



St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* May 2015

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ST. DEMETRIOS FESTIVAL

2015
**GREEK
FESTIVAL**
BY THE BAY

Food! • Music! • Dancing! • Fun!

Friday, May 29 11:00 am – 11:00 pm
Saturday, May 30 11:00 am – 11:00 pm
Sunday, May 31 12 noon to 7:00 pm

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
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Romantic Guitar Music on Friday Night
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Saturday Night Dance Contest!
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The St Demetrios faithful await their turn to pass underneath the Epitaphio and reenter the church after the Holy Friday procession.

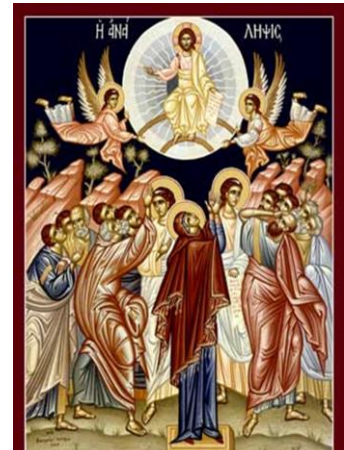
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PEOPLE WHO LOVE
THEIR CHURCH TO
HELP AT THE FESTIVAL.
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We would again like to feature our graduating young adults in the June issue of our church newsletter.

Please send a digital picture of the graduate, name school and future plan to dkusulas@optonline.net. Deadline May 15.

ASCENCION MAY 21st.

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives; after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.



May 2015 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

- May 3 -Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 9:32-42
- Gospel: John 5:1-15
Ἰωάννην 5.1-15
- May 10 -Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 11:19-30
- Gospel: John 4:5-42
Ἰωάννην 4.5-42
- May 17th Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 16:16-34
- Gospel: John 9:1-38
Ἰωάννην 9.1-38
- May 24th Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 20:16-18,28-36
- Gospel: John 17:1-13
Ἰωάννην 17.1-13
- May 31st Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 2:1-11
- Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12
Ἰωάννην 7.37-52, 8.12

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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.



Message from Father Angelo

Xristos Anesti!!

Let me express my gratitude to the parish council and to the entire congregation of our church for our spiritual journey thru our Lenten periods throughout the resurrection. I am grateful to our president for guiding us thru the Lenten concert with the choir as well as assisting us with the readings during various services.

I would like to tell everyone that we have spiritually lifted our hearts, souls and minds more than ever before. Everyone complimented the parish council for the wonderful work they do and all the improvements of the church. This is not the end but in fact the beginning of more spiritual uplifting as well as preparation for our annual festival which is very vital to our community. We need everyone's support in order to be successful.

We must all be proud that we were able to work together and be able to show each other how wonderful St. Demetrios is and how he is making tremendous changes. We have welcomed many new families in our community for they have not only seen the different physical changes of our church but also the spiritual.

I am grateful to the wonderful children of our church. It was heartwarming to see so many young children fill our church during our Agapi services on Easter Sunday. We pray to the Lord that he will bless them the rest of their lives and raise them to be productive citizens and wonderful Christians like their parents.

I am extremely proud that our community is turning over a big new leaf with the improvements and restorations of our wonderful Saint Demetrios led by the parish council.

May the Risen Lord be with us the rest of our lives, bless us with health, love and prosperity and provide us with all that we may need.

“When God is with us no one can be against us”

Love in the Risen Lord

Father Angelo Michaels



Η ανακοίνωση του Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρου

Χριστός Ανέστη! Θέλω να εκφράσω την ευγνωμοσύνη μου στο συμβούλιο και σε όλους για το πνευματικό μας ταξίδι από την Σαρακοστή μέχρι την ανάσταση.

Είμαι ευγνώμων προς τον Πρόεδρό μας που μας καθοδήγησε στην συναυλία της Σαρακοστής με τη χορωδία και μας βοήθησε με τις διαφορετικές λειτουργίες

Θα ήθελα να πω σε όλους ότι έχουμε υψώνει πνευματικά την καρδιά και την ψυχή μας πολύ. Πολλοί συνεχάρησαν τον ενοριακό συμβούλιο για την υπέροχη δουλειά που έκαναν για την εκκλησία. Αυτό δεν είναι το τέλος, αλλά στην πραγματικότητα είναι η αρχή του πνευματικού ταξιδιού της εκκλησίας και της προετοιμασίας για το ετήσιο μας φεστιβάλ, το οποίο είναι σημαντικότερο για αυτήν την κοινότητα. Χρειαζόμαστε την υποστήριξη όλων μας για να έχουμε ένα επιτυχές φεστιβάλ. Πρέπει όλοι μας να είμαστε υπερήφανοι που έχουμε την ευκαιρία να συνεργαστούμε μαζί και έχουμε την ικανότητα να δείξουμε σε όλους πόσο υπέροχος είναι ο Άγιος Δημήτριος. Έχουμε χαιρετίσει πολλές νέες οικογένειες στην κοινότητά μας για να βλέπουν, όχι μόνο τις διάφορες δομικές αλλαγές της εκκλησίας μας, αλλά και την βελτίωση της πνευματικής ζωής στην ενορία μας. Είμαι ευγνώμων για την υπέροχη νεολαία της εκκλησίας μας και όσα κάνουνε για τον Άγιο Δημήτριο. Ήταν εγκάρδιο να δούμε τόσα πολλά μικρά παιδιά να γεμίσουν εκκλησία μας για την Κυριακή του Πάσχα. Προσευχόμαστε στον Κύριο ότι θα τους ευλογήσει για πάντα και να τους διαμορφώνει σε θρησκευόμενους χριστιανούς όπως είναι και οι γονείς τους.

Είμαι υπερήφανος για την κοινότητά μας για τις βελτιώσεις και τις αποκαταστάσεις του Αγίου Δημητρίου μαζί με την Πρόεδρός μας την αξιότιμη Μαρίνα Κοροδήμου. Είθε ο Κύριος να είναι μαζί μας για το υπόλοιπο της ζωής μας και να μας ευλογεί με την αγάπη, την υγεία και την ευημερία. "Όταν ο Θεός είναι μαζί μας κανείς δεν μπορεί να είναι εναντίον μας"

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2015

May 29, 30 31

Our Annual Greek Festival is at the end of this month. It is a time when all parishioners can serve their church by helping out at the Festival as good Stewards. Volunteers are welcomed and needed. An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure.

Our Annual Festival is our largest producer of income to keep the lights in the church on, the salaries paid and the doors open. Our Annual Festival is more than a fundraiser though. It is a statement. It is a statement to the community that we are a viable church, with a commitment to stay here in Perth Amboy, be a good neighbor and share all that is good with our religion and culture with our neighbors. It is a fun and family oriented weekend. It is a time for the community to pull together as equals and say we collectively love and care for our church and prove it.

This year, in an effort to maximize our festival potential, we will invite many independent vendors to the Festival to sell their special goods to the public. We will attract crowds to shop, eat, dance and learn about our religion and culture. We will have an old fashioned street fair with bands and dance contest in the street at night, while learning to dance Greek with our live bouzouki player inside the auditorium in our dining room. Not only will our youth dance we will teach the world to dance Like Zorba. On Sunday afternoon we hope to have a comedy radio personality show inside our auditorium for a laughs while eating good food.

Each person has an opportunity to serve the church.. No one person(s) should bear the burden of the community to make this happen. So we invite each of you to help OUR CHURCH, this one weekend. Whether you can give us a few hours, or the entire weekend, your help is needed. Please speak with Helen Horan or Afroula Kanelidis or call the church office 732-826-4466 and let us know when you can join us.

Posters for festival advertising are available in the church office. Help spread the word.

**MARINA CORODEMUS, PRESIDENT
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St. Demetrios Philoptochos of Three Hierarchs Chapter 1032

Happy Mothers Day!

Mothers will receive a flower to honor them from Philoptochos.
Visitors are welcome to join our Parishioners for the Divine Liturgy Service at 10:00 am.

Please join us downstairs after services for coffee, desserts and fellowship with the mother of the year!

Stella Wacker
President of Philoptochos Society
of St. Demetrios



On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to extend a Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful mothers and pray that you enjoy a long life filled with good health and happiness.

Hon. Marina Corodemus
President
St Demetrios Parish Council

VETERANS COMMEMORATION

This upcoming June, the Saint Demetrios AHEPA Chapter 288 plans to honor all members of the St Demetrios Community, past and present, who have served in the any of the Armed Forces of the United States.

If you or any family member are serving or have served in any capacity (active duty, National Guard or Reserves) please provide Dino Kusulas the following:

Name: _____

Branch: _____

Years of Service: _____

Rank: _____

Unit: _____



Our 2015 Festival Needs Each of You!

As you know, plans for our Greek Festival by the Bay 2015 are well underway with many new and exciting features this year. In addition to our usual goal of transporting our guests to Greece through traditional Greek music, folk dances, Greek foods and delicious desserts; our Festival Committee has included several unique activities to attract our local Perth Amboy residents and neighbors from surrounding towns as well. In addition to our hosting "Learn to Dance like Zorba" public dance lessons on Saturday night in the auditorium, we will, also, host a bouzouki player taking your requests, a live band with "Dancing in the Street", a "Dance Contest", along with a city-wide venue of contemporary musicians who have grouped together to form bands. There will be an interesting array of daytime vendors selling their products, a "Kids' Fun Land" and daily shuttle service from convenient locations throughout the town. Each of these enhancements is anticipated to significantly raise the number of attendees all weekend.

The expansion of these offerings at our Festival 2015 will require even more of a commitment from our parishioners as volunteers, therefore, we are requesting your "time, talents and treasures" to assist in making this Festival even more successful and profitable than ever. This goal cannot be reached without each and every one of our parishioners committing to participate in a way that suits his or her personal ability.

We need your help now! We need you to sign up to work on a Festival Committee of your choice so we can serve our additional Festival guests. The below lists the various committees. A chart is also posted in our Church Hall for your convenience to add your name and telephone number. Kindly make this commitment a priority to our Church. You may even consider designating yourself as a chairperson. Please know that your time is a vital offering to our Church and is highly valued and appreciated. Our Festival is the largest fund-raiser of the year to provide income for the daily operation of our church, utilities, insurance, salaries, in other words, one-third (1/3) of our operating budget.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated assistance at our Festival by the Bay 2015!

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FESTIVAL 2015

Dearest Parishioners,

This year's festival is well underway and will be bigger and more inclusive than ever before! Why?

Because this is our number one fund-raiser and we are sorely in need of closing our mass deficit in the church budget.

- We know that our food is the best around.
- We know that our waterfront location is the prettiest area around.

So why limit ourselves to the same number of people attending year after year?

We need to draw more people!

We think we can do so by offering multiple reasons to additional guests to come: shopping, entertainment and discounts. This year we plan to have:

ENTERTAINMENT- live bouzouki entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will have romantic Spanish guitars playing Friday; we will close Sadowski Parkway on Saturday night and have dancing in the street while inside, we will teach visitors to dance like Zorba. Sunday afternoon, we hope to provide a stand-up comedy show.

SHOPPING: Private vendors for memorabilia, clothes, and crafts.

DISCOUNTS: LUNCH discount: \$2 off all menu items (excluding drinks and pastries) until 5 o'clock, EVERYDAY

FREE SHUTTLE BUS: Pick-ups all three days at three convenient locations around the city (Wilentz School, the Train Station and the YMCA)

What can you do to help?

- 1) **Send a check** today and mark it **FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTION**.
- 2) **HELP WITH BAKING:** May 5th, 10AM Koulourakia, May 6th, 10AM Kourambiedes, May 7th, Baklava, May 8th, Galactobourekos, May 9th, Spanakopita, May 14th, Tiropita.
- 3) **HELP WITH SET UP:** MAY 10TH, after Mother's day, community wide set up for Festival inside auditorium. May 31ST, all community members help set up for final preparations and decorations, etc.
- 4) **VOLUNTEER FOR SPECIFIC JOBS AT THE FESTIVAL.** SEE ATTACHED ASSIGNMENT SHEET.

Thank you all so very much for your anticipated interest and involvement in making this year's Festival 2015 more successful than ever.

OUR SUCCESS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT YOU!

In HIS Service,

FESTIVAL 2015 COMMITTEE

HON. MARINA CORODEMUS, PRESIDENT



2015 CLERGY LAITY CONFERENCE

This year's Metropolis of New Jersey clergy laity conference will take place in at the Venetian in Garfield May 11th and 12th.

At this year's Clergy-Laity Grand Banquet, five individuals from each Parish will be recognized: [1] an outstanding Steward of the Community, [2] a member of the Parish Council, [3] a member of the Philoptochos, [4] a member of GOYA and, [5] the Oldest Person in the Parish (by Age).

Representing St. Demetrios are Stella Wacker (Outstanding Steward), Nick Giannakopoulos (Parish Council), Zeffe Filindras (Philoptochos), Zachary Giannakopoulos (GOYA), Paul Zaferio (Senior Community Member).

METROPOLIS FORGIVES ST D's DEBT

The Parish Council is pleased to report it has been in discussions with the metropolis regarding the community's financial commitment to the metropolis.

An agreement has been reached to forgive over \$84,000 in outstanding annual financial assessments previously calculated by the metropolis against our parish.

Many thanks to the parish council leadership for successfully negotiating this significant reduction in our community's debt.

The Parish Council wishes to thank His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos for his assistance and intervention permitting our church the debt forgiveness.

FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE

May 5th ,10 AM -Koulourakia

May 6th, 10 AM - Kourambiedes

May 7th , 10 AM - Baklava

May 8th, 10 AM - Galatobouriko

May 9th, 10 AM - Spanokopita

May 14th, 10 AM - Tiropita

STEWARDSHIP LIST

The next stewardship list is scheduled for publication in the June newsletter.

There is still time to make your stewardship commitment or bring it current to ensure you are included in the updated list of stewards in June.

PERTH AMBOY ARTS FESTIVAL

The city of Perth Amboy will be holding an Art Festival Saturday May 23rd along Sadowski Parkway.

St Demetrios will participate by selling baked goods during this festival in preparation for our own.

FESTIVAL MEETINGS

Festival meetings are planned following church services on May 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Please make every effort to attend one of these planning meetings and volunteer for a shift during festival weekend. See page 6 to review the festival sign-up sheet.

Congratulations to Marie Khalil for her Outstanding Performance at the Northern New Jersey District Oratorical Festival.

The Northern New Jersey District Oratorical Festival took place at St. Nicholas church of Wyckoff, NJ on Saturday, 25-April, 2015 with 14 parishes participating at the Junior and Senior levels.

Marie Khalil competed in the Senior Division against 11 other parishes. At the end of the Festival the top 3 speakers were announced. Marie was announced in third place, and one of the top three winners!!

Marie's speech topic was: "Using the parable of the poor widow's offering to the Temple (Luke 21:1-4), discuss the Orthodox Christian attitude of offering to the Church's ministries." In case either of the other two District representatives cannot attend, Marie will be representing the District at the Metropolitan level competition.

Once again, our Congratulations to Marie for her outstanding success in proudly representing our St. Demetrios, Perth Amboy church!!

PARAKLESIS SERVICES TO RESUME

Paraklysis for intervention will commence after Ascension on Friday June 5 (Panagia) and June 26 (St. DEMETRIOS) and thereafter every 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Mid-Pentecost	7	8	9 Indoor Olympics
10 Mother's Day Clergy Laity in Garfield	11 Clergy Laity in Garfield	12 Clergy Laity in Garfield	13	14 Seniors Meeting 11am	15	16 Ladies Philoptochos Day out
17 Goya Coffee Hour	18 Philoptochos General Meeting 730	19	20	21 Holy Ascension of Our Lord Divine Liturgy 10am	22	23 Outdoor Olympics
24 Outdoor Olympics	25 Memorial Day Fr at Alpine Cemetary 8-12 Clover Leaf Cemetary 12 & on	26	27	28	29 Annual Festival	30 Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy 10am Annual Festival
31 Holy Pentecost Annual Festival						

STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS

The community stewardship list will be updated and published in the June issue of the St. Demetrius newsletter.

please make every effort to bring your stewardship current to be included in the updated list of stewards.

stewardship donations can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church office or made online via the church website at:

<http://www.stdemetriospertamboy.org/donations/>

Select "stewardship" as the "fund" type, click donate and complete the form.





~ Μάιος 2015~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες της Νεολαίας
10 Ημέρα της μητέρας Συνέδριο του κληρού	11 Συνέδριο του κληρού	12 Συνέδριο του κληρού	13	14	15	16 Εξοδος της Φιλοπτώχου
17 Καφέ της Νεολαίας	18 Εύσκεψη της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας 7 μ.μ.	19	20	21 Η Ανάληψη Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.	22	23 Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες της Νεολαίας
24 Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες της Νεολαίας	25 Ημέρα του μνημείου Πάτερ στο νεκροταφείο Alpine 8-12 Πάτερ στο νεκροταφείο Clover Leaf 12 & on	26	27	28	29 Φεστιβάλ	30 Ψυχοσάββατο Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ. Φεστιβάλ
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