληλη στιγμή για να απολαύσετε την καλοκαιρία, αλλά δεν είναι η ώρα να ξεχάσετε την εκκλησία μας. Στο επερχόμενο εκκλησιαστικό έτος, έχουμε πολλή δουλειά και πολλά έργα που πρέπει να υλοποιηθούν. Σας ζητάμε να εγγράψετε τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια σας στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο εκ των προτέρων για να οργανωθεί το κατάλληλο χρονοδιάγραμμα. Θα αρχίσουμε τα σχέδια της προετοιμασίας για το εκατοστό επέτειο της εκκλησίας μας. Η γιορτή του Αγίου Δημητρίου έρχεται γρήγορα και ελπίζουμε να σας δούμε στο Εσπερινό και στην Θεία Λειτουργία. Περιμένουμε μια μεγάλη ποσότητα επισκεπτών για αυτήν την γιορτή του Πολιούχου μας. Σας παρακαλώ να μην ξεχάσετε το ετήσιο χορό της εκκλησίας μας ο οποίος θα πραγματοποιηθεί τον Νοέμβριο. Ελάτε να περάσουμε μια υπέροχη βραδιά αντάμα! Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω για άλλη μια φορά όλη την κοινότητα και το ενοριακό συμβούλιο, γιατί χωρίς εσάς τίποτα δεν μπορεί να γίνει. Είσαστε η ζωή και ο παλμός του Αγίου Δημητρίου. Είθε ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί και σας εύχομαι ένα ευχάριστο, ασφαλές και υπέροχο καλοκαίρι.

Πάτερ Άγγελος Μιχαλός  
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2015

### OUR SANCTUARY

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our mutual obligation as Orthodox Christians is to give honor and respect to God in His house by preserving, refurbishing and maintaining the Holy instruments, vessels and structure of the sanctuary.

To that end, your Parish Council has, starting this past January, conducted a top to bottom inspection of our church to determine what is needed to keep God's House in good repair. The results revealed a shocking number of projects that ranged from desirable to critical.

In order to finance these repairs, the community wisely voted to sell the donated East Brunswick home, of the late Maria Denopoulos. In June we successfully sold the property and divided the proceeds placing \$200,000.00 into a restructured endowment fund for future maintenance and beatification of the church. The remaining balance will go toward immediate necessary repairs. As you look around the church you will start to see many changes for the better, such as:

- 1- **(repair fund)**- Side entrance - Completely redone
- 2- **(donated)** Provide pew kneelers with new rubber stops preventing scratches on the terrazzo floor and lessening the sound
- 3- **(donated)** - Terrazzo floors have been scrubbed from a stained black and restored to the original luster white.
- 4- **(donated)** - paraffin white candles gave off soot and smoke staining painted surfaces and have been replaced by bees wax, made by the nuns of Agia Skepi monastery.
- 5- **(donated)** - All candle Holders (red glass) by Iconastasis have been repaired or replaced. (please do not put glass candles on marble below the Iconastasis the marble has been newly cleaned and candles should go in glass holders.
- 6- **(donated)**- New Sound System
- 7- **(donated)** - Newly refurbished lights through our narthex, nave and sanctuary have been installed. Our beautiful original light fixtures have been restored, rewired and refurbished with led efficient lights.
- 8- **(repair fund)** - Roof leaking in church now under repair.
- 9- **(repair fund)** - Restoring walls, doors, wood and tile in basement from the flood on May 31

### TO BE DONE

- 10- Air condition unit platform repair
- 11- Replace church kitchen
- 12- Stain glass windows
- 13- Paint and repair water leaks damage.
- 14- Landscaping

So many of you have been so generous in giving to help us restore our church. In subsequent newsletters we will itemize particular purchases that need to be made and ask if any donations may be obtained before we resort to using monies from the repair fund.

So as you see these changes occur take pleasure that we do so to Honor and please our God. Thank you to all donors who will be formally acknowledged on St. Demetrios Day and at our church dance on November 14, 2015. Remember our church and keep it Holy.

In Christ,

Marina Corodemus  
 President  
 St. Demetrios Board of Trustees.



Our Sunday School Graduation, Teacher Appreciation, Superintendent Recognition and Altar Boy Appreciation Ceremonies were all conducted on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Children received Promotion Certificates to represent the conclusion of their studies this Church Year while our Seniors, Marie Khalil and Zachary Giannakopoulos, received Graduation Diplomas with our love, pride, recognition and congratulations for their achievements.

Our Superintendent of Sunday School, Barbara Dulin, was recognized for her 6 years of service as the Superintendent with a gift, plaque and blessings from Father Michaels. Barbara's influence and impact on our Sunday School will always be cherished. Fortunately for us, Barbara will remain with us as a substitute teacher.

Sunday School Teachers were presented with certificates and gifts to thank them for their dedication and devotion to our Sunday School Program by teaching our Orthodox Faith to our children each and every Sunday. Sincerest appreciation is extended to Kally Durso, Barbara Dulin, Helen Catelanos, Helen (Coutros) Horan, Irene Dimitratos, Mary Lou Rivera, Dimitrios Michael Koudis, Liz DaCunha, Maria Mantoudakis and Afroula Kanellidis.

Altar Boys, Zachary Giannakopoulos and Leon Prince, were recognized for their service with our gratitude, pride, a small gift and blessings from Father Michaels.

An exciting year is planned for the 2015 – 2016 Sunday School Year with enhancements to our program which include Field Trips to the State Theater and to a Zoo or Aquarium.

The establishment of a "JOY" Ministry is in the planning stages, as well. This program addresses "Junior Orthodox Youth" between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to introduce them to group activities and projects in preparation for our GOYA Ministry that awaits them when they enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

***We are all excited and hope everyone joins us in the Sunday School Excitement!***

In HIS Service,  
Co-Superintendents of Sunday School, Helen (Coutros) Horan and Irene Dimitratos





## **CHURCH DANCE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14TH**

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Annual Church Dance will be held at The Pines Manor, Route 27, Edison, NJ on Saturday, November 14, 2015 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Entertainment will be provided by the Award-winning, nationally known band from NYC The NIKOS KOUTRAS GREEK BAND.

The menus will include Hot hors d'oeuvres, Greek salad, Prime Rib or Salmon dinner and Dessert. Children's menu of chicken fingers and fries will be available. There will also be a Cash Bar serving wine, beer and cocktails.

Admission is \$60 for adults; Seniors \$50; \$25 for Children 12 and under

Dance Co-Chairpersons are Helen (Coutros) Horan & Liz DaCunha.

Make reservations early, call Helen 908-794-3065 or Liz 646-621-0212.

You may also bring your checks to our Church Office. Make checks payable to St. Demetrios Church.

### **PARAKLESIS SERVICES TO RESUME**

Paraklesis for intervention will commence on Friday July 3rd (Panagia) and Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> (St Demetrios)

Come give thanks, ask for intervention and protection. Please bring family names for prayers.

Paraklesis is our collective direct line to heaven asking for the intercession of the Panagia and St. Demetrios respectively for us and our loved ones.

A list of memos should be submitted by you that night to Farther Michael for Special Prayer. Prayer will be in Greek and English.

### **Notice to Community**

Due to numerous unfortunate security lapses in both in the Church and community center, all door and office entries have been re-keyed.

No individual keys will be issued.

If you need entry to the community center or church during non-employee hours, contact Froso in her office to sign a key out and return within 24 hours after your task.

It is strongly urged that no person come either to the community center or the church Alone at any time, especially in the evenings. In any cases, if you see something, (lights on, Water, Food left out, Etc), SAY SOMETHING!

**LET'S KEEP SMART AND SAFE.**

The Parish Council and the entire St. Demetrios Community is very thankful for the generous gifts recently made to our church.

Many thanks to Carleen Williams and also to Zannis and Emmi Raissis for your very generous gifts to St. Demetrios.

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School Year 2015-2016

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Διευθυνση \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # Home# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Τηλεφωνο

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Γενεθλια

Mother's Name

Father's Name

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~ July 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Fourth of July Event	3	4 Fourth of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Agia Marina Divine Liturgy 10am	18
19 Sunday of the Holy Fathers Agia Markella Celebration	20 Elias the Prophet Divine Liturgy 10am	21	22	23	24	25
26 Agia Paraskevi	27	28	29	30	31	

The General Assembly Meeting previously scheduled for June 14th will be rescheduled for September.

Repairs to church continue the latest being the repair and restoration of our church's light fixtures. Our lighting has been restored to it's original beauty. Broken lenses have been replaced and the metal work has been repainted and re-gilded. We have also begun to use LED bulbs which will not only be longer lasting and more efficient, but will also illuminate our church with less harsh more pleasing light.

### BUILDING REPAIRS





~ Ιούλιος 2015 ~						
ΚΥΡ	ΔΕΥ	ΤΡΙ	ΤΕΤ	ΠΕΜ	ΠΑΡ	ΣΑΒ
			1	2 Γεγονός για τις Τέσσερις του Ιουλίου	3	4 Τέσσερις του Ιουλίου
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Αγία Μαρίνα η Παρθενομάρτυς Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.	18
19 Κυριακή των Αγίων Πατέρων της Α' Οικουμενικής Συνόδου Γιορτή της Αγίας Μαρκέλλας	20 Προφήτης Ηλίας Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.	21	22	23	24	25
26 Αγία Παρασκευή	27	28	29	30	31	



### June Baptisms

Zoe Muha  
Emma & Sophia Wyrzten

### Βαφτίσια του Ιουνίου

Ζωή Μούχα  
Ολιβια και Έμμα  
Γουίρτζεν



### July Baptism

Michael Tsakon

### Βαφτίσια του Ιουλίου

Μιχάλης Τσάκον



### June Funerals

Peter Giannakopoulos  
William Theophilakos

### Κηδείες του Ιουνίου

Παναγιώτης  
Γιαννακόπουλος  
Βασίλειος Θεοφιλάκος



### **Father of the Year 2015**

This year's Father of the Year was born in Flushing, Queens in 1960 & when he was in fourth grade his family decided to move to Greece. They settled down in Kastoria, and six years later, he met the woman he would marry. He married his beautiful wife when he was 20 years old and they quickly had their first child.

He was an amazing father, managing to attend and complete college in Thessaloniki while raising her. He was extremely driven and decided that he wanted to fulfill his dream of getting his MBA. He came back to NY and attended Baruch College, while his wife worked 3 jobs to make ends meet. He was the first in his family to graduate college and earn a Master's Degree, setting the bar high and setting the standard for his children.

Seven years later, in 1988, They had their second daughter, and decided to move near their grandfather in Sayreville NJ. He worked long hours, but constantly made time to raise his daughters, teaching them both how to ride bicycles, drive, and do math homework (even if they didn't like it). They also attended St. Demetrios Church, and were extremely active. The girls participated in GOYA and Sunday School, and he couldn't wait to put his business skills to use in the church office. Throughout the years, he served as Greek School President, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer and then Church President. Every year, you can find him cooking souvlaki at the festival.

He is known for his generosity, incredible ability to juggle both work and life, dedication to his family and church, and for his randomly cheesy jokes. Today, we honor an incredible father whose love brought up two wonderful and successful young ladies. He has taught them to work hard, love the church, and be kind and generous to others. This year's Father of the Year is **Theodore Kaidas**.

He, also, recently became a Grandfather!! Congratulations, Ted!

Congratulations and Happy Father's Day to all Fathers!

### **St. Demetrios Listserv Policy**

Listsrv policy was discussed at the April Parish Council meeting. Dino Kusulas was appointed chair the Communications Committee and tasked draft policy which was subsequently approved by the president.

St Demetrios listsrv policy, with the exception of breaking news and time sensitive events (i.e. deaths announcements; information for trisagion services and funeral arrangements), is to consolidate as much information as possible into a single weekly listsrv posting – typically to accompany the Friday posting of the weekly bulletin.

With the exception of the weekly and monthly newsletters to the community the listsrv will not be used to distribute multiple large-sized file attachments such as fliers and documents from outside of our organization. We will however encourage providing, and will publish, links to such documents within the St. Demetrios Listsrv postings.

Meeting notices for distribution to the entire community via listsrv are acceptable and should only serve as a supplement to each organization's own membership focused email campaign, telephone chain, mailings or monthly newsletter notices.

All organizations will be asked to plan accordingly for promotion of events through the listsrv.

Submissions for the weekly listerv posting must be submitted to the Parish Council for review and approval in time for the next scheduled Parish Council meeting. The submissions must:

- Include a summary of the following month's planned submissions.
- Include a final draft of each planned submission.
- Include URLs (links) from where subscribers can download documents, forms, fliers or additional information must be included in the intended copy – or a point of contact email address from which subscribers can request materials to be forwarded.
- Include the schedule of distribution – i.e. a date for each planned posting must be specified.

In addition, each organization will appoint a duly elected officer, i.e. Secretary or VP, to coordinate the above submission/process with the Parish Council. The church email address Stdgoa@gmail.com shall be primary point of contact (POC) for all listsrv planning.

Regarding the monthly newsletter, all organizations are encouraged to provide a monthly submission to highlight, promote and celebrate each organization, it's mission and it's membership. A duly appointed officer of the organization, or designate, should be coordinating newsletter submissions as well with the POC referenced in the last published edition of the newsletter. All submissions must meet the specified deadline criteria as per the last published newsletter.



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### Memorial Day May 25th



Three names from the St. Demetrios Community were added to the Sadowski Parkway memorial wall. Michael Tsirmoulas, Panos Papagiotis and Thomas Gianos each made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. The names of Paul Stamatis and Peter Lamprinos, also lost during WWII, were previously inscribed when the wall was first dedicated.

Perth Amboy American Legion Post 45, the City of Perth Amboy and AHEPA Raritan Chapter 288 honored the service and sacrifice of those who answered the call to service.

### May 30<sup>th</sup> International Park Dedication & Flag Raising



The city of Perth Amboy celebrated it's cultural diversity and history with the rededication of Caledonia Park as International Park.

The park represents the past and further of the city and represents a symbolic location for cultural monuments for all groups in the city.

The celebration was marked by the raising of flags from around the world which represent the city's diversity to include the Greek flag. Members of our Parish Council along with Fr. Michaels were present to represent our community.