

St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* May 2017

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Τη Πέμπτη της Αναλήψεως Μαΐου 25 Holy Ascension May 25

May 2017 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

Apr 2nd Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the
Hebrews 9:11-14
Ἑβραϊούς 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
Φιλιππησίου 4:4-9

Gospel John 12:1-18
Ἰωάννην 12:1-18

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

Gospel John 1:1-17
Ἰωάννην 1:1-17

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

Gospel John 20:19-31
Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

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

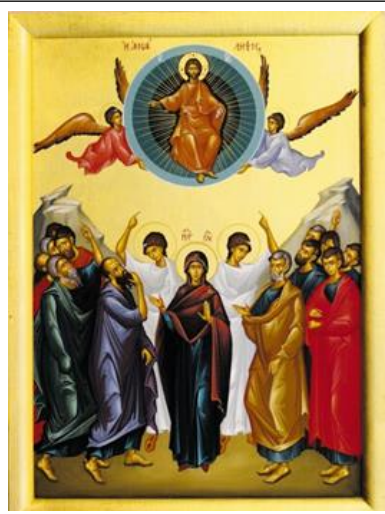
Gospel Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
Μάρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8

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

<https://youtu.be/m94tNagIRi0>

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



The Lord Jesus passed forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples. On this Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations.

O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

**Come Help Your
CHURCH
SAVE THE DATE GREEK
FESTIVAL ONE DAY
SATURDAY MAY 27
11AM -11PM**

PARAKLYSIS & APODEIPNON

Paraklesis, Παράκλησις, is restarting on Friday evenings again starting a service of supplication for the welfare of the living. It is addressed to a specific Saint or to the **Most Holy Theotokos** whose intercessions are sought through the chanting of the supplicatory canon together with psalms, hymns, and ekteniae (litanies).

**JOIN US AS ONE FAMILY
PRAYING TO PANAGIA AND ST.
DEMETRIOS FOR HELP.**

St. Demetrios Youth Shine At The District Level Oratorical Festival

Julia Parsenios came in 4th place for the District Level Junior Division. Jadyn Simatos received Honorable mention for the District Level Senior Division.

This year there were 14 churches participating, much higher than previous years. Needless to say, both of our girls did a fantastic job.

Last month's Lenten concert now on YouTube. Go to:
https://youtu.be/_FAqz-xPskY
to see the video.



Message from Father George

Summer has arrived. A time of relaxation. A time of vacation. Even our spiritual life needs periods of rest.

St. Anthony of the Desert described the need for rest by pointing to the string on a bow. If the string is left always in the bow, it eventually breaks from the pressure. The string needs to be loosened so that it does not snap and tear. So, too, in our spiritual lives we sometimes need to slow down and to rest so that we do not feel too much pressure.

But this does not mean that we ignore our spiritual lives all Summer. Too often, people take a Summer break from Church as long as the break that children take from School. This is not good. Let us be different this Summer. We can slow down. We can give ourselves a break. But let us remember that prayer is to our spiritual lives what food and water and sleep are to our bodies. Our bodies need to be fed and so do our souls.

Remember to come to Church and to partake of the food that never perishes and drink from the water that never leaves us thirsty.

Have a wonderful Summer! I will see you in Church!

Ένα μήνυμα από Το Πατέρ Γεώργιο

Στις 25 Μαΐου γιορτάζουμε την Ανάληψη του Ιησού και την επιστροφή Του στον Πατέρα. Αλλά η επιστροφή του Ιησού στον Πατέρα δεν είναι η αποχώρησή Του από τον κόσμο.

Συνεχίζει να είναι παρών στην Αγία Κοινωνία που λαμβάνουμε κάθε Κυριακή. Εξίσου σημαντικό, είναι παρόν σε όλους μας. Ο Άγιος Απόστολος Παύλος λέει: «Δεν είμαι πια εγώ που ζω, αλλά ο Χριστός που μένει μέσα μου» (Γαλ. 2:20). Όταν οι ζωές μας αντανακλούν το φως του Χριστού στον κόσμο, κάνουμε τον Χριστό παρών στον κόσμο και ο κόσμος θέλει την ειρήνη και την ελευθερία από τη φροντίδα που έρχεται μόνο στο πρόσωπο και το έργο του Χριστού.

Ας μοιραστούμε αυτό το φως με κάθε άνθρωπο που συναντάμε κάθε μέρα στην ζωή μας.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE May 2017

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Χριστος Ανεστη!" one last time before the Glorious Ascension. Let me share you the Joyous News. We are blessed in Saint Demetrios with a memorable observance of our Lord's Passion and then most Joyous resurrection as one family with music, prayers and fellowship. We had a record number of attendees at this year's Lenten concert, outdoor Palm Sunday luncheon and standing room only services of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the Anastasi. This is what our church is meant and can always be if we come together as one in God's name.

As the Ascension of our Lord is upon us, we get ready for the many changes within our church, ushering a bright and positive future. The long awaiting demolition of our old community center is upon us, along with the remediation of the parking lot property to give way to a new community center and God willing maybe more.

We look forward to partnering with the City of Perth Amboy on Saturday May 27th to our ONE DAY GREEK FESTIVAL which will run on the same day as the City's Arts Festival, band concert and beach bon fire all happening in front our own church. This is an unprecedented opportunity for us to partake in the entire City coming out to celebrate the entry of the summer season. We will provide the food and refreshments. It is necessary for all of our congregation to help out this ONE day. If you love your church and want to insure our place in this City and your family's future, please come out and help. Contact Helen Horan or Froso Morales as to where you are needed.

Starting in May, our parking lot will not be available to us for at least one year until the remediation is completed by Elizabethtown Gas Company. Please come early to church to ensure closer parking. During more crowded service months we will be notifying you of alternative parking possibilities. Best way to get a good spot is to be early. Limited PARKING IN THE LOT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FESTIVAL WORKERS ONLY ON MAY 27TH. YOU MUST BE PRESIGNED UP AS A FESTIVAL WORKER WITH AN ASSIGNMENT IN ORDER TO SECURE A SPACE IN THE PARKING LOT.

No pain no gain - but I promise, the best is yet to come with God's help. Remember Paraklysis starts again this month. Please be there to ask for the intercession of Panagia and Saint Demetrios in helping us with the plans to secure our church.

Hon. Marina Corodemus, Board President



Αγαπητοι ενοριτες,

"Χριστος Ανεστη!" Επιτρεψετε μου να σας πω τα χαρουμενα νεα της εκκλησιας μας. Ειμαστε ευλογημενοι απο τον Αγιο Δημητριο με την χαρουμενη Ανασταση ως μια οικογενεια με μουσικη, προσευχη και με υποτροφια.

Ειχαμε ενα αριθμο ρεκορ συμμετοχης των ενοριτων μας στη συναυλια της φετινης χρονιας, την ημερα των Βαΐων, στο γευμα των Βαΐων, την Μεγαλη Παρασκευη και στην Ανασταση του Κυριου μας. Αυτος ειναι ο σκοπος της Εκκλησιας μας και μπορεί παντα να συμβαινει αυτο αν ειμαστε ενωμενοι.

Ειμαστε ετοιμοι για πολλες αλλαγες στην εκκλησια μας, δημιουργωντας ενα φωτεινο και θετικο μελλον. Η μακρινη αναμονη της κατεδαφισης του παλιου μας κοινοτικου κεντρου θα αρχισει μαζί με την αποκατασταση του ιδιωκτικου παρκινγκ που θα δωσει τη θεση τους σε ενα νεο κεντρο.

Θα συνεργαστουμε με την πολη του Περθ Αμποϊ το Σαββατο, 27 Μαΐου, 2017 για ΜΙΑ ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΜΑΣ. Την ημερα αυτη ειναι και το Arts Festival City. Ολα αυτα θα παρουν μερος μπροστα στη εκκλησια μας. Ειναι ευκαιρια για μας να συμμετασχουμε με ολοκληρη την πολη για να γιορτασουμε την εισοδο της καλοκαιρινης περιόδου. Θα παρεχουμε διαφορα φαγητα και αναψυκτικα. Ειναι απαραιτητο για ολους μας να βοηθησουμε αυτην την ημερα. Αν αγαπατε την εκκλησια και μπορείτε να βοηθησετε, επικοινωνηστε με την Ελενη Horan η την Φροσω Μοραλες.

Απο τον Μαΐο, ο χωρος σταθμευσης μας δεν θα ειναι διαθεσιμος για τουλαχιστον ενα χρονο. Σας παρακαλω να ερχοσαστε νωρις στην εκκλησια για να βρητε παρκινγκ. Κατα τη διαρκεια αυτην θα σας ειδοποιησουμε για εναλλακτικες δυνατοτητες σταθμευσης. Περιορισμενο παρκινγκ θα διατεθεται στους εργαζομενους του φεστιβαλ.

Σας υποσχομαι, με την βοηθια του Θεου, να δουμε και αλλα ωραια εργα. Σας υπενθυμίζω οτι οι παρακλησεις θα αρχισουν παλι αυτο το μηνι. Παρακαλουμε να ειστε εκει για να ζητησετε τη μεσολαβηση της Παναγιας και του Αγιου Δημητριου και για να μας βοηθησετε με τα σχεδια μας για να εξασφαλισουμε την προοδο της εκκλησιας μας.

Με την αγαπη του Κυριου,
Μαρινα Κοροδημα, Προεδρος

President Corodemus Introduces Mayor Diaz at Perth Amboy's State of the City Address. Read about it online in the Amboy Guardian.

<http://www.amboyguardian.com/2017/04/07/click-on-2017-perth-amboy-state-of-the-city-address/>



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

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Dear Parishioners,

Xristos Anesti!

The Philoptochos wanted to thank all the ladies that baked for the Lenten Concert and our bake sale for Palm Sunday, thank you for always supporting us.

There will be a general meeting and elections for Philoptochos Officers in May. We will send a card to all paid members to attend the meeting.

Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies, and more to come on the mother of the year in the next issue!

We will have a ladies day out luncheon in May/June more info to follow!

New members for the Philoptochos Society are always welcome. Please join us for some fellowship and some fun!

In Christ,

Stella Wacker

NO PARKING IN CHURCH LOT MAY 15, 2017 ONWARD

BEGINNING May 15th Elizabethtown Gas will be occupying the church parking lot in order to clean up the Property. It is estimated to take approximately 12 months until completion. In order to ease parking conditions we recommend the following:



1. Car pool with friends, neighbors and relatives.
2. Come early to find a close space.
3. Use uber or lyft to come to church.

STARTING JUNE 1 CHURCH SUMMER HOURS WILL CHANGE

ORTHROS 8:00 AM

DIVINE LITURGY 9:00 AM





"Tokens of Honor for our King"

Our Sunday School students prepared "Tokens of Honor for our King". This is a tradition in our culture which will be practiced by our Orthodox children and their families as a life-long custom to "Honor our King" on Palm Sunday.

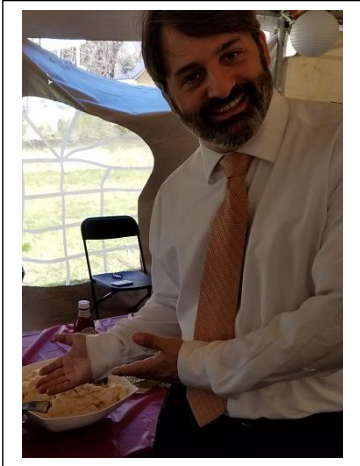
Our children were excited and eager to learn the procedures of making Palm Crosses by the older children teaching the younger ones in addition to the guidance of our dedicated Sunday School teachers.

After being blessed during our Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy, Father George presented each child with his/her personalized Palm Cross to be taken home as a daily remembrance of Our Savior, Jesus Christ.





PALM SUNDAY



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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.

Tickets can still be purchased online or at the ballpark box office.

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

GREEK FESTIVAL HELP
SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017 10AM-11PM

My Dear Brothers and Sister of St. Demetrios,

On Saturday May 27th, we are hosting a one day festival to meet our current expenses of a new roof and crumbling brick repairs. These are items NOT in our budget but the result of years of wear and tear and neglect. These are necessary and NOT cosmetic repairs. While many have given generously to help defray these cost, not all have or are able.

However, all are able to help with the ONE DAY FESTIVAL we are hosting on MAY 27th. We need you, your family members and relatives to come help us, ON this ONE day. The proceeds of this festival keep our church open and in good repair.

This year we are partnering with the City of Perth Amboy for a joint day of Perth Amboy Art show and LIVE 5 HOUR MULTIPLE band performances right in front of our church. We expect record crowds. We may have more people on our property than ever before. YOUR HELP IS CRITICALLY NEED TO SERVICE THE LARGER THAN EXPECTED CROWDS. Parking in the lot will be limited ONLY TO WORKERS WHO HAVE PREREGISTERED WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE TO WORK THAT DAY. We need people for many different job and hours so please call the church and register your help today.

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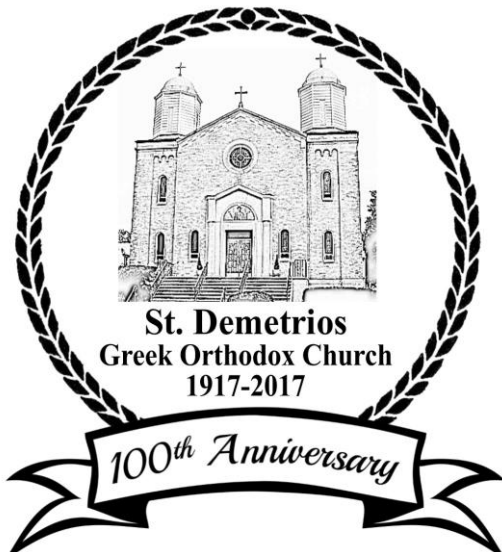
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7 Sunday of the Paralytic	8	9	10 Paraklysis 7pm	11 Seniors Meet 12pm Church	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Paraklysis 7pm	25 Holy Ascension	26	27 Festival 11am-11pm
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			
	Μαΐος 2017					
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	1 Άγιος Ιερεμίας θεία Λειτουργία 10π.μ	2	3	4	5 Αγία Ειρήνη θεία Λειτουργία 10π.μ.	6
7	8	9	10 Παράκληση 7μ.μ.	11 Seniors Meet 12pm Church	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Παράκληση 7μ.μ.	25 Ανάληψη	26	27 Φεστιβάλ 11π.μ.-11μ.μ.
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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