

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Ελληνική Ορθόδοξος Εκκλησία Αγίου Δημητρίου

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Orthros: 9:00 a.m. - Ορθρος 9:00 π.μ.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. – Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 π.μ.

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Message from Father Anastasios



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:4

I feel truly blessed and grateful for having been sent to you, even if it was indeed a great surprise. Many times the Lord does such things with us.

I am thankful to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Grace Bishop Apostolos for having called me to serve your beautiful community of Saint Demetrios in Perth Amboy. Something came over me when I heard Perth Amboy for I had heard many times of you. My adopted mother in Christ, Irene Rithianos of blessed memory would fondly mention you repeatedly on her daily phone calls. I immediately agreed to accept the assignment without giving it a second thought. Even if afterwards I pondered what force caused me to respond with such certainty and promptness.

Without doubt it was the Lord’s call. The loving welcome confirms this. You have received me with such joy and love. You have been amazing in making me feel like I belong to your loving family tending to my every need. It is as though I have come back home.

I can only say at this time “Thank you!” I assure you that you are all in my prayer “with joy because of our partnership in the gospel from the first day.” I expect that the Lord work His mighty deeds in our collaboration to give witness to his Presence in our midst.

Your servant in the Lord,
Fr. Anastasios G. Garaboa

May His Memory Be Eternal



Stavros Tsapatsaris, 79 years old, passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Community Medical Center in Toms River. He is predeceased by his parents Father Nickolas and Presbytera Maria, and his brother Taki Tsapatsaris. Surviving are his wife Virginia; sons Nickolas and wife Ana and Constantino and his fiancée Tamar; brothers Vasili, Leonidas, Dimitri, and Gregory Tsapatsaris; sister Vasiliki; 2 grandchildren Mariam and Michael. He was loved by many nieces and nephews here in the United States and also in Greece. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Stavros was born in Karea, Greece, the son of a priest. He was educated in Greece and graduated as an engineer. He also trained as a Psalti. He entered the United States and was employed by the government during the Vietnam War. As a little boy, he began to assist his father who serviced four churches. Stavros remembers, at the age of five, helping his father on Holy Fridays Services four times in one day. Stavros went into the restaurant business until he suffered heart attacks and continued with heart failure that, eventually, led to a heart transplant. He prayed continuously and with profound humility, prayed to Panagia. He feels Panagia heard his prayers and carried him through a miraculous recovery. He served as a faithful Psalti in several New Jersey Churches.

We, here at Saint Demetrios Church, were enormously blessed to have had Stavros chant for us Sunday after Sunday for 13 years. His chanting was always melodious and filled with a sense of deep, limitless faith.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards a memorial brick to honor of our Psalti, Stavros, please call the office at 732-826-4466.

Ιουλιος - July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.		Great Martyr Panteleimon Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.				

Αυγουστος - August

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Small Paraklesis 7:00 p.m.		Small Paraklesis 7:00 p.m.		Transfiguration Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	Small Paraklesis 7:00 p.m.		Small Parakeysis 7:00 p.m.		Small Paraklesis 7:00 p.m.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
The Dormition of Theotokos Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						
29	30	31				
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						

Σεπτέμβριος – September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.			Nativity Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Holy Cross in Asbury Park No Services		Elevation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						
26	27	28	29	30		
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.						

President's Message



Dearest Parishioners,

*Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

With open hearts and open minds, we welcome our new Parish Priest, Very Rev. Archimandrite Father Anastasios Garaboa.

From the moment he arrived in Perth Amboy, Father Anastasios approached each of us with open arms and a beautiful smile. He was in awe of our wonderful location on the waterfront. Once he entered our Church, he was mesmerized by our magnificent iconography, stained glass windows and the entire spiritual ambiance that exists.

Father Anastasios arrived in the middle of preparations for our Greek Grill, however, he immediately circulated among us introduced himself, chatted with our customers and invited them to tour our Church. A few people took him up on his offer. Surprisingly, a young man to whom Father Anastasios spoke attended our Divine Liturgy service the very next day. Father Anastasios welcomed him with open arms and introduced him to the parishioners in attendance. That was a very special moment!

His Divine Liturgy celebrations are powerful and his strong, melodious voice resonates throughout the walls of our Church.

Through the enthusiasm that he has demonstrated for being with us at Saint Demetrios, Father Anastasios has impressed everyone. His warmth and humble character is evident through his words and deeds.

It appears that Father Anastasios is the one who has welcomed us for the glory of God.

In HIS Service,

Helen Coutros Horan

Parish Council President

Κυριακή των Βαΐων *Palm Sunday*

Την ημέρα αυτή γιορταζουμε την πανηγυρική εισόδο του Κυρίου Ιησού Χριστού στην Ιερουσαλήμ. Τότε, ερχόμενος ο Ιησούς από τη Βηθανία στα Ιεροσόλυμα, έστειλε δύο από τους Μαθητές του και του έφεραν ένα γαϊδουράκι. Καθίσε πάνω του για να μπει στην πόλη.

Ο δέ λαός, ακουγοντας ότι ο Ιησούς έρχεται, πήραν άμεσα στα χέρια τους βέργα από φοινικές και βγήκαν να τον υποδεχτούν. «Άλλοι μὲν με τα ρούχα τους, άλλοι δὲ κόβοντας κλαδιά από τα δέντρα, έστρώναν το δρόμο απ' όπου ο Ιησούς θα περνούσε.» Όλοι μαζί, ακόμα και τα μικρά παιδιά, φώναζαν: «Ωσαννά· ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος εν ονόματι Κυρίου, ο βασιλεύς του Ισραήλ».

Ο Χριστός εισέρχεται στα Ιεροσόλυμα «ἐπι πῶλον ονού». Πορεύεται και οι Ισραηλίτες τον υποδέχονται με τιμές ως Βασιλιά. Εκείνος δὲν δίνει ιδιαίτερη σημασία στις τιμές, δὲν περιορίζεται στο πανηγύρι, στην προσκαιρή δόξα, αλλά προχωρεί στο σταυρό και την Ανάσταση.

Η εισόδος του Χριστού στα Ιεροσόλυμα είναι η εισόδος του μαρτυρίου στην επιγεια ζωή του Κυρίου. Σε λίγες ημέρες θα μαρτυρησει και θα θανατωθει στο σταυρό, για να θανατώσει το θάνατο και να χαρίσει τη ζωή.

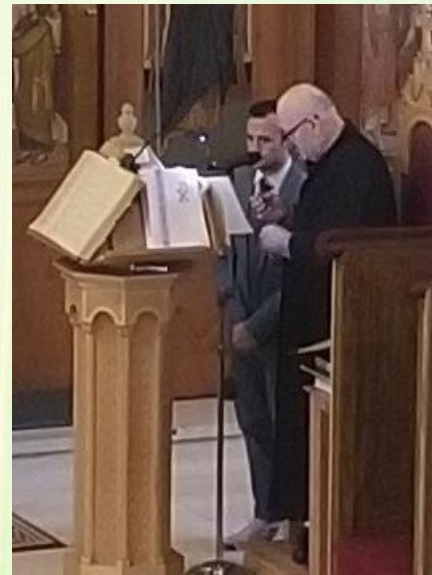


On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of a donkey, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of a donkey, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

Κυριακη, 25 Απριλιου, 2021
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Η Κυριακη των Βαΐων ηταν μια υπεροχη Κυριακη στον Αγιο Δημητριο. Ο Πατερας Γιωργος τελεσε την Θεια Λειτουργια με λαμπροτητα. Η εκκλησια μας ηταν γεματη με πολλους ενοριτες που δεν ειχαμε δει εδω και πολυ καιρο. Ημασταν περιπου 150 ατομα, τηρωντας ομως τις οδηγιες του κρατους και της Ενοριας μας. Οι ενοριτες καθισαν στην αιθουσα και τα καθισματα της εκκλησιας μας καθως και στην αυγδα της χορωδιας. Ειχαμε ζωντανη μεταδοση για πρωτη φορα. Στο τελος της Θειας Λειτουργιας, ο Πατερας Γιωργος μοιρασε τα Βαΐα και ξεκινησαμε ετσι το πνευματικο ταξιδι για την Αγιαν και Μεγαλην Εβδομαδα και την Ανασταση του Κυριου μας Ιησου Χριστου.



It was a glorious Palm Sunday at Saint Demetrios! The church was filled with many Parishioners whom we have not seen in a while, plus, many more children were in attendance which is always delightful. We were able to accommodate about 150 people while maintaining distancing sanitizing and masking requirements. As Father George delivered the beautiful Palm Sunday service and the blessing of the palms, the service was viewed not only from our regular Church pews. We were able to accommodate people in our choir loft, plus, additional seating was available in our church hall with live -streaming for the very first time. Palm crosses were distributed and each child and adult was able to take one home In special memory of this day that, officially, begins our journey to Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Thank You!

Our Greek Fish Fry Platters of Bakaliaros and Skordalia were delicious thanks to our fish fryers Dimitrios Tsivelis, Mattheos Rizitis and Zafe Filindras who fried them up perfectly to a crispy golden coating. They were delectable!



Μεγαλη Τεταρτη - Holy Wednesday

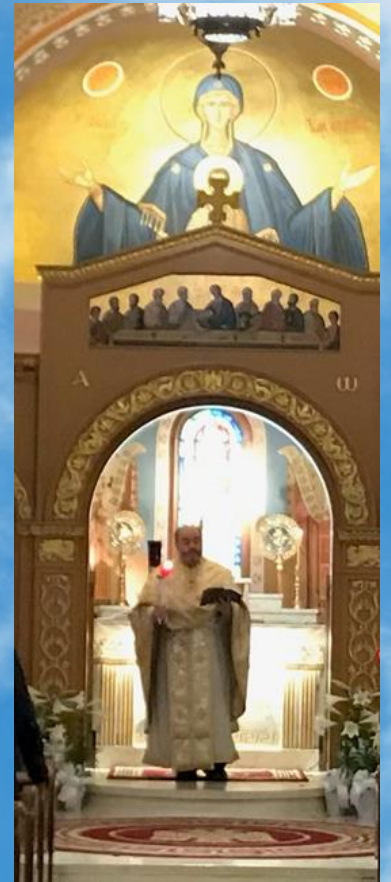


Μεγαλη Παρασκευη - Holy Friday











Πασχα - 2021 - Easter Sunday



Easter Celebration





Mother's Day Celebration- May 9, 2021

Την Κυριακή 9 Μαΐου πραγματοποιήθηκε η Γιορτή της Μητέρας για να τιμησει όλες τις σπουδαίες μητέρες της εκκλησίας του Αγίου Δημητρίου. Αυτήν την ημέρα, μια μητέρα αναγνωρίστηκε και τιμήθηκε για την προσηλωση και την αφοσίωση που έδειξε μέσω των καλών πράξεων και της καλής δουλειάς στο πέρασμα του χρόνου. Η Ευσταθία Μπελιτσης ενίωσε εκπλήξη και χαρά όταν δέχθηκε τον τίτλο της Μητέρας της χρονιάς. Η Ευσταθία είναι πολύ αξια για αυτήν την τιμή. Περιτριγυρίστηκε από τους δύο της γιους, τις νυφές και τα εγγόνια της που την αγαπούν ειλικρίνα. Συγχαρητήρια Ευσταθία!

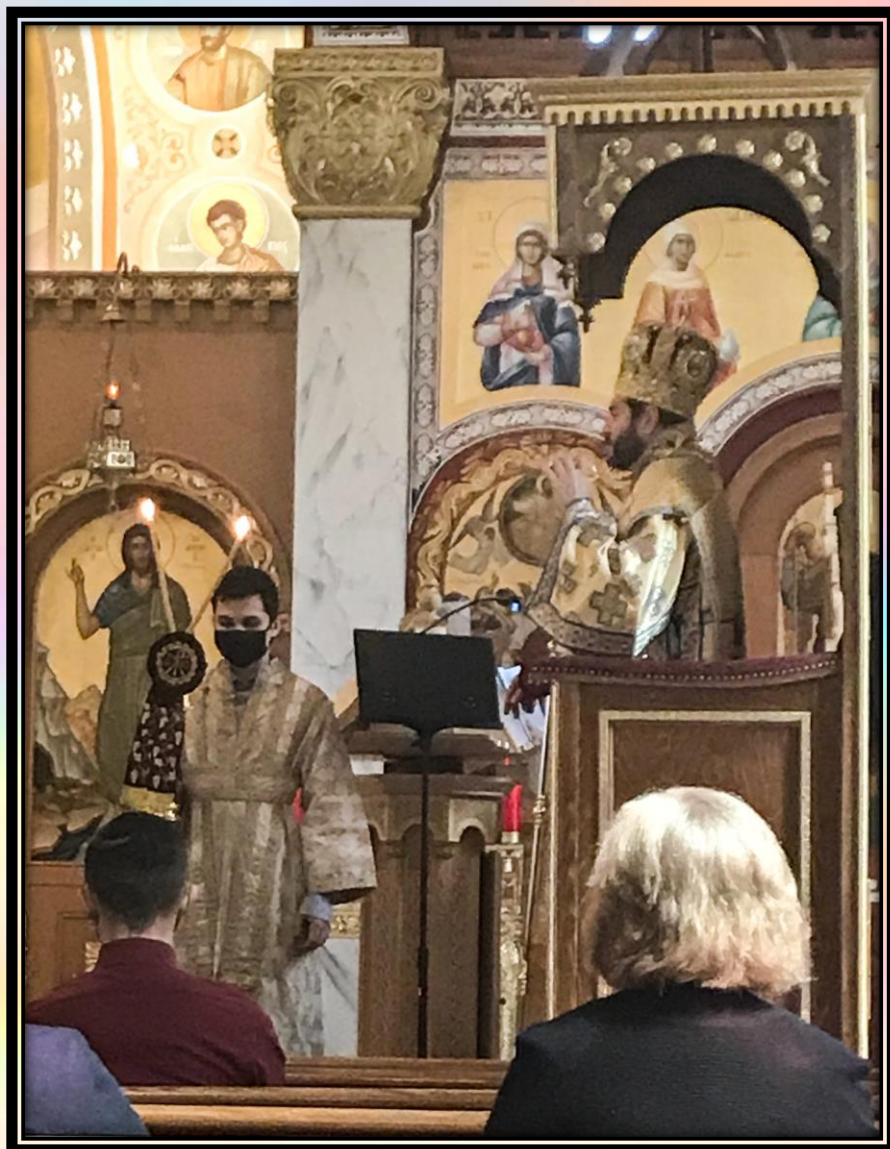
On Sunday, May 9th, our Philoptochos Mother's Day celebration was held to honor all our wonderful mothers at Saint Demetrios Church. On this day, one Mother is recognized and honored for her devotion and dedication through the good deeds and good work she demonstrated over the years. Efstathia Belitsis was surprised and delighted to be named as Mother of the Year. Efstathia is very deserving and worthy of this honor. She was surrounded by her two devoted sons, their wives and her grandchildren who love her dearly. Congratulations, Efstathia!



*His Grace Bishop Apostolos Visit
5/16/2021*



We were elated and delighted with the honor and blessing of welcoming His Grace Bishop Apostolos to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us on May 16th. He's delivery of the Divine Liturgy and his words to our community were heartwarming, encouraging and insightful. Afterwards, His Grace met with our Parish Council to guide us and lead us through the next steps in our journey at Saint Demetrios after the departure of Father George who has been selected to be the Dean of the Theological School at Holy Cross College in Boston. He, then, announced that the Very Reverend Archimandrite Father Anastasios Garaboa has been selected by Archbishop Elpidophoros to become our Parish Priest as of June 1, 2021. The Parish Council was very saddened to hear that Father George was leaving but was grateful to know that we were assigned a new priest so quickly and began to plan for Father Anastasios' arrival immediately.



Beautiful Chrismation 5/30/2021

Η Αντρι Ριζιτη, η γλυκιά, επταχρονη κορη του Ματθαιου και της Τζεσικας Ριζιτη εγινε Ελληνίδα, Ορθοδοξη Χριστιανη, μεσω του ομορφου μυστηριου της βαφτισης. Στο πλευρο της ειχε την Φροσω Μοραλη, η οποια ειχε την τιμη να γινει η νονα της. Ο Θεος να ευλογει την Αντρι!

Audree Rizitis, the sweet, 7 year old daughter of Mattheos and Jessica Rizitis, became a Greek Orthodox Christian through a beautiful Chrismation Service. Her sponsor was Froso Morales who was honored to become her Godmother. God bless, Audree!



*Thank you Father George!
5/30/2021*



ΑΧΙΟΣ!

Congratulations!



Μετα απο πεντε σπουδαια χρονια υπηρεσιας ως ιερεας της ενοριας μας, με την πνευματικη και διδακτικη του ικανοτητα, ο Πατερας Γεωργιος Παρσενιος ειχε την μοναδικη ευκαιρια να απογειωσει την καριερα του ως κοσμητορας στο Ιερο Ελληνικο Ορθοδοξο Σχολειο Θεολογιας στην Βοστωνη οπου και θα ειναι υπευθυνος για την αναπτυξη και την διαπαιδαγωγηση των μαθητων που προοριζονται να γινουν ιερεις. Ειναι ενα ονειρο που γινεται πραγματικοτητα για τον Πατερα Γεωργιο, αφου ηλπιζε να χρησιμοποιησει ολα αυτα τα χρονια εμπειριας για να ασκησει θερμη επιρροη σε αυτους που ακολουθουν τον δρομο της ιεροσυνης. Ειλικρινα ευχαριστουμε τον Πατερα Γεωργιο για την σημαντικη επιρροη που ασκησε σε ολους μας στην εκκλησια του Αγιου Δημητριου, η ενορια μας παντα θα εκτιμαει και θα λατρευει τον χρονο που ο Πατερας Γεωργιος και η οικογενεια του περασε μαζι μας.

Μια ιδιαιτερη, τελετη-εκπληξη πραγματοποιηθηκε μετα την τελευταια Αγια Λειτουργια του Πατερα Γεωργιου, για να τον συγχαρουμε με εκτιμηση, αγαπη και θαυμασμο, χαριζοντας του και δωρα, μια τιμητικη, κρεμαστη πλακα και ενα δερματινο σετ γραφειου για να τον βοηθησει στο ξεκινημα του στην θεση του κοσμητορα. Ακολουθησε μια δεξιωση που εδωσε την δυνατοτητα στους παρευρισκομενους να περασουν εορταστικα τον χρονο τους με την οικογενεια Παρσενιου.

Τα συγχαρητηρια και τις καλυτερες ευχες μας για τον Πατερα Γεωργιο και την οικογενεια του στο νεο τους ταξιδι.

After five wonderful years serving as our parish priest in a spiritual and educational capacity, Father George Parsenios has been offered an exceptional opportunity to further his career as Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston where he will be responsible for developing and nurturing students as future Orthodox priests. This is a dream come true for Father George as he had hoped to use his years of experience to influence those entering the priesthood. We, sincerely, thank Father George for having an important impact on all of us at Saint Demetrios who will always appreciate and treasure the time that he and his family have spent with us.

A special, surprise ceremony was held after Father George's last Divine Liturgy service to congratulate him with expressions of appreciation, love and admiration, plus, gifts of a wall plaque and a leather desk set to begin his position as "Dean" in fine fashion. A reception followed which provided attendees with celebratory time with the Parsenios family.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Father George and his family in their new journey.

SAINT DEMETRIOS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

"She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy." ~ Proverbs 31:20

This was a challenging year for everyone, and yet, with faith and prayer we got through this pandemic and things are carefully but surely returning to normal. For example, the Philoptochos was delighted to once again host a Mother of the Year Celebration. Congratulations go to Efstathia Belitsis, the well-deserved recipient of this award! It is women like Mrs. Belitsis who personify the Philoptochos by donating her time and support to this organization, and we greatly appreciate all that she does. A big thank you goes out to Helen Catelanos, the Chairperson, who arranged for refreshments to be served following the award ceremony.

Congratulations to our graduates as well! Good luck and much success in your future endeavors. May you always keep God close to your heart as you greet each new challenge and adventure that comes your way.

We had the first General Meeting where members of the Philoptochos nominated members for their new Board. The Board was sworn in on May 30th. Please join the Philoptochos in congratulating the new Board members:

Mary Lou K. Rivera (President)

Aphrodite Kanellides (Vice President)

Anna Kyriakatos (Treasurer)

Irene Pakis (Assistant Treasurer)

Helen Catelanos (Corresponding Secretary)

Marietta Khalil (Recording Secretary)

Evelyn Mariolis

Helen Suravlas

Stella Wacker will be the Advisor to the Board

A schedule of upcoming meetings will be available in the fall.

We would like to express our appreciation for the continued support given to the Philoptochos throughout this year. Whether it was a clothes drive, or bake sales, or food for the needy, etc., the donations that came in were AMAZING! Thank you, Saint Demetrios Community for giving so much to those in need.

Just as a reminder, we are still collecting non-perishable food items. We recently donated three full bins of food to the Salvation Army in Perth Amboy. What a great contribution you have made to feed the hungry! Let's continue to help out those in need.

We look forward to a brighter year. Now that we are returning to normal, we hope to increase membership and involvement from individuals of all ages in our community so we may continue to promote the philanthropic ideals of our Philoptochos. Enjoy your summer, and God bless you!

The Philoptochos of Saint Demetrios

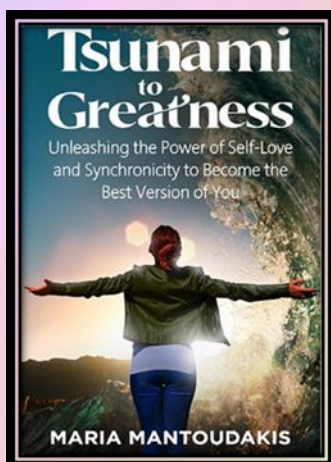
Parish Council

Summertime has arrived! After a long, hard year for everyone, we are beginning to see some signs of normalcy or our new normalcy. May God be with us as we enjoy life without many restrictions while still being careful and cautious.

We are still in a transitional phase here at Saint Demetrios since the sudden announcement of Father George's departure, the Farewell Events, Mother's Day, our Greek Grill, Father's Day and Graduation Sunday. In the middle of all our spring events, we welcomed our new Parish Priest, Father Anastasios. We have all been very busy!

Now that we have accomplished these events, it's time to plan for our next fundraising activities to build our treasury for 2022. We will keep you posted as decisions are made and hope that many of our parishioners are ready to pitch in and help us to fulfill our financial needs.

It will be wonderful working together, again, as the "Saint Demetrios Team" focusing on our vision for the future of our beloved Church.



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Greek Grill Festival

Our first Greek Grill took place on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6 during the first heatwave of the season. Although the weather was not very cooperative, our team worked diligently with a smile to accommodate the customers and produce a profit for our Church. Thank you to everyone who worked at the Grill and to those who were patrons. It was so greatly appreciated.





Thank
you!
Volunteers





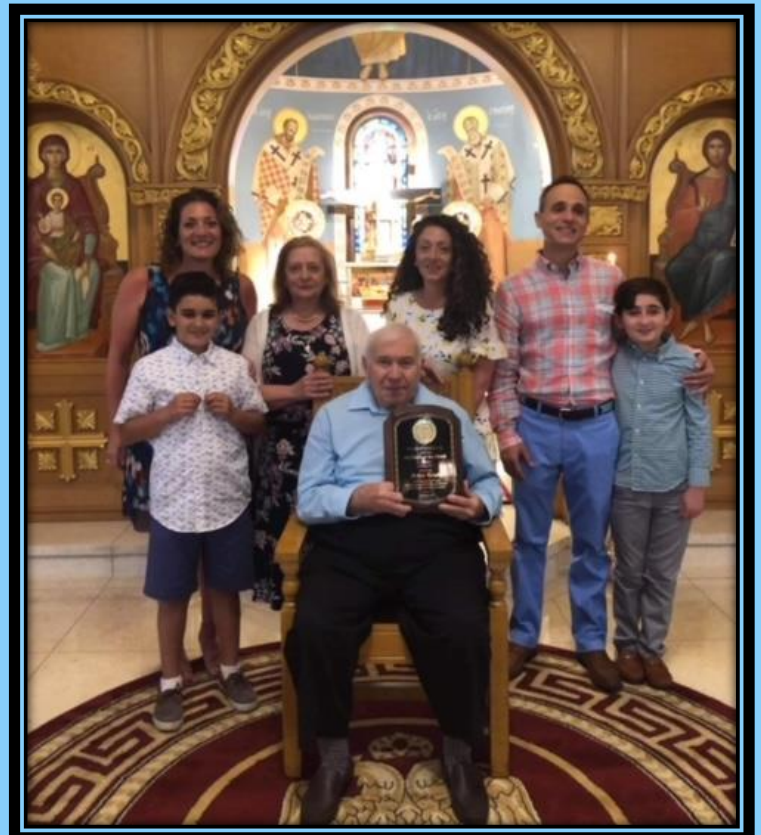
THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you



Happy Father's Day

Ο Πατέρας της χρονιάς ανακοινώθηκε σε ολη την εκκλησιαστικη κοινοτητα μεσω της αναγνωσης του ομορφου του βιου, γραμμενο απο την οικογενεια του. Το ονομα του δεν αποκαλυφθηκε μεχρι το τελος, οσο ο ενθουσιασμος του κοσμου μεγαλωνε. Ο Φωτιος Λασπης εμεινε εκπληκτος οταν διαπιστωσε οτι αυτος ηταν ο Πατερας της χρονιας. Με ταπεινοτητα δεχθηκε την τιμητικη πλακα. Περιτριγυρισμενος απο την οικογενεια του, μας ευχαριστησε ολους για την ιδιαιτερη αναγνωριση του.

Our Saint Demetrios Father of the Year was introduced to our Church Community through the reading of a beautiful biography written by his family. His name was not revealed until the end as the excitement was building. Fotios Laspis was totally surprised by the announcement that he was our Father of the Year. He humbly accepted the plaque in his honor. Surrounded by his family, he thanked everyone for the special recognition.





Θερμα συγχαρητηρια και εις ανωτερα!

Η ευχη της Παναγιας παντα να συνοδευει τα βηματα σας.



Christian Dulin

Christian graduated from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania with a degree in Criminal Justice. He was on the Dean's List and was Vice President of his Lacrosse Team. Christian hopes to have a career in law enforcement.

Kally Durso

Kally graduated on May 12, 2021 with a Masters in Special Education. She thanks her church family who supported her through her academic journey with their words of wisdom and encouragement! Most of all, she wants to thank God and her Greek Orthodox faith for giving her the strength to achieve this great success!





Rachel Giannakopoulos

Rachel graduated from Montclair State University with a Degree in Family Science and Human Development and a minor in Psychology. She intends to work with children.



Deana Gifford

Deana will be graduating Magna Cum Laude from Seton Hall University with a B.S.E. in Integrated Elementary and Special Education and a B.A. in English. While at Seton Hall, Deana was a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi Omega, Hellenic Students Organization, Orthodox Club and Vice President of Communications and Recruitment for the Student Alumni Association.





Elisabeth Gifford

Elisabeth will be graduating Magna Cum Laude, University Honors Program, from Seton Hall University with a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. While at Seton Hall, Elisabeth worked as a Graduate Assistant and Resident Assistant. She was also a member of Rotoract Club, Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE) Club, Hellenic Students Organization and Alpha Phi Omega.

James "Jimmy" Gifford

Jimmy will be graduating from JP Stevens High School and plans to attend Seton Hall University in the fall where he has been accepted into the University Honors Program. While in high school, Jimmy was a member of National Honor Society, French Honor Society, the Soccer Team, Hawkeye Newspaper Club, JP Studios Film Club, and Vice President of the TEDx Club. He also enjoyed playing EDP Soccer for Rahway Arsenal and volunteering at Menlo Park Veterans Home and Rovers International Soccer.



Samantha Koudis

Samantha is our Sunday School Graduate this year. She attended Perth Amboy Vocational High School and James Madison online high school. She will attend Middlesex County College majoring in biology and hopes to have a career in the medical profession.

Graduation Sunday - June 27, 2021

Virtual Sunday School and Greek School students were recognized for their completion and participation in online classes this school year with certificates and gifts. Teachers were, also, recognized for their service. High school, college and graduates with advanced degrees were honored by our Philoptochos. Father Anastasios gave certificates of appreciation and gifts to our Altar Servers for their participation in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Everyone enjoyed refreshments outside on this beautiful Sunday which were sponsored by our Saint Demetrios PTO.



Τα ιεροπαιδα της Εκκλησίας μας

Η Εκκλησία είναι ένας ιερός τόπος, ο Οίκος του Θεού. Τα ιεροπαιδα αποτελούν πολυτιμο βοήθο στην τελεση της Θείας Λειτουργίας. Φορούν ειδικά αμφιά και βοηθούν τους ιερείς και τους επισκόπους να υπηρετούν καλύτερα τον Θεό και την Εκκλησία. Αντιπροσωπεύουν τους αγγέλους της Εκκλησίας, επειδή είναι αγνά και πάντα έτοιμα να βοηθήσουν όσους χρειάζονται βοήθεια. Είναι μεγάλη τιμή να υπηρετείς ως ιεροπαιδο.

Τα ιεροπαιδα όταν βρίσκονται στο χώρο του ιερού, υπηρετούν με μεγάλο σεβασμό και ζήλο την εκκλησία και είναι αξία επαινού. Παρακαλούμε τους γονείς να ενθαρρύνουν τα αγόρια τους να έρχονται στο Ιερό γιατί προσφέρουν σημαντικό έργο προς το Χριστό με αγάπη και έτσι η πίστη τους ενδυναμώνει πνευματικά.

Ευχαριστούμε όλα τα ιεροπαιδιά που βοηθούν όλο το χρόνο. Ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί πάντα.

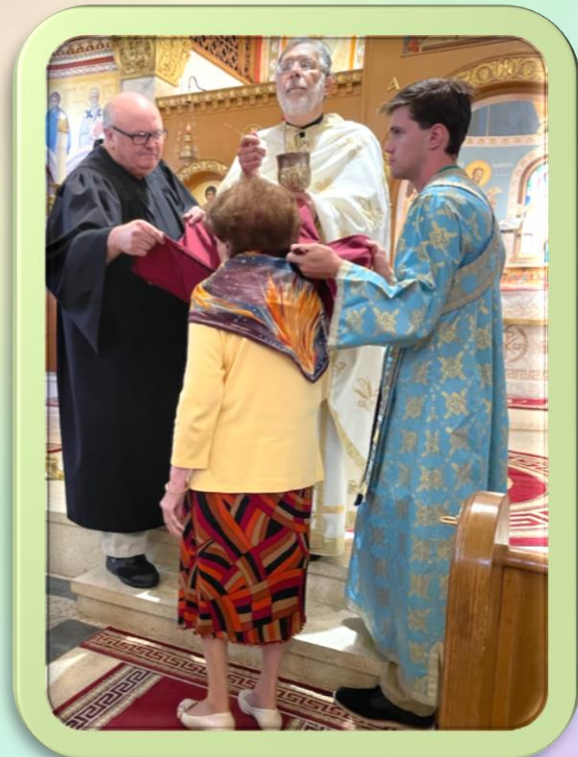


The Altar Servers of Saint Demetrios

The Church is a sacred place, the House of God. The Altar Servers wear special vestments and help the priests and bishops to better serve God and the Church. They represent the angels of the Church because they are pure and are always ready to help those who need help. It is a great honor to serve as an Altar Server.

We would like to thank our newest member, William (Bill) Spillman. Thank you for service!

Also, thank you to all our Altar Servers of Saint Demetrios for their continued dedication and love for our Church. God bless you always.



THANK YOU!

Message From Our Church Ministries



All of our Church Ministries wish each and every parishioner a happy, healthy summer with great anticipation of a new exciting Ecclesiastical Church Year ahead beginning in September with a “Welcome Back Picnic”. Plans are in place so please look for details in August.

We all extend our sincerest appreciation and gratitude for your support and participation in all our activities and events, plus, your love for our beloved Saint Demetrios Church.

Please know that our Church is open for everyone the entire summer so please remember Saint Demetrios often since we must continue to pay our Church expenses the entire summer, as well.

May you all have God’s blessings for safe travels and safe vacations!

Enjoy the summer months with your families and friends but please remember to pray and attend Church services regularly.

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