

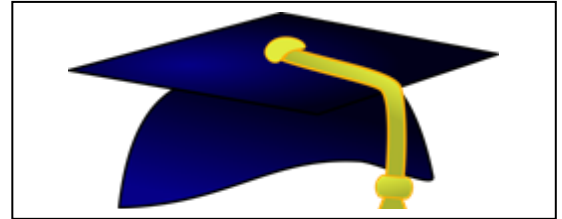


St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* June 2016

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Holy Pentecost June 19



Graduation Biographies and photos of our church scholars can be found inside this newsletter.

We congratulate all our church scholars for their hard work and achievements to further their education.

MRS.MATINA MAVROOKAS

NAMED MOTHER OF THE YEAR

SEE INSIDE STORY AND BACK PAGE PHOTO.

JUNE 2016 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

5 June Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34
Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38
Ἰωάννην 9:1-38

12 June Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36
Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13
Ἰωάννην 17:1-13

19 June Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 2:1-11

Gospel: Pentecost
John 7:37-52; 8:12
Ἰωάννην 7:37-52, 8:12

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

No Baptisms will be scheduled during any of the Great Feast Days of the Lord.



Πεντηκοστή

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

NEW PHOTO ADDITIONS

In an effort to share the many activities happening in our church, the newsletter staff is experimenting with the two page color photo pages to be added to our monthly newsletter. We ask you to submit your favorite church activity photos so everyone in the parish can enjoy the beautiful memories.





Message from Father Angelo

God is Love, Love is God

Many Christians complain that they have no time to read the Bible. But it is not really a question of time as it is of love. We always find time to do the things we like to do. For example, there was once a girl who just did not care to read a certain book. Later, however, she fell in love with the author of the book. All of a sudden her whole attitude changed. She read the book over and over again, very eagerly. When we fall in love with the author (Jesus) it will not be a chore to read His personal letter to us. It will be pure delight. It has been said that the two people who read the Bible the most carefully are the atheist and the saint. The atheist because he hates; the saint because he loves.

Father George Florovsky has written, "No one profits from the Gospels unless he is first in love with Christ. For Christ is not a text but a living person, and he abides in His body, the Church."

The highest form of Bible readings comes to those who love Jesus so much that to read His word is sheer enjoyment. They savor the wetness of being with Him through His word.

We must not expect God always to be giving us great insights when we read His word. Reading God's word is also a way of being with God, basking in His presence, practicing His presence. A father goes fishing with his child not just to catch fish but also to be with the child.

Reverend Father Angelo J. Michaels

Η ανακοίνωση του Πρωτοπρεσβύτερου

Ο Θεός είναι αγάπη και η αγάπη είναι ο Θεός

Πολλοί Χριστιανοί διαμαρτύρονται ότι δεν έχουν χρόνο για να διαβάσουν την Αγία Γραφή. Αλλά δεν είναι θέμα χρόνου, αλλά θέμα αγάπης. Πάντα βρίσκουμε χρόνο για να κάνουμε τα πράγματα που θέλουμε. Για παράδειγμα, υπήρχε κάποτε μια κοπέλα που απλά δεν την ένοιαζε να διαβάσει ένα συγκεκριμένο βιβλίο. Αργότερα, όμως, ερωτεύτηκε με τον συγγραφέα του βιβλίου. Ξαφνικά όλη στάση της άλλαξε. Διάβασε το βιβλίο ξανά και ξανά, πολύ ανυπόμονα. Όταν ερωτηνόμαστε με τον συγγραφέα (ο Ιησούς) δεν θα είναι μια αγγαρεία για να διαβάσουμε το βιβλίο του. Θα είναι καθαρή απόλαυση. Έχει ειπωθεί ότι οι δύο άνθρωποι που διαβάζουν τη Βίβλο πιο προσεκτικά είναι ο άθεος και ο άγιος. Ο άθεος επειδή μισεί και ο άγιος γιατί αγαπά. Ο πατέρας Γεώργιος Φλωρόφσκυ έχει γράψει, «κανείς έχει κέρδη από τα Ευαγγέλια, εκτός αν έχει αγάπη με τον Χριστό. Διότι ο Χριστός δεν είναι ένα κείμενο, αλλά ένα ζωντανό άτομο, και ο ίδιος μένει στο σώμα Του, την Εκκλησία."

Η υψηλότερη μορφή αναγνώσεως της Βίβλου έρχεται σε εκείνους που αγαπούν τον Ιησού τόσο πολύ, ώστε να διαβάσουν για την απόλαυση.

Δεν πρέπει να περιμένουμε τον Θεό πάντα να μας δίνει μεγάλες ιδέες όταν διαβάζουμε το λόγο Του. Διαβάζοντας τον λόγο του Θεού είναι επίσης ένας τρόπος να είμαστε με το Θεό. Ένας πατέρας πηγαίνει για ψάρεμα με το παιδί του, όχι μόνο για να πιάσει ψάρια, αλλά και να είναι με το παιδί του.

Με πνευματική αγάπη του θεού,

Πάτερ Άγγελος



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2016

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St. Ephraim: Glory be to Him, Who never felt the need of our praising Him

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***Icon of St. Ephraim the Syrian“ .Glory be to Him, Who never felt the need of our praising Him; yet felt the need as being kind to us, and thirsted as loving us, and asks us to give to Him, and longs to give to us. His fruit was mingled with us men, that in Him we might come near to Him, Who condescended to us. By the Fruit of His stem He grafted us into His Tree.”
 — St. Ephraim the Syrian.***

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter reminds us that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, took on human flesh to love us and save us through His bitter Passion and Triumph over death. St. Ephraim reminds us that **BY THE FRUIT OF HIS STEM HE GRAFTED US INTO HIS TREE.**

Are we worthy branches? What have we done as a church to be worthy?

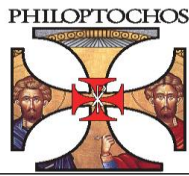
We have restored, enhanced and preserved the physical structure of our church all the Glory of our Lord. We have additionally planned financially through difficult sacrifices to rebuild our Stewardship, create an endowment fund to preserve the restoration needs in the future without depleting the treasury. We have finalized negotiations with Elizabethtown Gas and have receive the first 25% of the monies contracted. We have formed a hard working building committee to explore all our alternative options on the property next door, which will be presented to the community in the fall for a vote. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

We then turned to enhancing our religious wellbeing. We just completed a very successful Jesus Prayer time during Lent. We opened our hearts to the Blessed Panagia and St. Demetrios twice a month at Paraklysis. This summer we will reopen Vacation Bible School for our children to study and learn God's work with some fun activities.

We thanked Father Michaels for his service to the church, as he earned, a well-deserved retirement. We now await a new priest and continue the quest toward salvation. So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Let us have faith and works to continue to the Glory of God.

Marina Corodemus

President Parish Council St. Demetrios



St. Demetrios Philoptochos of Three Hierarchs **Chapter 1032**

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.

2016 Mother of the Year Matina Mavrookas

She been a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church for over 55 years. She brought her children faithfully to Sunday School every week rain or shine until they graduated High School. She supported her children and made sure they attended Sunday School, Greek School and participated in Goya, Son's of Pericles and Maids of Athena. She opened her home to visiting youth for the 1st Junior Olympics.

She is a devoted Greek Orthodox Christian who loves the Perth Amboy Church and its community. She has supported the church and charitable events for many years. During this time, she has participated in Philoptochos, baked and worked at the Church Festivals, and Philoptochos events. She encouraged and supported her Children to volunteer in leadership roles, Basketball GOYA coaches, GOYA advisers, parish council and Philoptochos.

She was born in Tripoli, Greece where she met and married her husband at the age of 17. After giving birth to 5 children she was left alone for 2yrs while her husband came to America to make a better life for them. 1959 they settled in Perth Amboy, became members of St. Demetrios and gave birth to one more child. Her full time job was raising 6 children. She has 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. 4 of her children, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren are still members of St. Demetrios community. A true testament to being a great Mother!

***Congratulations to the Mother of the Year Matina Mavrookas
and***

Clergy Laity Honoree Tana Kizides.

Thank you all for the palm Sunday tsourekia and bake sale support! The committee did a great job!

Ke tou Xronou!

Enjoy your summer

we will resume our duties anew in September.

Yours in Christ

Stella Wacker

President

Philoptochos Society of St. Demetrios



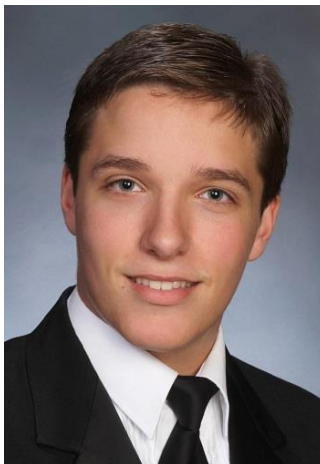
**Mother of the Year
Matina Mavrookas**



**Clergy Laity Honoree
Tana Kizides**



OUR GRADUATES



George N. Seitis will be graduating from North Brunswick Township High School this June. Highlights of his many activities include: member of the National Honor Society, an avid drummer and a fan of cinema. He will be attending The College of New Jersey beginning in the fall of 2016



Jennifer A. Seitis will be graduating from North Brunswick Township High School this June. Highlights of her many activities include: Current G.O.Y.A. President, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Alchemists Theatre Company at NBTHS. She will be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey beginning in the fall of 2016.



Frank G. Angiola has graduated from Rutgers University with a B.A. German and is currently working towards his Masters Degree.



Stavroula J. Wagner is graduating high school this year as a homeschooler. Stavroula is studying to be an EMT and works at the Sayreville EMS Squad, She is a member of the OLV youth group, kid's choir, the GOYA VP, co teaches two religious education classes and has attended two Christian mission trips in the states with Youth Works. In her less than spare time she plays piano and volunteers in the Pro Life movement. Stavroula will attend Middlesex County College and will major in Spanish and Medicine.



Nick Vosinas is graduating from Rutgers University with a major Spanish and a minor in Modern Greek Studies. He is currently enrolled in graduate school at the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education, and will be graduating with his Masters of Education in 2017. He was the President of the Hellenic Cultural Association of Rutgers and is graduating Summa Cum Laude in the top 1% of his graduating class.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. May the grace of God follow you to the next chapter in your lives and beyond.

Much success in all you do. You have and continue to be a source of pride for the entire St. Demetrius family and we all look forward to your continued involvement in the fabric of our community.

We will always be here to fortify your spiritual foundation as you prepare for your next steps.

The Month of May at St. Demetrios



2016 Clergy Laity Honorees Metropolis of New Jersey: Mike Patras, Maria Mantoudakis, Marina Corodemus, Fr. Angelo Michaels, Jennifer Seitis, Tana Kizides



Helen Horan carries the cross during Epitaphios procession



Father Angelo Michaels assisted by Father Gregory pray before Epitaphios on Good Friday



Stavros Tsipatsaris and Nick Vosinas chant during Anastasi while Father Michael's proclaims Christ has Risen



The faithful gather outside the church during Anastasi



St. Demetrios choir sings Christos Anesti at Anastasi services



Anastasi as seen from the steps of St Demetrios



Father Angelo Michaels reads from the Gospel from top of the stairs of St Demetrios



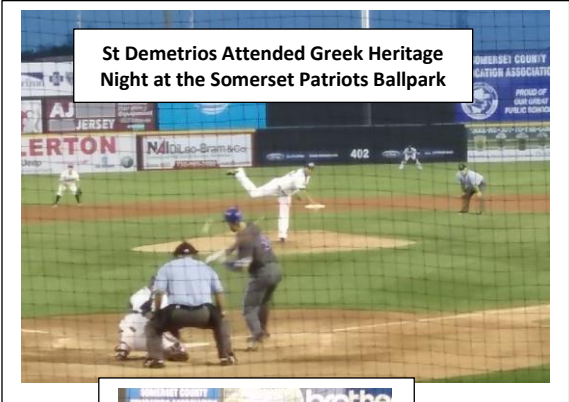
Anastasi service as seen from choir loft



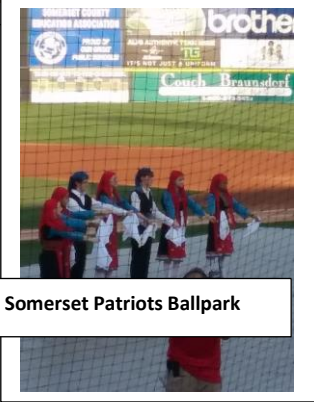
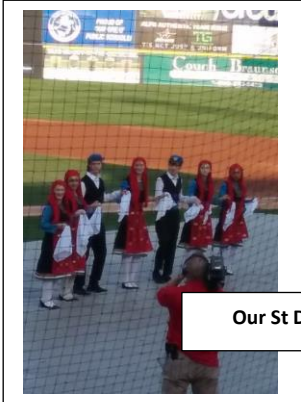
St Demetrios G.O.Y.A.
Hosted the Metropolis-wide Indoor Olympics at Perth
Amboy's Flynn school



The first of the
memorial bricks
have been
installed in the
future meditation
garden



St Demetrios Attended Greek Heritage
Night at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark



Our St Demetrios Dancers performed on field during Greek Heritage Night at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark



Somerset Patriots Mascot Sparky
helps us promote our Greek
Festival



Sandra Kusulas and Maria Mantoudakis enjoying the
game and taking in the stadium atmosphere.



Somerset Patriots Mascot Slider
was a hit with our youth and posed
for a picture with one of our
festival signs

Post-game Fireworks and some
shameless promotion for our
festival which on game night was
only one week away



It was a great, and Greek, night for baseball and the St.
Demetrios Community out at the stadium. Our group
was loud and proud as we enjoyed a fantastic night out
at the ball park, good baseball, fun ball park food and
between inning entertainment and, to quote one of
our young parishioners, and "epic" and exciting
fireworks show. We have to do this again!



G.O.Y.A. News

It's hard to believe that it is the end of the G.O.Y.A. year. All GOYANS would like to wish all of you a safe and blessed summer!

The indoor Olympics hosted by St. Demetrios was a huge success by all accounts.

The G.O.Y.A. wishes to thank the organizers Callie Vosinas and Irene Dimitratos. Special thanks to Helen Horan for finding a great venue for us. You are all awesome.

Sadly we have to say goodbye and good luck to our graduating seniors; President Jennifer Seitis and Vice President Stavroula Wagner.

Please encourage anyone who might be interested in joining our organization to contact our advisors.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers throughout the year!

Rachel Giannakopoulos

Greek School News

Dear parishioners

“Christ has Risen” “Χριστός Ανέστη”

The school graduation for the Greek school children will take place on Sunday, June 12, 2016 immediately after church services downstairs in our church hall. Please come to see the young children of our church and be proud for them.

Greek school reopen in September after the Holy Cross day with AGIASMO. All parents of our community who have children ages five years and older are encouraged to register their children for September classes by the end of August.

Anyone who would like to attend an adult Greek School class please call the church office to give your name and information

Thank you
Mrs Alexandra Velmahos

Αγαπητοί πάροικοι,

Χριστός Ανέστη

Οι εξετάσεις για τα παιδιά του ελληνικού σχολείου θα λάβουν χώρα την Κυριακή 12, Ιουνίου μετά την θεία λειτουργία κάτω στην αίθουσα της εκκλησίας. Ελάτε να καμαρώσετε τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια σας.

Το ελληνικό σχολείο θα αρχίσει τα μαθήματα τον Σεπτέμβριο μετά την εορτή του Τιμίου Σταυρού με Αγιασμό. Όσοι γονείς έχουν παιδιά ηλικία πέντε ετών και άνω να τηλεφωνήσουν για να τα εγγράψουν μέχρι το αργότερο τέλος Αυγούστου.

Επίσης όποιος ενδιαφέρεται για την τάξη των μεγάλων (Greek Adult School) να τηλεφωνήσουν το γραφείο της εκκλησίας το αργότερο μέχρι τέλος Αυγούστου

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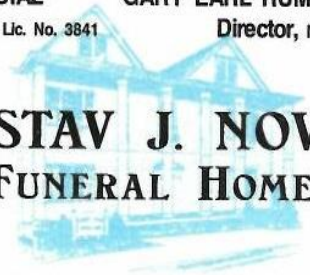
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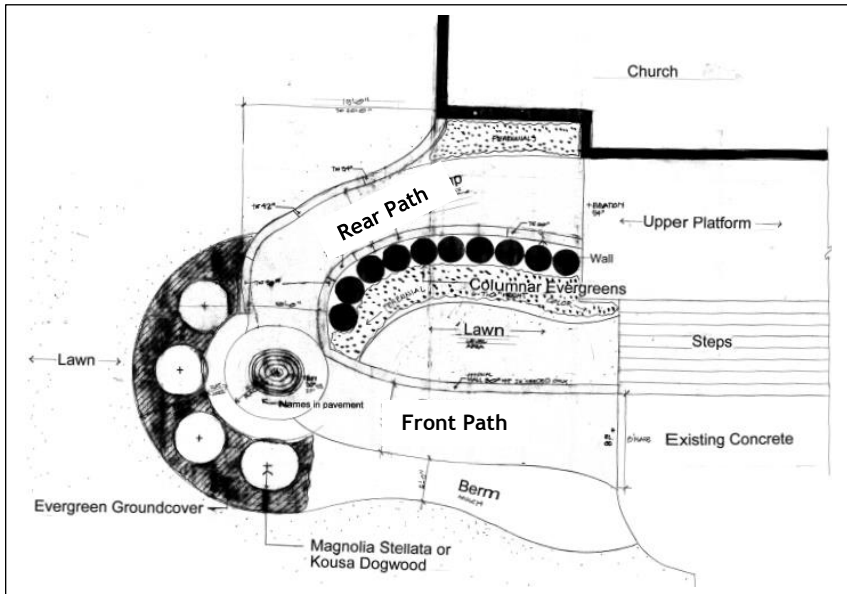
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There will be no coffee hours June, July or August


Coffee hours will resume Sunday Sept 4



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12	13	14	15	16 Seniors Meeting 11:30 Barge	17 Paraklysis 7pm	18 Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy 10am
19 Holy Pentecost Father of the year PTO Reception	20	21	22	23	24 Nativity of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 10am	25
26 All Saints	27	28	29 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles Divine Liturgy 10am	30		

~ Ιούνιος 2016~

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19 Πεντηκοστή Ημέρα του πατέρα	20	21	22	23	24 Η Γέννηση του Αγίου Ιωάννη Βαπτιστή Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.	25
26 Άγιοι Πάντες	27	28	29 Σύναξις τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ.	30		



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