

St. Demetrios Parish Newsletter October 2015

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The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer Δημήτριος ὁ Μεγαλομάρτυς Οκτωβρίου 26

October 26



HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS

WILL CONDUCT <u>VESPERS OF</u>
<u>ST. DEMETRIOS SUNDAY</u>
OCT 25 AT 7PM PERTH AMBOY

PHILOPTOCHOS RECEPTION

Free reception with Greek and Sunday School presentation to His Eminence.

MONDAY OCTOBER 26 10 AM

FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIOS
DIVINE LITURGY/
FREE LUNCHEON RECEPTION



TRIP TO IRENE CHRYSOVOULANDOU MONASTERY

OCTBER 10 LUNCH AND R/T RESERVATIONS CALL
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OCTOBER 2015 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

Oct 4th Epistle St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-1
Κορινθίους Β' 9:6-11
Gospel John 20:1-10
Ίωάννην 20:1-10

Oct 11th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Tiτov 3:8-15 Gospel John 20:11-18 Iωάννην 20:11-18

Oct 18th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 Κολοσσαεῖς 4:5-11, 14-18 Gospel John 20:19-31 Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Oct 25th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 Γαλάτας 2:16-20 Gospel John 21:1-14 Ἰωάννην 21:1-14

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING OCT 18TH
FOLLOWING CHURCH
SERVICES

www.stdemetriosperthamboy.org

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.

MONDAY October 26

Welcome to our church's Feast Day Weekend celebration honoring our Patron St. Demetrios.

You are invited to bring your family, friends and persons who may have never visited our church before to see our newly renovated church and experience a blessed weekend of prayer, music and festivities.

Come see our church restored to its original grandeur with refurbished lights, lighting, terazzo restoration, and newly acquired alter pieces.





Message from Father Angelo

Please allow me to guide you on ways of worship "Pay attention. Be still and Pray"

1. We participate in worship with frequent communion. This is the most important way of participating in the liturgy. When the priest comes forward with the chalice and lives in high, he says, "with the fear of God, with faith and love, draw near.

"Come close to commune with God. That's a command, and instruction, after all, what is the Eucharist liturgy all about?

Simply, it's the way the church prepares, consecrates, and administers the sacrament of the Holy Communion, receiving Holy Communion, receiving Christ, is the central act of the liturgy

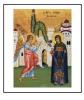
- 2. We participate in worship through faithfully gathering together as the church. The Divine Liturgy begins with the words, "Blessed be the kingdom of the father, son, and Holy Spirit." What's a kingdom? The place where a king reigns. Who's the king? God. Who are his subjects? We are. Where does the king reign? Where God is present and the questions are present. God's kingship is made manifest in us during worship. One cannot be manifesting the king liturgically if we are not there. Being present is crucial to the liturgical life.
- 3. We participate in worship through entering into it responsibly. The language of the liturgy contains a number of dialogues in various parts of the service. For example, the priest says, "let us lift up our hearts." Then the people respond "we lift them up to the Lord." The words of the liturgy in these dialogues invite us to involvement and participation. But because we are not taught to participate in worship, these dialogs often go unnoticed and unheeded, the commands they contain often are not obeyed in the people's hearts.
- 4. There are two places in the liturgy where we generally say the words, instead of singing or chanting them-the creed and the Lord's Prayer. The people say the creed and the Lord's Prayer as a body. In the Lord's Prayer it is clear that we are talking to God; our challenge is to make the prayer our own, so that it truly expresses our thoughts and feelings. But the creed is different, to make the creed come alive you must considered to whom you're confessing. I find if I think of talking to God, it really becomes personal. Because I'm telling God what I believe, it is a prayer and it touches my head and my soul.

Finally, we participate in worship through personal devotion. The liturgy can be understood in a literal sense, and it can also be understood as symbolic. Some of the things we do in the liturgy today have no real meaning except as symbols. Take the Great Entrance. The Great Entrance originated in Constantinople where they began The Divine Liturgy in church, then moved to a specific saint's church or chapel to conclude it. In order to conduct the liturgy they had to move the bread and the wine, the chalice and the paten to the new location. So it became a Grand Procession. Today we do the whole liturgy in the same building, but we still have this great procession. The Great Entrance, when we sing, "let us receive the invisible King

However if you think of this procession as symbolizing Christ bearing His cross on the day He was crucified for your salvation, that act can become an act of personal worship and devotion.

May God keep you safe
With love
Father Angelo J. Michaels

St. Demetrios Pilgrimage Saturday October 10, 2015 to the Monastery of: St. Irene Chrysovalantou ΕΙΡΗΝΗΝ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ







Tickets \$25 seniors, \$35 all others, children under 17 \$20

(Includes r/t lunch Bahari Restaurant, tour of and Paraklysis at the Monastery)
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Η ανακοίνωση του Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρου

Παρακαλώ επιτρέψτε με να σας καθοδηγήσω με τους τρόπους λατρείας "Προσέξτε και προσεύχεστε."

1. Συμμετέχουμε στην λατρεία παίρνοντας την Αγία Κοινωνία. Αυτός είναι ο πιο σημαντικός τρόπος για τη συμμετοχή στη Θεία Λειτουργία. Όταν ο ιερέας έρχεται με το δισκοπότηρο λέει, "Μετὰ φόβου Θεοῦ, πίστεως καὶ ἀγάπης προσέλθετε."

Έλατε να επικοινωνείτε με τον Θεό. Είναι μια εντολή και, πάνω από όλα, είναι ο πραγματικός σκοπός της Θείας Λειτουργίας.

Απλά, είναι ο τρόπος που η εκκλησία προετοιμάζει, καθαγιάζει και διαχειρίζεται το μυστήριο της Θείας Κοινωνίας, η οποία είναι η κεντρική πράξη της Θείας Λειτουργίας.

- 2. Συμμετέχουμε στη λατρεία με την πιστή συγκέντρωση στην εκκλησία. Η Θεία Λειτουργία αρχίζει με τις λέξεις: "Εὐλογημένη ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων." Τι είναι η βασιλεία; Το μέρος όπου ο βασιλιάς βασιλεύει. Ποιος είναι ο βασιλιάς; Ο Θεός. Ποια είναι τα θέματά του; Ερωτήσεις. Πού βασιλεύει ο βασιλιάς; Όταν ο Θεός είναι παρών και οι ερωτήσεις είναι παρόντες. Η βασιλεία του Θεού εκδηλώνεται σε μας κατά τη διάρκεια της λατρείας. Κάποιος δεν μπορεί να εκδηλώνει το βασιλιά, αν αυτός δεν είναι παρόν. Η παρουσία είναι κρίσιμη για την λειτουργική ζωή.
- 3. Συμμετέχουμε στη λατρεία με ευθύνη. Η γλώσσα της λειτουργία περιλαμβάνει μια σειρά διαλόγους σε διάφορα μέρη της Λειτουργίας. Για παράδειγμα, ο ιερέας λέει, «Ἄνω σχῶμεν τὰς καρδίας.» Στη συνέχεια, ο λαός ανταποκρίνεται «Ἔχομεν πρὸς τὸν Κύριον.» Τα λόγια της Λειτουργίας μας προσκαλούν στην συμμετοχή. Αλλά επειδή δεν μιλάμε για τη συμμετοχή στη λατρεία, αυτές οι εντολές συχνά δεν τηρούνται στις καρδιές των ανθρώπων.
- 4. Υπάρχουν δύο στιγμές στη Θεία Λειτουργία, όπου λέμε γενικά τα λόγια, αντί να τα τραγουδήσουμε ή να τα ψάλλουμε, το Πιστεύω και την Κυριακή Προσευχή. Ο λαός λει το Πιστεύω και την Κυριακή Προσευχή ως σώμα. Στην Κυριακή Προσευχή είναι σαφές ότι μιλάμε για τον Θεό. Θα πρόκλησω είναι να κάνουμε την προσευχή δική μας, ώστε να εκφράζει πραγματικά τις σκέψεις και τα συναισθήματά μας. Αλλά το Πιστεύω είναι διαφορετικό, θα πρέπει να εξετάσουμε σε ποιον ομολογούμε. Όταν μιλάμε στον Θεό, το Πιστεύω γίνεται πραγματικά προσωπικό. Επειδή λέω στον Θεό τι πιστεύω, είναι μια προσωπική προσευχή.

Τέλος, συμμετέχουμε στη λατρεία μέσα από την προσωπική αφοσίωση. Η Λειτουργία έχει μια κυριολεκτική και μια συμβολική έννοια. Μερικά από τα πράγματα που κάνουμε στη Λειτουργία σήμερα δεν έχουν ουσιαστικό νόημα, μόνο σαν σύμβολο. Παραδείγματος χάριν την Μεγάλη Είσοδο. Η Μεγάλη Είσοδο κατάγεται από την Κωνσταντινούπολη όπου ξεκίνησε η Θεία Λειτουργία σε μια εκκλησία και στη συνέχεια μετακόμισε σε μια άλλη συγκεκριμένη εκκλησία για να το ολοκληρώθει. Προκειμένου να διεξαχθεί η λειτουργία έπρεπε να μετακινήσουν το ψωμί και το κρασί, το δισκοπότηρο και το δισκάριο στη άλλη εκκλησία. Έτσι πραγματοποιήθηκε η Μεγάλη Είσοδο. Σήμερα κάνουμε όλη την λειτουργία στο ίδιο κτίριο, αλλά κάνουμε την Μεγάλη Είσοδο.

Ωστόσο, αν νομίζετε ότι αυτή πομπή συμβολίζει τον Χριστό που φέρει τον σταυρό του την ημέρα που σταυρώθηκε για τη σωτηρία μας, η πράξη αυτή μπορεί να γίνει μια πράξη προσωπικής λατρείας και αφοσίωσης.

Είθε ο Θεός να σας ευλογήσει.

Με αγάπη,

Πάτερ Άγγελος Μιχαλιός Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2015

This month's letter is inspired by a daily message written by the Russian Orthodox nun Sister Vassa. Her message read:

The opposite of faith is self-reliance, which breeds fear and anxiety. Whenever I cease to lead a God-centered life, whenever I neglect to put myself, everything, and everyone in His hands, I am left alone to play God on the stage of my concerns, challenges, situations, and relationships. Of course I inevitably find that I'm ill-suited for this role, because my own shoulders are simply too insecure a foundation for the burdens of the world. This insecurity is what brings all sorts of fear into my life, like fear of people's opinions, of failure, or of economic insecurity.

This observation is such a simple but profound truth it is alarming. As Americans we are admired for self-starting, self-reliance and personal motivation. All admirable qualities but these must be kept in perspective of leading a God-Centered life. This is where the ego and the submission to God's plan come into conflict.

This month we celebrate the feast day of SAINT DEMETRIOS, the Great Martyr and Myrovletes. St. Demetrios came from a most prominent family in Thessaly, was admired for his intelligence, kindness and virtue and his military excellence lead him to be appointed commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. He was denounced by non-believers to the Emperor and Demetrios was confined.

During the Gladiatorial games a young Nestor went to St. Demetrios for Blessing so he could fight the giant Lyaios. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy. Nestor went to the amphitheater and challenged Lyaios. Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. Both Nestor and St. Demetrios were martyred by an outraged Emperor for their faith in God.

Neither exercised self-reliance but rather lived God-Centered lives that allowed them to overcome all adverseness and find grace with the Lord. It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myrrh with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Make God the center of your life too.

Marina Corodemus

President Parish Council St. Demetrios



G.O.Y.A News

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I begin my tenure as G.O.Y.A. historian. As summer ends and fall begins the G.O.Y.A. year starts up once again! The St. Demetrios GOYANSs have a fun filled year planned ahead!

This year we have many new members joining which will make the year even better. Our G.O.Y.A. is planning to have a volleyball team along with the usual Greek Folk dancing group.

We have also elected new board members. Jen Seitis is our President. Stavroula Wagner is the Vice President. Jaydn Simatos is the Secretary. Dean Giannakopoulos is the treasurer, and I am the new historian.

To recap this year so far the GOYA did a fantastic job performing at the Jersey City Greek Festival on September 12th! In the upcoming year the GOYA is looking forward to the kick-off dance, volleyball games, and preparing for Sights and Sounds!

As you can see, we have an exciting year ahead of us! Please keep us in your prayers!

Yours in Christ Rachel Giannakopoulos Historian St Demetrios Perth Amboy G.O.C. G.O.Y.A.

The following individuals will be honored at this year's church dance for their selfless contributions to the community:

Irene Pakis, Helen Catelanos, Callie Vosinas, Peter Christopoulos, Christy Corodemus and Stan Suravlas.

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.



~ Οκτώβριος 2015~								
Sun	<u>Mon</u>	Tue	<u>Wed</u>	Thu	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>		
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<u>4</u> <u>Υιορτή του</u> <u>συλλόγου</u> <u>Αναβρυτής</u>	<u>5</u>	6 Πρόβα χορου της νεολαίας 7μ.μ 9μ.μ.	7	8 Seniors 11am Church Hall	9 Παράκληση 6 μ.μ.	10 Εκδρομή στην Ιερά Μονή Οσίας Ειρήνης Χρυσοβαλάντου		
11	<u>12</u>	13 Πρόβα <u>χορου της</u> <u>νεολαίας</u> 7μ.μ 9μ.μ.	14	15 AHEPA 8PM Church Hall	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>		
18 Σύσκεψη της νεολαίας	<u>19</u>	20 Πρόβα χορου της νεολαίας 7μ.μ 9μ.μ.	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Παράκληση 6 μ.μ.	<u>24</u>		
25 Εσπερινός με τον Σεβασμιώτατο Μητροπολίτη Ευάγγελο 7μ.μ.	<u>26</u>	27 Πρόβα χορου της νεολαίας 7 μ.μ 9 μ.μ.	28	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> <u>Χαλοουίν</u>		



Greek School News

The Children of the Greek School of St. Demetrios Church will celebrate the "OXI" Day, on Saturday October 24 at 4 p.m with some poems and songs for the day downstairs in our church hall.

All Parents, parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate with the children and make them proud

Our Greek School Teacher. Mrs. Alexandra Velmahos

Τα παιδιά του Ελληνικού Σχολείου του Αγίου Δημητρίου του Perth Amboy Θα εορτάσουν την ημέρα «ΌΧΙ» της 28 Οκτωβρίου, το Σάββατο στις 24 Οκτωβρίου και ώρα 4 μ.μ. με ποιήματα και τραγούδια για την ημέρα κάτω στο κανονικό κέντρο της εκκλησίας (Church Hall). Όλοι οι γονείς, πάροικοι και φίλοι προσκαλούνται να έρθουν στην γιορτή των παιδιών για να εορτάσουν μαζί τους και να τους κάνουν περήφανους.

Η διδασκάλισσα του σχολείου μας, Κα Αλεξάνδρα Βελμάχου











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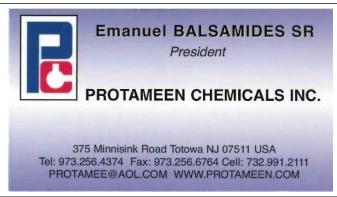


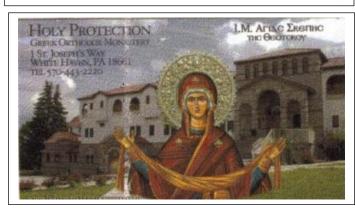


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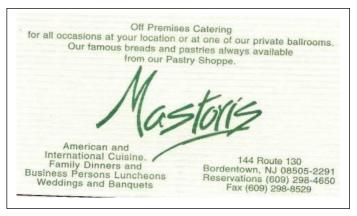




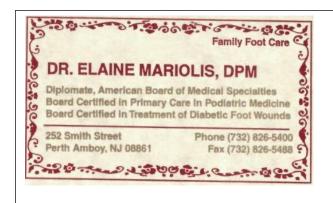






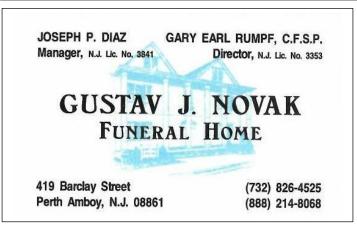














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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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4 Anavritis Society Celebration	5	6 Goya Dance Practice 7-9	7	8 Seniors Meeting 11am Church Hall	9 Paraklysis 6pm	10 Trip to Irene Chrysovalantou Monastary			
11	12	13 Goya Dance Practice 7-9	14	15 AHEPA 8pm Church Hall	16	17			
18 Goya Coffee Hour- Goya Meeting	19	20 Goya Dance Practice 7-9	21	22	23 Paraklysis 6pm	24			
Vespers with His Eminence 7pm	26	27 Goya Dance Practice 7-9	28	29	30	31 Halloween			

SAINT DEMETRIOS WEEKEND

FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 23RD PARAKLYSIS TO ST. DEMETRIOS

SATURDY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 24 1:30 "OXI DAY CELEBRATION" POEMS GREEK SCHOOL VIDEO "GREEK STRUGGLE", MUSIC REFRESHMENTS.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

SUNDAY NIGHT ST. DEMETRIOS VESPERS 7:00 PM METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS, RECEPTION BY PHILOPTOCHOS.

MONDAY OCTOBER 26 10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY FEAST DAY OF ST. DEMETRIOS, FOLLOWED BY COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON TO ALL CHURCH ATTENDEES.

PARAKLESIS SERVICES

Paraklesis for intervention will commence on Friday October 9th, and Friday October 23rd.

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 names should be submitted by you that night to Father Michael for Special Prayer. Prayer will be in Greek and English.



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