



# St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* June 2015

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## June 2015 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

June 7

Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews  
Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:33-40, 12:1-2

Gospel Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38;  
19:27-30  
Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 10:32-33, 37-38,  
19:27-30

June 14

Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Romans  
2:10-16  
Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 2:10-16

Gospel Matthew 4:18-23  
Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:18-23

June 21 Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the

Romans 5:1-10  
Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 5:1-10

Gospel Matthew 6:22-33  
Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:22-33

June 28

Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Romans  
6:18-23  
Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 6:18-23

Gospel Matthew 8:5-13  
Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 8:5-13

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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.

## Saints Peter and Paul June 29th



GREEK SCHOOL OPENS IN  
SEPTEMBER WITH KYRIA  
ALEXANDRA. ALL THOSE  
INTERESTED SHOULD  
CONTACT THE CHURCH  
OFFICE FOR DETAILS



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VOLUNTEERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL  
EVENT

Saints Peter & Paul June 29th.

Ἀπόστολοι Πέτρος καὶ Παῦλος  
Ιουνίου 29

"O first-enthroned of the Apostles,

Teachers of the Universe:

Entreat the Master of all

to grant peace to the world,

and great mercy to our souls."

Troparion to SS. Peter and Paul

Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.



Channel 12 News anchor Della Cruz  
covers the 2015 Festival live in the  
"On the Road" summer series



### *Message from Father Angelo*

To all of our friends at St. Demetrios and the entire community,

We praise God for a wonderful and very successful festival. We exceeded our expectations with the hard work of Festival Co-Chairs Helen Horan and Aphroula Kanellidis and the entire Parish Council that came together and worked so hard and diligently to make us proud.

Everyone that came to our festival has complemented our food, our organization and our hospitality. Many expressed that they would like to see their own festivals as successful and organized as ours.

We would like to thank all the restaurants and diners and for their generosity and express how very grateful we are for all the personal donations we received. We Pray to God that He will bless them and their families with health prosperity and great success with their businesses.

I want to extend a very special thank you to all of our Volunteers who dedicated their weekend to St. Demetrios and worked so hard for our festival.

As we head into the summer months just remember that God does not take a vacation so wherever you go or wherever you may be please try to attend Services and don't forget that we have Paraklysis of Theotokos and St. Demetrios Throughout the summer we would love to see you there.

May God Bless you and we wish you a happy a safe and a wonderful Summer.

Love in the Risen Lord

Father Angelo Michaels



## **Η ανακοίνωση του Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρου**

Στους φίλους μου στην κοινότητα του Αγίου Δημητρίου, δοξάζουμε το Θεό για το υπέροχο και πολύ επιτυχημένο φεστιβάλ που είχαμε. Ξεπέρασε τις προσδοκίες μας, με τη βοήθεια της Προέδρου μας η αξιότιμη Μαρίνα Κοροδήμου και όλο το Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο που εργάστηκε τόσο σκληρά και επιμελώς για να μας κάνουν υπερήφανους.

Ο καθένας που ήρθε στο φεστιβάλ μας μάς επαίνεσε για το φαγητό μας, για την οργάνωση και για την φιλοξενία μας. Πολλοί δήλωσαν ότι θα ήθελαν να δουν το φεστιβάλ τους τόσο επιτυχημένο και οργανωμένο όπως το δικό μας.

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε όλα τα εστιατόρια για την γενναιοδωρία τους και να εκφράσουμε πόσο πολύ ευγνώμονοι είμαστε για όλες τις προσωπικές δωρεές που λάβαμε. Προσευχόμαστε στο Θεό να τους ευλογήσει με υγεία και με μεγάλη επιτυχία για τις επιχειρήσεις τους. Ένα ιδιαίτερο ευχαριστώ σε όλους τους εθελοντές μας που αφιέρωσαν το Σαββατοκύριακό τους στον Αγίο Δημητρίο και εργάστηκαν τόσο σκληρά για το φεστιβάλ.

Καθώς μπαίνουμε στους καλοκαιρινούς μήνες απλά να θυμόμαστε ότι ο Θεός δεν πάει σε διακοπές έτσι ώστε όπου και αν πάτε να προσπαθείτε να πάτε στην Θεία Λειτουργία και μην ξεχνάτε ότι έχουμε Παράκληση της Θεοτόκου και του Αγίου Δημητρίου όλο το καλοκαίρι και θα χαρούμε να σας δούμε εκεί.

Είθε ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί και σας εύχομαι ένα ευχάριστο, ασφαλές και υπέροχο καλοκαίρι.

**Πάτερ Άγγελος Μιχαλιός**  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2015

### LETTER TO THE ST. DEMETRIOS COMMUNITY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a full heart of gratitude and joy that I wish to announce our most successful festival in the last 15 years. According to church records this year's gross and net profits are the best we've posted in that time. We were challenged to exceed all of our previous festivals because of the huge deficit we had amassed over the years. This year, the leadership of the church was committed to retiring this debt. As a direct result of this year's festival, we can now work towards the balancing of books and planning for a positive future.

The credit for such an achievement goes first to our Blessed Panagia who calms our hearts from the storms of life, and our dear Patron Saint St. Demetrios who recognized the work we did with sincerity and faith to glorify, preserve and maintain God's house at St. Demetrios Perth Amboy. We were showered with blessings of good weather, teamwork and a wonderful public who responded to our efforts to share our religion, culture and happiness.

We had a terrific committee effort from co-chairs Helen Horan and Afroula Kanellidis along with Father Michaels, Anita Dowd, Spero Kalambakas, Stan Suravlas, Nick Zacharioudakis, Joanne Kusulas, Maria Mantoudakis and a magnificent effort by our own Froso Morales. But each of you brought your own special harisma to help our church whether you were one of the wonderful chefs who baked in the kitchen, or worked the hot gyro grill line, or made thousands of loukoumades with Zafe Filindras or helped decorate the community center with Helen Catelanos or Ourania and Afrodite with their unbelievable flowers.

EACH of you made the St. Demetrios team a success.

We are one as a church. We are individuals that have been blessed by God with our own harismas. Together, we are all children of God and this weekend, we gave praise to His name through our work and devotion.

THANK YOU ALL!

I invite you to join us Friday June 19th, at 6pm for Paraklysis and compline services which we will have monthly to give thanks to Panagia and St. Demetrios for our many blessings and to ask for their intercessions for our families' health, church unity and guidance for our future plans.

In Christ,

**Marina Corodemus**

**President**

**St. Demetrios Board of Trustees.**



## St. Demetrios Philoptochos of Three Hierarchs Chapter 1032

The Philoptochos and the entire St. Demetrios Community congratulates Lee Corodemus on being named The Mother of The Year!



Stella Wacker  
President of Philoptochos Society  
of St. Demetrios



2015 Mother of the Year  
Receives Gift from  
Sunday School

June brings the month of passages.

Passage from student to adulthood with graduations. Passage from single life to married life, with so many weddings. Passage of the seasons from Spring into summer.

And this is how it should be. While changes are all around us, we must remember the one constant in our lives, which is Our God' Love. Remember the scriptures, Psalm 63:3 BECAUSE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IS BETTER THAN LIFE, I WILL PRAISE YOU.

Here at St. Demetrios we must, despite the whirlwind changes occurring in our lives, never forget our God's constant love for us and we should praise His Countenance.

Many of you stepped forward last month as good stewards and gave if your time, talents and talons to support our church and in turn our God by your hard work in making our festival a huge success. THANK YOU ALL! Your individual contribution to the church is an offering to our Lord to sustain his House, serve His People and praise Him.

So this month, as your social schedules fill, do not forget Sundays, every Sunday, to attend God's House and give Him praise.



### Deserving Honorees

In celebration of the devotion and dedication of our devout Stewards of Christ's Great and Holy Church, The Metropolis of New Jersey held a Grand Banquet on Monday evening, May 11, 2015, at The Venetian in Garfield, NJ.

The Metropolitan of New Jersey, His Eminence Evangelos, presided over the Awards presentations expressing that "our sincere gratitude and thanksgiving for their gifts of time, talent and treasure, and for all that they have humbly offered unto God, selflessly and quietly, "are being acknowledged here tonight. The honorees are "true examples for all of us to be inspired by as we renew our personal commitment to Christ and His Church."

Our St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church's deserving honorees who set these example for us are The Most Senior Steward Honoree, Paul Zaferiou, Parish Council Honoree, Nicholas Giannakopoulos, and his son, Zachary Giannakopoulos, received the GOYA Honoree Award. Receiving the Community Honoree Award was Stella Wacker and Zafe Filindras was awarded as the Philoptochos Honoree.

All Honorees received a beautiful icon plaque with personal inscriptions and their photographs were taken with Metropolitan Evangelos. Afterwards, a lovely dinner was enjoyed by the Honorees and guests of the evening, along with greetings and congratulations delivered by Priests, the President of the GOMNJ Philoptochos and Officers of the Metropolitan Council.

This was a truly memorable evening for our deserving honorees and, hopefully, its affects will be long lasting for each of them to treasure for many years into the future.

### PARAKLESIS SERVICES TO RESUME

Paraklysis for intervention will commence on Friday June 19 (St. DEMETRIOS ) and thereafter every 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 All Saints Day Sunday School Graduation Teacher Appreciation & Alter Boy Appreciation	8 Apostles Fast Begins	9	10	11	12	13 Zoe Muha Baptism 1PM
14 Georgia Siggelaki 6 Month Memorial	15	16	17	18 Seniors Luncheon Barge Restaurant 12 noon	19 Paraklysis 6PM St. Demetrios	20
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24 Nativity of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 10am	25	26	27 Olivia & Emma Wyrzten Baptism 3PM
28	29 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles Divine Liturgy 10am	30 Synaxis of all the Apostles Divine Liturgy 10am				

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

**BUILDING REPAIRS**

Repairs to church side stairs have been recently been completed. A new drain, retaining walls, railings, lighting and new traction treads to the inside basement stairs have been installed as well.





~ Ιούνιος 2015~								
◀ May 2013	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Jul 2013 ▶
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
7 Άγιοι Πάντες Τελετή αποφοίτησης του κατηχητικού σχολείου  Ημέρα της αναγνώρισης των δασκάλων και των παπαδοπαιδιών	8	9	10	11	12	13 Βάπτιση της Ζωής Μούχας 1 μ.μ.		
14 Μνυμόσυνο 6 μηνών για την Γεωργία Σιγγελάκη	15	16	17	18 Seniors Luncheon Barge Restaurant 12 noon	19 Paraklysis 6PM St. Demetrios	20		
21 Ημέρα του πατέρα	22	23	24 Η Γέννηση του Αγίου Ιωάννη Βαπτιστή Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.	25	26	27 Βάπτιση της Ολίβιας και της Έμμας Γουίρτζεν 3 μ.μ		
28	29 Σύναξις τῶν Ἁγίων Δώδεκα Ἀποστόλων Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ	30 Σύναξις τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.						

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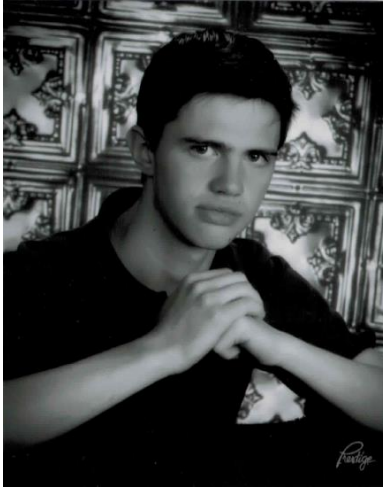
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Zack Giannakopoulos



Victoria Rivera

Congratulations to our graduates Zack Giannakopoulos and Victoria Rivera.

Zack is graduating high school this June while Victoria graduated from Monmouth University in January 2015.

Victoria earned degrees in both Psychology and Criminal Justice. She is looking to continue her education with grad school in order to pursue a career in Rehabilitative Counseling.

### Seven Things Church Members Should Say to Guests in a Worship Service

1. "Thank you for being here." It's just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told "thank you."
2. "Let me help you with that." If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.
3. "Please take my seat." I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.
4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.
5. "Can I show you where you need to go?" Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.
6. "Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_." The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff, and other members of the church.
7. "Would you join us for lunch?" I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.

Let's look at one example of breaking attendance barriers by saying the right things to guests. Presume your church has two first-time guests a week. Over the course of a year, the church would have 100 first-time guests. With most of the members being genuinely guest friendly, you could see half of those guests become active members. Attendance could thus increase by as much as 50 persons every year.



**Mark Rasimowicz Mans the Gyro.**  
Mark was one of the many volunteers responsible for the success of the 2015 St. Demetrios Greek Festival



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### 2015 Greek Festival

The St. Demetrios Youth Dancers entertained for an enthusiastic crowd during the 2015 St. Demetrios Greek Festival by the Bay.