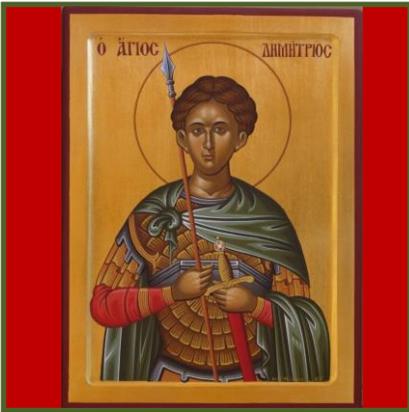




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NOVEMBER 2015 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

Nov 1st Epistle St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8
Κορινθίους α' 12:27-31, 13:1-8

Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Λουκᾶν 16:19-31

Nov 8th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10
Ἑβραίους 2:2-10

Gospel Luke 8:41-56
Λουκᾶν 8:41-56

Nov 15th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22
Ἐφεσίους 2:14-22

Gospel Luke 10:25-37
Λουκᾶν 10:25-37

Nov 22nd Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7
Ἐφεσίους 4:1-7

Gospel Luke 12:16-21
Λουκᾶν 12:16-21

Nov 29th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19
Ἐφεσίους 5:8-19

Gospel Luke 18:18-27
Λουκᾶν 18:18-27

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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.



His Eminence accepts a humble gift from our Sunday School representatives to acknowledge their learning of hymns; the first one being, "Ayios o Theos". Sunday School students alongside the Metropolitan are Megan and Dylan DaCunha joined by one of our high school students standing directly behind him, Stavroula Wagner.



The October 10th bus trip to St Irene Chrysovouladou in Astoria Queens was well attended. The paraklysis service at the church was preceded by lunch at a local Greek restaurant and coffee and cake afterwards.



Message from Father Angelo

To Live Means to Love

What jubilation, what happiness is to teach everyone to love!

Yes, the love that we foster for others returns to us and fills us with joy.

It is the wage that we receive from our Creator and the inspiration of our spirit.

Hence, what affliction, what unhappiness is it to hate people and to hurt them.

Consequently, we have drowned in our negative emotions and have left our lives because to live means to love.

Love is the connection between peace, our Creator, and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Perhaps, in the past, someone has offended you or insulted you. Do not hate him, but rather love him so that we do not fall into the devil's trap/

Think about the ill people and how much they sin. We should be sympathetic towards them and help them because they know not what they do. Only then will we be worthy enough to receive the crown of glory.

Jesus Christ said, Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Without love, we are like a tree that is watered with saltwater. The Hymnist of Love, St. John the Theologian, even says that those that hate their brother are, in fact, murderers.

The strongest motivation for each of our good deeds and acts is love.

Love forgives everything. Love never offends. Love never judges.

1st John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear

May God keep you safe

With love

Father Angelo J. Michaels



ΖΩΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΝΕΙ ΑΓΑΠΗ

Τι αγαλλίαση, τι ευτυχία είναι εκείνη να μάθουμε όλος τους ανθρώπους να αγαπούν!

Ναι, η αγάπη που τρέφουμε προς τον άλλον επιστρέφει σε 'μας και μας γεμίζει χάρα.

Είναι ο μισθός που παίρνουμε από τον Πλάστη μας και η επιφοίτηση του πνευμάτος μας.

Άρα τι βάσανο, τι δυστυχία είναι όταν μισούμε τον άλλον και τον βλάπτουμε.

Τότε καταποντίστηκαμε και βγήκαμε έξω από την ζωή γιατί η ζωή σημαίνει αγάπη.

Και η αγάπη είναι δεσμός ειρήνης με τον Πλάστη μας αλλά και με όλους τους συνανθρώπους μας.

Μήπως κάποιος μας πρόσβαλε ή μας αδίκησε; Να μην τον μισήσουμε, εντούτοις να τον αγαπάμε περισσότερο για να μην πέσουμε στην παγίδα του διαβόλου.

Πως είναι ο άρρωστος και πόσο αμαρτάνει; Να τον λυπηθούμε και να τον βοηθήσουμε γιατί δεν ξέρει τι κάνει. Τότε μονακά θα αζιωθούμε το στέφανο του νικητού.

Είπε ο Χριστός, “Να αγαπάτε ο ένας τον άλλο. Όπως σας αγάπησα εγώ, έτσι ακριβώς να αγαπάτε κι εσείς ο ένας τον άλλο. Απ’ αυτό θα μάθουν όλοι ότι είστε μαθητές μου, αν έχετε αγάπη μεταξύ σας.” Σαν το δέντρο που ποτίζεται με αλμυρό νερό είναι ο άνθρωπος χωρίς αγάπη. Όποις μισεί τον αδελφό του είναι δολοφόνος, μας λέει ο Ιωάννης, ο υμνητής της αγάπης.

Το ισχυρότερο κίνητρο είναι η αγάπη για κάθε καλή πράξη και καλό έργο μας.

Η αγάπη όλα τα συγχωρεί, ποτέ δεν σκανδαλίζει και κανένα δεν κατηγορεί.

Α Ιω. 4,18:

Ο φόβος οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ, ἀλλ’ ἡ τελεία ἀγάπη ἔξω βάλλει τὸν φόβον.

Εἶθε ο Θεός να σας ευλογήσει.

Με αγάπη,

Πάτερ Άγγελος Μιχαλιός
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2015

It is only right that we should give thanks unto Our Lord for the many blessings our church has received. The recent visit by our beloved Metropolitan Evangelos allowed us hear his praise on the design changes made to our church, which he himself proclaimed as "THE MIRACLE OF PERTH AMBOY".

These changes were not luck or happenstance. They were, I believe, out of an abundance of blessings brought about by the intervention of Our Blessed Lady the Theotokos and our Patron Saint Demetrios from our Paraklysis prayers.

Month after month we have prayed for the restoration, unification and progress of our community. What we received was a shower of blessings throughout our church. We are closing our economic deficits, hopefully close to resolving the Elizabethtown Gas issues, we are transforming the priorities of all our organizations to our reach ministry while restoring and preserving the beauty our founders of this wonderful church had in mind when first building the is structure in 1952.

Now is your chance to participate in this historic restoration. ADOPT A WINDOW or icon today. Later in this newsletter are the various prices of stained glass windows that we will have cleaned, restored and preserved in glass for the next 30-35 years. EACH and every window is important. It is an investment not just for today or this year but for an entire generation to come. In addition, at a lesser cost we are restore 5 of the original large icons from our first church in Perth Amboy, pre-1952. Some of these are over 100 years old. EVERY DONOR WILL HAVE A DEDCATION plate by their window or icon.

So join this important time in our church. Become part of the restoration for a generation to come. Please join us in praying the Paraklysis twice a month. See the church calendar and give Thanks this Thanksgiving for all we have received from Our Lord.

Marina Corodemus
President Parish Council St. Demetrios



G.O.Y.A News

The GOYA year is off to a wonderful start! Our GOYA had a spectacular time at the Harvest Dance and participating at "Bridges".

Next, we also are having a volleyball team this year. The volleyball games are on Sunday's after church.

We are looking forward to the Christmas dance and many more social activities. Our GOYA is also preparing for Sights and Sounds.

Our Greek Folk Dance group is hard at work coming up with a new routine for this year's competition!

To conclude, the GOYA year is off to any exciting start!

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.



Νοέμβριος 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u> Κοσμάς & Δαμιανός	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> Η σύναξη των αρχιστρατήγων Μιχαήλ & Γαβριήλ	<u>9</u> Αγίου Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεωςxx	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Ημέρα των Βετεράνων	<u>12</u> Seniors 11am Church Hall	<u>13</u> Ιωάννου Χρυσοστόμου Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.	<u>14</u> Γλέντι Βάπτιση
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Εισοδίων της Θεοτόκου. Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ Βάπτιση
<u>22</u> Βάπτιση της Παναγιώτας Κατσόνη	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Αγίας Αικατερίνης Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ	<u>26</u> Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Αγίου Ανδρέου Θεία Λειτουργία: 10 π.μ					

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE 2015-2016										
Game	Month	Date	Team 1	Team 2	Location of Game	Church Hosting Food				
1	October	18	Piscataway	Westfield	Piscataway	Piscataway				
2	October	18	Holmdel	Asbury Park	Holmdel	Holmdel				
3	October	18	Trenton	Flemington	Trenton	Trenton				
4	October	18	Perth Amboy	Toms River	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy				NO JUNIOR BASKETBALL VOLLEYBALL ONLY
5	October	25	Asbury Park	Trenton	Asbury Park	Asbury Park				NO JUNIOR BASKETBALL
6	October	25	Flemington	Westfield	Flemington	Flemington				
7	October	25	Toms River	Holmdel	Toms River	Toms River				
8	November	1	Piscataway	Asbury Park	Piscataway	Piscataway				
9	November	1	Holmdel	Trenton	Holmdel	Holmdel				NO JUNIOR BASKETBALL
10	November	1	Toms River	Westfield	Toms River	Toms River				
11	November	15	Flemington	Holmdel	Flemington	Flemington				
12	November	15	Piscataway	Toms River	Piscataway	Piscataway				
13	November	15	Perth Amboy	Asbury Park	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy				VOLLEYBALL ONLY
14	November	15	Perth Amboy	Trenton	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy				VOLLEYBALL ONLY
15	November	22	Holmdel	Piscataway	Holmdel	Holmdel				NO JUNIOR BASKETBALL
16	November	22	Trenton	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield				
17	November	22	Asbury Park	Flemington	Asbury Park	Asbury Park				
18	December	6	Flemington	Piscataway	Flemington	Flemington				
19	December	6	Asbury Park	Toms River	Asbury Park	Asbury Park				
20	December	6	Perth Amboy	Westfield	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy				VOLLEYBALL ONLY
21	December	13	Piscataway	Trenton	Trenton	Trenton				NO JUNIOR BASKETBALL
22	December	13	Holmdel	Perth Amboy	Holmdel	Holmdel				VOLLEYBALL ONLY
23	December	13	Toms River	Flemington	Toms River	Toms River				
24	December	20	Piscataway	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy				VOLLEYBALL ONLY
25	December	20	Holmdel	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield				
26	December	20	Trenton	Toms River	Trenton	Trenton				
27	January	3	Westfield	Asbury Park	Westfield	Westfield				
28	January	3	Perth Amboy	Flemington	Flemington	Flemington				VOLLEYBALL ONLY
PLAY OFF GAMES										
January	9		SENIOR	PLAYOFFS	TOMS RIVER	TOMS RIVER				FOOD WILL BE SOLD
January	10		SENIOR	PLAYOFFS	ASBURY PARK	ASBURY PARK				FOOD WILL BE SOLD
January	30		JUNIOR	PLAYOFFS	WESTFIELD	WESTFIELD				FOOD WILL BE SOLD



ST. DEMETRIOS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

"Let us not get tired of doing good. As often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith." Galatians 6:9-10

Another year has started and I am looking forward to a year full of activities and sharing of our talents. I hope together we can participate in the various activities planned for our chapter and the Metropolis. This year marks our 90th year for our Philoptochos in our church helping those in need. Let's keep our tradition going!

I like to congratulate the new Philoptochos board for the 2015-2017 term.

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Events:

Philoptochos recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness month - Support local events

Cosma and Damianos Tray Collection - Nov 4th
Thanksgiving Baskets - Tuesday before the holiday
Vasilopita Luncheon - January
St. Michael's visitation - February 23rd

Hope to see you all at our general meeting that will be scheduled in November.

Stella Wacker
President
St Demetrios
Ladies Philoptochos Society

We are collecting food for the Thanksgiving baskets.

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items Needed:</u>
Tuna fish
Pasta
Rice
Soups
Turkey stuffing
Macaroni and cheese boxes
Beans
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Coffee
Sugar
Canned milk
Cereal
Granola bars
Cookies
Crackers
Nuts
<u>**Frozen turkeys are also needed</u>



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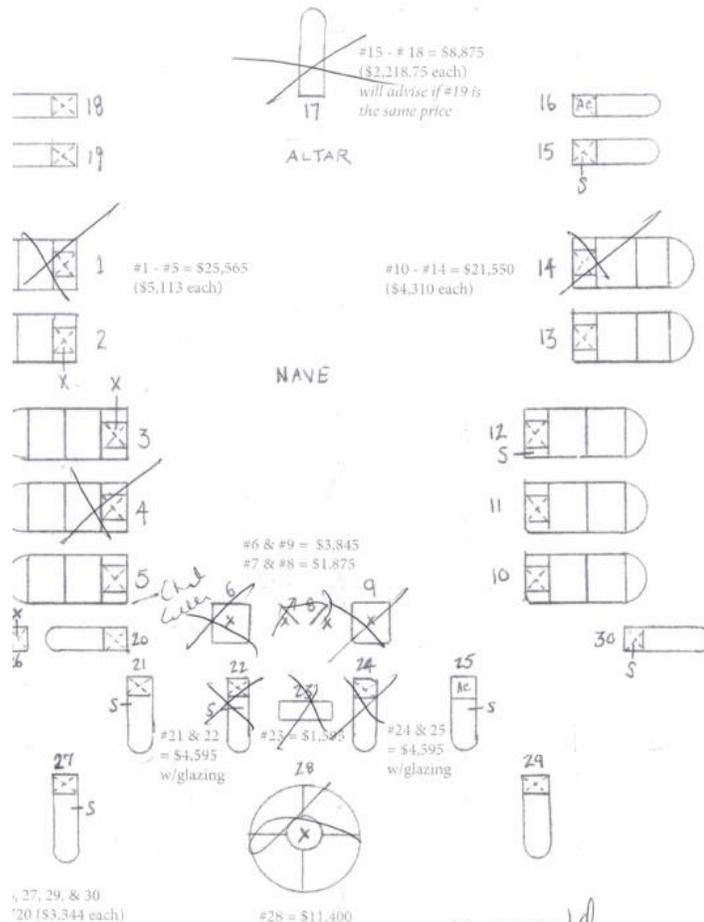
Our historic restoration of St. Demetrios continues and YOU can be part of this process. As you can see, from the two beautiful windows dividing our Narthex and Nave, the stained glass windows will all be cleaned, repaired and restored and sealed in glass preserving them for the next 30 years. Below please find a diagram outlining the windows that are available for adopting and preservation.

WHAT does adoption mean?

Adoption means that you will be the person adding to the beauty of our church by providing for the extended life of your stained glass window. The window will ultimately carry your name near the window showing your dedication or family name:

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1 Kosmas and Damianos	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Synaxis of the Archangels	9 Agios Nectarios	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Seniors Meeting 11AM Church Hall	13 John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy 10am	14 Annual Church Dance Arianas Baptism
15	16 NNJYC Meeting/Goya	17	18	19	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy 10am Richard Olsen Baptism
22 Panagiota Katsonis Baptism	23	24	25 Saint Katherine Divine Liturgy 10am	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 Saint Andrew Divine Liturgy 10am					

PARAKLYSIS SERVICES

Paraklysis for intervention will commence on Friday November 6th, and Friday November 20th.

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

Paraklysis 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.



His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos led the singing of the St. Demetrios hymn during the October 25th Vespers. After services, His Eminence praised our historic restoration of our church as *"The Miracle of Perth Amboy"*.



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