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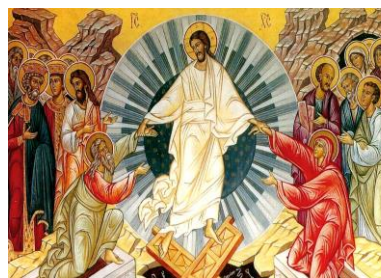
Parish Newsletter
April 2017

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Fr. George Parsenios

Χριστός Ανέστη



CHRIST IS RISEN!

One of the most symbolic of the Festal Icons of the Orthodox Church is that of the Holy Resurrection. In the center of this radiant event is Christ pulling Adam and Eve up from their tombs. The gates of the Realm of Death are broken and thrown down. Death, personified in human form, is defeated, and bound hand and foot at the bottom of the scene. We recall the joyous words of St. Paul: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)

Ένα από τα πιο συμβολική από τις Δεσποτικές Εορτές της Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας είναι εκείνη της Αγίας Αναστάσεως. Στο κέντρο αυτού του ακτινοβόλο εκδήλωσης είναι ο Χριστός τραβώντας τον Αδάμ και την Εύα μέχρι από τους τάφους τους. Οι πύλες του βασιλείου του θανάτου σπασμένα και έριξε κάτω. Θάνατος, προσωποποιείται με ανθρωπινή μορφή νικιέται, και δεσμεύεται χέρι και το πόδι στο κάτω μέρος της σκηνής. Θυμόμαστε τις χαρούμενη λόγια του Αποστόλου Παύλου: "Ο θάνατος, πού είναι το κεντρί σου, άδη, η νίκη σου;" (1 Κορινθίους 15:55)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES COME SHARE THE LIGHT

Palm Sun.	7:00 pm
Mon.	7:00 pm
Tues.	7:00 pm
Wed.	4:00 pm
	7:00 pm
Thurs.	7:00 pm
Fri.	9:00 am
	3:00 pm
	7:00 pm
	Candle Sales, \$5,
Sat.	10:00 am
	11:00 pm. Everyone Outside for Anastasi Women of Board Light Candles
Sun.	12:00 noon
	1:00 pm Egg Hunt.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

AFTER CHURCH

APRIL 2017 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

Apr 2nd Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the
Hebrews 9:11-14
'Εβραίους 9:11-14

Gospel Mark 10:32-45
Μάρκον 10:32-45

Apr 9th Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the
Philippians 4:4-9
Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9

Gospel John 12:1-18
'Ιωάννην 12:1-18

Apr 16th Epistle Acts of the Apostles
1:1-8
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 1:1-8

Gospel John 1:1-17
'Ιωάννην 1:1-17

Apr 23rd Epistle Acts of the
Apostles 12:1-11
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 12:1-11

Gospel John 20:19-31
'Ιωάννην 20:19-31

April 30th Epistle Acts of the
Apostles 6:1-7
Πράξεις Αποστόλων 6:1-7

Gospel Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
Μάρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8

WATCH FATHER GEORGE'S OCTOBER 15TH
LECTURE ON YOUTUBE
TYPE

<https://youtu.be/m94tNagIRIO>

INTO YOUR BROWSER
"The Apostle Paul in the Greek Cities of the
Roman Empire"

Services unless otherwise stated
ORTROS 9AM
DIVINE LITURGY 10 AM
No Baptisms will be for any of the Great
Feast Days of the Lord



Message from Father George

On April 16, we celebrate the feast of feasts, the Holy and Great Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord. We have just come out of the Great 40-day fast and our celebration is at hand.

We can understand how the fasting of Lent leads into the feasting of Pascha if we hear the words of St. Gregory the Theologian, who writes, “Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him. Therefore, let us offer to Him – you may think that I am going to say gold or silver or costly stones, the mere passing material of earth possessed by slaves of the world – but let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God. Let us give back to the Image what is made in the Image.”

We were made in the Image of the immortal God. The Fall of Adam separated us from God, while the Resurrection of Christ returns us to our original splendor.

Let us, therefore, offer to God lives that reflect this splendor and lives which are made anew in the Resurrection. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Ένα μήνυμα από Το Πατέρ Γεώργιο

Στις 16 Απριλίου, γιορτάζουμε την εορτή των εορτών, το Άγιο και Μέγα Πάσχα, την Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας. Έχουμε μόλις βγει από την νηστεία και η γιορτή μας έφτασε. Μπορούμε να κατανοήσουμε πώς η νηστεία της Σαρακοστής οδηγεί στο γλέντι του Πάσχα, αν ακούμε τα λόγια του Αγίου Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου, ο οποίος γράφει, "Χθες σταυρώθηκα μαζί Του, σήμερα είμαι δοξασμένος μαζί Του, χθες θάφτηκα μαζί Του, σήμερα θα ανέβω μαζί Του." Ως εκ τούτου, ας προσφέρουμε σ' Αυτόν - μάλλον σκέφτεστε ότι θα μιλήσω για χρυσά ή για ασήμια ή δαπανηρές πέτρες, τα απλά ψήφισα πράγματα της γης που τα οποία είναι των σκλάβων του κόσμου - αλλά ας προσφέρουμε τους εαυτούς μας, το πιο πολύτιμο πράγμα για τον Θεό. Ας δώσουμε πίσω στον Θεό αυτό που έχει εμπνευστεί από τον Θεό. Η Πτώση του Αδάμ μας χώρισε από τον Θεό, ενώ η Ανάσταση του Χριστού μας επιστρέφει στο αρχικό μας μεγαλείο. Συνεπώς, ας προσφέρουμε στο Θεό μια ζωή που αντανακλά αυτό το μεγαλείο και μια ζωή που γίνεται καινούργια με την Ανάσταση. Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE April 2017

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Χριστός Ανέστη. Christ is Risen!

What a joyous proclamation. Christ is risen.

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone upon you! Exult and be glad O Zion! Be radiant O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

We have the honor of celebrating our 100th year anniversary. Congregants of St. Demetrios have proclaimed the good news. We have sustained all perils and done honor unto our Lord. We have preserved the faith for us and for the generations to come. The promise, the hope, the renewal is upon us through Christ our risen Lord.

Let us as one family rejoice in all that is new in the world and in our church. Let us join as one family to give praise for death having trampled down death. Let us give thanks unto the Lord who took upon himself the sins of the world for us. Let us commit to be the best of Christianity in love, faith, humility, forgiveness and devotion to our God.

Let us pull together now and prepare for our ONE DAY FESTIVAL on Saturday May 27 in conjunction with the City of Perth Amboy. Take this joy and continue to serve the Lord by keeping His house open and honored. This one day devotion will ensure our bills for maintenance of the church will be extinguished. Instead of four days, we, through the generosity of many, can reduce the festival down to ONE day of work. Won't you please join us for one full day as a family to pull together for our church?

Your work will allow us to keep the church maintained and beautiful which will do Honor to our Lord and allow future generations to share in the good news for many Easters to come. Be a part of the St. Demetrios family in spirit and body.

Hon. Marina Corodemus, Board President



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"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

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I like to thank all our ladies that helped with the Apokreatiko Glendi and all of those who came to support us; We also send our congratulations on the four ladies that were honored that evening! Ourania Gatanas, Margaret Lalís, Mary Simatos and Koula Vosinakis



Afroula Kanellidis, Koula Vosinakis, Rev. Fr. George Parsenios, Rita Lalís, Mary Simatos, Irene Pakis and Stella Wacker. (not pictured Ourania Gatanas)

Please support our Tsourekia sale; last day to order is April 2, and pick-up is April 9. Please place your order with Marietta Khalil (732)925-9699.

There will be a bake sale on April 9; we appreciate you supporting the Philoptochos.

New members for the Philoptochos society are always welcome. Please join us for some fellowship.

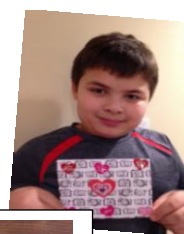
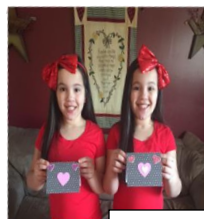
In Christ,
Stella Wacker.

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!

SOME OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOWCASED THEIR HANDMADE VALENTINE CARDS CREATED IN CLASS PRIOR TO THE PTO VALENTINE'S PARTY WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN SWEET TREATS AND GIFTS WITH A LOT OF LOVE!

THE PTO PARTY WAS OFFERED TO OUR STUDENTS IN LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR THEIR WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PERFORMANCE WHICH WAS DELAYED TWICE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

STUDENTS PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE ALENA & LAYNA ALBINO, CONSTANTINE PARSENIOS, LUKA SIMATOS AND LEON PRINCE.





Dean Kakadelis

MEET THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dean Kakadelis is originally from Poughkeepsie, NY. Dean is married with three children.

He graduated with a Business Administration degree from SUNY Oswego. After serving in the Greek Army in 1995, Dean moved to New Jersey in 1997 and worked at Hess Corporation in their IT and Accounting departments.

Currently, he works for Speedway LLC. Dean has been a parishioner at St. Demetrios Church since he moved to New Jersey. He is honored to serve on the Board, and he hopes he can help make St. Demetrios achieve its full potential.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY The Victory of the Icons

On Sunday March 5, 2017, Father George, our Sunday School children, teachers, Altar Boys, our Church Choir and parishioners gathered on the solea to sing “Agios o Theos” following the Procession of Icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Sunday, March 5, 2017. Children learned the history of how Icons were restored to the Orthodox Church after a long period of banishment. Our Icons are very important in our faith as they serve to help us worship God and remind us that Christ and the Saints were real people. We venerate our Icons by lighting candles near them, kissing them and making our Cross. Orthodox Christians also venerate Icons in their own homes as a daily reminder of what God has done for us through Jesus and the Saints.





HOPE & JOY MINISTRIES

Encouraging our children to celebrate our Orthodox Faith and Greek Heritage!!

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, we had our first Hope & Joy ministries event. This took place right after church from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. During the first ½ hour, the Hope ministry students were engaged in an arts & crafts activity led by Georgia Barbayannis and they made Lent-to-Easter coloring wheels. In the meantime, the Joy ministry students were engaging in Greek dance lessons, which were taught by Stavroula Wagner. Then the groups switched. The Hope ministry students learned how to dance Greek while the Joy ministry students made Easter wreaths. A fun time was had by all!

The Hope Ministry Students



Angelo Tsivelis, Jaceir Kanellidis, Nathaniel Kouretas, and Nikolas Morales

The Joy Ministry Students



Alena Ortiz-Albino, Layna Ortiz-Albino, Constantine Parsenios, Leon Prince, Luka Simatos, and Luca Regan

Parents, our next Hope and Joy Ministries event will be on **April 30, 2017** after church from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!**

I hope to see all of our K-6th grade students there!



**SHOW YOUR GREEK PRIDE
MAY 18TH AT THE
SOMERSET PATRIOTS BALL PARK**

We will once again be participating in Greek Heritage Night at the Somerset Patriots ball park. This year's event will be held May 18th before the baseball game. They will be performing after 6:30PM but before 7PM.

Our youth group will be dancing for the crowd as they did last year (you might recognize them from the flier to the left). We have purchased a block of tickets for the game and will be providing tickets **AT NO COST** to any parishioner interested in attending to support and represent St. Demetrios.

In addition to the ball game, there will be a post-game fireworks show. Those of us that were there last year can attest that it was a great fun night out as a group and we got to show our St. Demetrios pride.

Come on out to the ballgame and show your Greek Pride!

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PARKING LOT ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective the end of April, Elizabethtown Gas will close off and occupy the parking lot adjoining the church.

Elizabethtown Gas is under a restoration plan by the State of New Jersey to bring heavy excavation equipment on to the land. The property will be completely tented for a period of 8-10 months until our property is cleaned up.

All costs will be paid by Elizabethtown Gas. We will be limited to street parking until the cleanup is achieved.

So, come to church early for a prime parking spot.

Greek Festival 2017

Our Church will hold a ONE day festival Saturday May 27th 11am-11pm.

All Parishioners are asked to help on this ONE day to support your church's financial needs.

Monies were collected towards the balance of the roof replacement, but not enough to fully pay the balance. Thus, we will hold our Festival in conjunction with the City of Perth Amboy's Art Festival on Saturday, May 27 only.



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Attention Please

By unanimous vote of the Parish Council, no trays will be passed during Holy Week (Starting Palm Sunday Evening) in respect of the solemnity of Christ's Passion.

We ask all Parishioners to contribute your offerings during that week at the Narthex tray when you purchase your candles. We ask you to give whatever your hearts tell you to give during this Passion week in lieu of passing a tray.

Thank you kindly.

Προσοχή Παρακαλούμε

Κατόπιν αποφάσεως τον εκκλησιαστικού συμβουλίου. Κατα την εβδομάδα των μεγάλων παθών του κυρίου, δεν θα περιέλθει δίσκος.

Επιδη όμως υπάρχουν οικονομικές ανάγκες, παρακαλούμε τους αγαπητούς ενορίτες για μια μικρή προσφορά στο δίσκο που θα υπάρχει στο παγκάρι.

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2 Sunday School Making of Palm Crosses	3 Great Compline 7 pm	4	5 Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 AM	6	7	8 Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy 10 AM
9 *Palm Sunday Div Lit 10 AM *Bridegroom Service 7 pm	10 *Presanct. Lit. 9:30 AM *Bridegroom Service 7pm	11 *Presanct. Lit. 9:30 AM *Bridegroom Service 7pm	12 *Presanct. Lit. 9:30 AM *Holy Unction 4 pm *Bridegroom Service 7pm (with anointing of unction)	13 *Div. Lit. of St. John Chrysostom 7 AM *Orthros of the Passion 7pm	14 *Royal Hours 11 AM *Apokathelosis Vespers 4 pm *Orthros of the Lamentations 7 pm	15 *Divine Liturgy 10 AM *Vigil and Divine Liturgy of Pascha 11 PM
16 Agape Vespers 12 PM Egg Hunt after Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 St. George the Great Martyr	24	25 St. Mark the Evangelist Divine Liturgy 10 AM	26	27	28	

Απρίλιος 2017						
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2	3 Το Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7 μ.μ	4	5 Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Τιμίων Δώρων 9:30 π.μ.	6	7	8 Λειτουργία του Αγίου Λαζάρου 10 π.μ.
9 Κυριακή των Βαΐων Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου 7 μ.μ.	10 Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Τιμίων Δώρων 9:30 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου 7 μ.μ	11 Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Τιμίων Δώρων 9:30 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου (Υμνος Της Κασσιανής) 7 μ.μ	12 Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Τιμίων Δώρων 9:30 π.μ. Το Μέγα Ευχέλαιο των παιδιών 4 μ.μ. Το Μέγα Ευχέλαιο των ενηλίκων 7 μ.μ.	13 Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου. 7 π.μ. Τα Πάθη του Ιησού 7 μ.μ.	14 Βασιλικές ώρες 11 π.μ. Αποκαθήλωση 4 μ.μ. Τα εγκόμια 7 μ.μ.	15 Θεία Λειτουργία 10 π.μ. Ανάσταση 11 μ.μ
16 Αγιο Πάσχα Εσπερινός της Αγάπης 11 π.μ.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Του Αγίου Γεωργίου	24	25 Αγιος Μάρκος ο Απόστολος και Ευαγγελιστής 10 π.μ.	26	27	28	

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