



# St. Demetrios *Parish Newsletter* June 2013

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## TO BE CLOSER TO GOD

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, approximately thirty Sunday School students gathered in our church hall to make special crosses for Palm Sunday. Our High School students were especially helpful and very patient in teaching the younger students the step-by-step process of making the crosses.

Each student made a palm cross which was customized through selections of flowers, ribbons and personalized with his or her own name card. Once the crosses were finished, they were carefully arranged on silver trays and blessed by Father Michaels during the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy. The crosses were then returned to each child, individually, by Father Michaels at the end of the service.

As seen in the photographs below, our students were very pleased with their finished products and happily posed to demonstrate their pride. Their smiles certainly speak for themselves. The children enjoyed the experience of playing a significant role in this treasured Orthodox tradition and were delighted to add embellishments that created unique crosses of their very own which may be kept in their homes for many years to come.

Father Michaels complimented the children on their beautiful crosses and was impressed with how the older students were able to instruct the younger students in passing on this valued custom for our future generations. He, also, made a very poignant statement by saying that "when you teach a child to make a cross, you teach him to be closer to God.



### 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

Christos Anesti!

It's hard to believe that 2 years as president have gone by. I like to thank my Board and members for their support during my presidency. We had a general meeting and board nominations on May 20th.

During the 2012 - 2013 year we had hurricane Sandy, Thanksgiving baskets, and our 90 year celebration Fashion show. We have met our national, Metropolis, and local commitments and we are looking forward to spending the summer with our families.

Congratulations to the Mother of the year Irene Pakis and Clergy Laity honoree Sylvia Kress. Enjoy your summer - we will resume our duties anew in September. I am looking forward to my trip in June to see our Patriarch Bartholomew in Turkey, and to sharing the highlights with you when I return.

Yours in Christ,  
Stella Wacker



### June 2013 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

#### 2 June

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Κυριακή Ε΄ της Σαμαρειτιδος

Epistle:

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

#### 9 June

Sunday of the Blind Man

Κυριακή ΣΤ΄ του Τυφλου

Epistle:

Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

#### 16 June

Fathers of the 1st Council

Κυριακή Ζ΄ των 318 Αγίων Πατερων

της Α΄ Οικομ. Συνοδου

Epistle:

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

#### 22 June

Saturday of Souls

10:00 AM Liturgy

#### 23 June

Holy Pentecost

Κυριακή Η΄ της Πεντηκοστης

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

#### 29 June

Apostles Peter and Paul

Liturgy 10:00 AM

#### 30 June

The Sunday of All Saints

Α΄ Ματθαίου των Αγίων Παντων

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

### SERVICES

(unless otherwise stated)

Sunday Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

During 2013 Weddings will not be held during Pentecost June 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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



## Parish Council

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

June marks the half-way point of the calendar year. It is a time of transition. Spring gives way into summer. The Long Lenten Season has given way to Easter, and the Ascension. We begin the second half of the church year, with our church festival May 31, June 1 and June 2. Your help in any way is needed to help our church obtain the crucial finances it needs to pay our bills. Following our Festival, we celebrate graduation for several of our GOYANS, also scheduled, after the long Lenten period, many christenings and weddings will take place. In other words, plans are speeding up as events pick up.

In all this planning, we must remember to stop and ask God to guide our way. **Ask God** to guide the path of our young people who graduate this month, showing them the right path as Good Christians and happy adults. **Ask God** to bless and be fruitful to couples being joined into matrimony as one in the Church with Jesus Christ. **Ask God** to accept and bless the newest of our young Christians being baptized into the Orthodox faith.

We live in a fast paced world at home, work, our country and the world. We are confronted with so many challenges, so many pressures, and so many stressors. Prayer through God's church is the one constant that we can rely upon. It is the one sure and solid everlasting, unconditional love that we know is true and we can always rely upon. No matter how busy the world gets, God is there for us and we should never forget to turn to him. Whenever we think things are beyond us, and they may be, never forget they are NOT beyond our Heavenly Father.

So I invite you come to God's House this Sunday and every Sunday to speak with God, give him the Honor and Praise he deserves and ask him to be your Master Planner.

Yours in Christ,

Kateina Ganiaris Church Board President

"Anyone wishing to join a newly formed prayer group please contact Peter Christopoulos."



## Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο

Κατίνα Γανιάρης - Πρόεδρος  
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Κωνσταντίνος Αχλαδιανακης  
Νικος Πακης

Πρόεδρος της Νεολαίας:  
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Αν εχετε προσκομισεις και ιδεες για  
το εκκλησιαστικο μας περιοδικο,  
επικοινωνηστε με τον Κωνσταντινο  
Κουσουλας:

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Τελευταία ημερα για να  
προσκομισετε τα φυλλαδια σας για  
το περιοδικο είναι καθε 10 του  
μηνος.

### Συντακτες του μηνιαιο περιοδικου

Αιδ. Αγγελος Ι. Μιχαλιος  
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Κατίνα Γανιάρης  
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Μαρια Κακαδελη  
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## ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ

### ΜΥΝΗΜΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ

*Εχε πιστη και εμπιστοσυνη στον Κυριον και μην βασιζεσαι στην δικη σου αντιληψη σε  
ολες τις κατευθυνσεις.*

*Αναγνωρισε αυτον και θα σε οδηγηση στον ισιο δρομο. (Παραβολες 3:5-6)*

Ο Ιουνιος σημειωνει την μιση περιοδο του εκκλησιαστικου μας ετους. Είναι ο καιρος αλλαγης. Η Ανοιξη μας οδηγει στο Καλοκαιρι. Η μακρα περιοδος της Σαρακοστης μας φτανει στο Πασχα και στην Αναληψη του Κυριου. Αρχιζομε τωρα την δευτερη περιοδο του Εκκλησιαστικου ετους με το Φεστιβαλ της εκκλησιας μας, 31 Μαΐου, 1<sup>η</sup> Ιουνιου και 2<sup>α</sup> Ιουνιου. Η βοηθεια ολων μας είναι αναγκαια για να βοηθησωμε την εκκλησια μας, ωστε να ανταπεξελθη τις κρισιμες οικονομικες της αναγκες που χρειαζεται για να πληρωση τα εξοδα της. Μετα το Φεστιβαλ, εορταζομε τις εξετασεις για τα παιδια της νεολαίας μας. Επισης, μετα την περιοδο της σαρακοστης εχωμε αρκετα μυστηρια βαπτησεων και γαμων. Με αλλα λογια τα σχεδια μας προχωρουν καθως καταγραφομε τα μυστηρια.

Με ολα αυτα τα σχεδια πρεπει να θυμηθουμε και να παρακαλεσωμε τον Θεον να μας οδηγηση στον σωστο δρομο. Να ζητησωμε τον Θεον να φωτηση τα νεα παιδια μας που αποφοιτουν τον μηνα αυτο και να τους οδηγηση στο σωστο δρομο σαν καλους χριστιανους και χαρουμενους ανθρωπους. Να ζητησωμε απο τον Θεον να ευλογηση τα νεα ζευγαρια που ερχονται εις γαμον κοινωνίας, να ζησουν μια ευτυχισμενη ζωη κοντα στην εκκλησια και τον Χριστον. Επισης, να δεχθη και να ευλογηση τα νεα παιδια να βαπτίζονται στην Ορθοδοξη πιστη μας.

Ζουμε σε ενα γρηγορο βηματισμο στο σπιτι, στην εργασια, στην χωρα μας και στον κοσμο ολον. Αντιμετωπιζωμε πολλες προκλησεις, πολλες πιεσεις και πολλες εντασεις. Η προσευχη για μεσου της εκκλησιας του Θεου είναι η μονη σταθερη λυση που πρεπει να βασιζομαστε. Είναι η μονη βεβαια και σταθερη απεραντη και ανευ ορων αγαπη που ξερωμε ως αληθινη και παντοτε βασιζομαστε σ'αυτη. Οσο και απασχολημενος να είναι ο κοσμος, ο Θεος είναι εκει για μας και ποτε δεν πρεπει να ξεχναμε να επιστρεφομε σ'Αυτον. Οποτε νομιζομε οτι τα πραγματα είναι περαν των δυναμεων μας, να μην ξεχναμε οτι ΔΕΝ είναι περαν της δυναμης του Ουρανιου Πατερα μας.

Ετσι σας προσκαλω να ελθετε στον οικον του Θεου την Κυριακη και καθε Κυριακη να μιλησετε με τον Θεον και να δωσετε σε Αυτον την Τιμην και Δοξαν που αξιζει, και να τον παρακαλεσετε να γινη ο Κυριος οδηγος της ζωης σας.

Με αγάπη Χριστού,

Κατίνα Γανιάρης Πρόεδρος Διοικητικου Συμβουλιου



## The Metropolis of New Jersey “Schools Initiative”

Although many are aware that our seminary, Halki, was closed many years ago, few know that we still have operational Greek schools in Constantinople. The three schools, Megali Tou Genous Scholi, Zographeion and Zappeion, have been in existence for hundreds of years and are housed in architecturally beautiful structures in Constantinople.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Stamatios Kartalopoulos and Anita Kartalopoulos addressed the NJ Metropolis Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Convention in Garfield, New Jersey regarding the three operating schools in Constantinople and how we, as the Metropolis of New Jersey, can support them and the over 200 children who are being educated there.

This initiative involves fund raising for two of the schools, Zappeion and Zographeion, which are experiencing financial difficulties. Moved by the presentation regarding the historical nature of the schools, their current accomplishments and the desire to keep them operational, active institutions of the Greek Orthodox Community of Constantinople, both assemblies enthusiastically embraced the

initiative. By adopting the New Jersey Metropolis Schools Initiative, the delegates at the Metropolis Clergy Laity as well as the Philoptochos lovingly recognized that unless the Zographeion and Zappeion Schools are supported in some way that can help them through the current economic crisis, they could be closed and these cherished institutions will be lost to the government of Turkey.

The New Jersey Metropolis Schools Initiative is proceeding under the auspices of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos, who, along with Dr. and Mrs. Kartalopoulos, has been supporting the individual students at the schools for over 10 years.

The Clergy of the Metropolis of New Jersey, also moved by what they learned about the schools, immediately responded with a donation for the children. Delegates at the Clergy Laity also responded immediately with donations and statements of support.

The Philoptochos Delegates' adoption of this very worthy project included that all chapters, according to their abilities, shall act immediately (through board resolution) to make a contribution to the

Philoptochos of Metropolis of NJ for the purpose of assisting in the critical situation that currently exists at the Zographeion and Zappeion Schools. Chapter donations will collectively fund the gift that will be hand carried by a delegation, which includes Metropolis of NJ Philoptochos President and Board Members, and given to the Patriarch himself during the Philoptochos Pilgrimage to Constantinople in June.

New Jersey Metropolis Philoptochos chapters are already responding to this call for the support of our beautiful children in Constantinople. All funds will be collected through the Metropolis for purposes of efficiency and transparency. Anyone who wishes to contribute may do so by sending a check to the Metropolis of New Jersey, 215 Grove Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Checks should be marked “School Donation”.

All checks should be made payable to **Metropolis of NJ Philoptochos** and sent to our offices at **215 East Grove Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090-1656, ATTENTION: STELLA WACKER, TREASURER.**





## Η «Πρωτοβουλία Σχολείων» της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως της Νέας Υερσέης

Παρόλον ότι πολλοί γνωρίζουν ότι η ιερατική σχολή της Χάλκης έχει κλείσει εδώ και πολλά χρόνια, ολίγοι γνωρίζουν ότι υπάρχουν σχολεία κατωτέρας καί μέσης εκπαίδευσης στην Κωνσταντινούπολη. Τα σχολεία πού λειτουργούν εδώ και εκατοντάδες έτη στην Πόλη σέ καλαίσθητα αρχιτεκτονικά κτήρια είναι: η Μεγάλη του Γένους Σχολή, το Ζωγράφειον Λύκειον, καί το Ζάππειον.

Την 15<sup>η</sup> Μαΐου, ο Δρ Σταμάτιος Καρταλόπουλος καί η σύζυγός του Ανίτα Καρταλοπούλου έκαναν μία παρουσίαση στο Κληρο-Λαϊκό καί Φιλόπτωχος Συνέδριο της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως της Νέας Υερσέης μέ κεντρικό θέμα τα τρία σχολεία της Κωνσταντινούπολης, τους 200 μαθητές των, καί την υποστήριξη των.

Η «Πρωτοβουλία Σχολείων» αυτή, στοχέβει στήν οικονομική στήριξη των δύο εκ των τριών σχολείων, το Ζωγράφειον καί το Ζάππειον, τα οποία έχουν τελευταία οικονομικές δυσκολίες. Κατόπιν της

παρουσίασης αυτής, καί λαμβάνοντας υπόψιν την ιστορικότητα των σχολειων, την αρίστη δραστηριότητα καί τα επιτεύγματα των εν λόγω σχολείων, συνδουαζόμενη μέ την επιθυμία νά παραμείνουν εν λειτουργεία στην Ελληνο-Ορθόδοξη Κοινότητα της Κωνσταντινούπολης, το Κληρο-Λαϊκό καί η Φιλόπτωχος αποδεύχθηκαν μέ ενθουσιασμό την «Πρωτοβουλία Σχολείων» καί την οικονομική υποστήριξή τους ώστε νά παραμείνουν ανοικτά καί εν λειτουργεία, καί νά μήν «χαθούν» στην Τουρκική κυβέρνηση.

Κατόπιν αυτού, η «Πρωτοβουλία Σχολείων» της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως της Νέας Υερσέης προχωρά υπό την αιγίδα του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου κ. Ευαγγέλου, ο οποίος, μετά του Δρος καί κυρία Καρταλοπούλου, εδώ καί 10 έτη υποστηρίζουν αριστεύοντας μαθητάς των σχολείων της Πόλης. Ο Κλήρος καί ο Λαός της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως της Νέας Υερσέης, ευαισθητοποιηθέντες με την παρουσίαση, ομοφώνως

δωρεές αμέσως.

Τα αντιπροσωπεύοντα μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου συνεφώνησαν νά συλλέξουν χρήματα από όλες τις ενορίες διά την οικονομική στήριξη των δύο εν λόγω σχολείων, το Ζωγράφειον Λύκειον καί το Ζάππειον καί νά τα παραδώσουν στην Μητρόπολη. Τά συλλεχθέντα χρήματα θά τά παραδώση στον Πατριάρχη μας στην Κωνσταντινούπολη η πρόεδρος της Φιλοπτώχου Νέας Υερσέης κατά την ήδη προγραμματισθήσα επίσκεψη μελών της Φιλοπτώχου τον Ιούνιο.

Η κάθε φιλόπτωχος των ενοριών μας έχει ήδη αρχίσει να ανταποκρίνεται στην Πρωτοβουλία αυτή με ενθουσιασμό. Τα συλλεγόμενα χρήματα διά τον σκοπό αυτό θά αποστέλονται στην Μητρόπολη Νέας Υερσέης, καί θά διαχειρίζονται μέ απόλυτη διαφάνεια. Όποιος θέλει νά συνεισφέρει ιδιαιτέρως, μπορεί νά αποστείλει την δωρεά του στην διεύθηση:

**Metropolis of New Jersey, 215 Grove Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.** Τα τσέκς πρέπει νά γίνουν στο όνομα **Metropolis of NJ Philoptochos**, μέ υποσημείωση **School Donation.**

υπεστήριξαν την προσπάθεια αυτή καί συνεισέφεραν οικονομικές





## Get to Know Your Parish Council Representatives: Helen Horan



As a new Parish Council Member, I am honored to serve our St. Demetrios Church Community in this capacity. As I begin this new journey, I would like to tell you a little about myself.

As a young girl, I was impressed by my teachers and always knew that I wanted to emulate them. I went through the Perth Amboy School System

and graduated from Perth Amboy High School. From there, I continued my education at Trenton State College and attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Teaching Certificate, Master of Arts Degree in Urban Education and my Principal/Supervisor Certificate, as well.

I was ever so proud to become a teacher in my hometown of Perth Amboy, where I remained for my entire career in education. I taught third grade and first grade prior to becoming the school's Vice Principal in 1990 and, subsequently, Principal in 2000. Serving on several school and district committees, I was an actively involved teacher and administrator working on numerous initiatives and innovative projects over the years.

In 1986, I received the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award. In 2001, as the School 10 Principal, I was awarded a Dodge Fellowship Grant to study and implement the tenets of Brain-Based Learning. The demolition of School 10 was a bittersweet experience when the entire school staff and I witnessed the destruction of our

treasured school and the rise of a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility in its place which I often refer to as the "Rise of the Phoenix". Now, the Dr. Herbert N. Richardson 21st Century School is the home of the "Star Polishers" and their "Shining Star" students.

After 41 years in education, I made the decision to retire in July of 2011 and became babysitter of my precious grandson, Christopher, who is the light of my life. My family and I have always been active parishioners of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. My grandfather, Vasilios Coutros, was one of the founders of the first Greek Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy located on High St. That dates back to the 1930s. I'm a third generation parishioner. My father, Louis Coutros, also served on the Parish Council and my mother, Georgia, was an extremely active parent as I went through Sunday School, Greek School, the GOYA and Maids of Athena. Once my own daughter, Kelly, started Sunday School in 1984, I became a Sunday School teacher and have continued ever since then. I was very proud and honored to receive the Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award in 2002.

Now, as a Parish Council Member, I promise to work towards the betterment of our church community together with our Priest, my fellow council members and all of you who have mutual love and respect for our heritage, our culture and our faith.

Please do not hesitate to approach me or any of the Parish Council Members with your wishes for the vision of our church community. Together, we can make great strides in bolstering great pride and esteem and in honoring our past generations who worked so diligently to build and preserve the community that we all love so dearly today.

*Helen Horan has been elected Parish Council Secretary due to the recent resignation of another parish council member*



## Palm Sunday 2013

Beloved members of our community,

The committee of the celebration of Palm Sunday wishes you “A Happy and Healthy Resurrection.” This year at the Palm Sunday Luncheon, 150 parishioners gathered as a family in our community center and enjoyed the delicious food which our expert chefs prepared for us.

We would like to thank all the vendors and parishioners for their generous contributions to help make our Palm Sunday Luncheon a successful event. To all volunteers, we thank you for all the hard work and continued support that helps make our community stronger each year. Many thanks to our chefs, Petros Ganiaris, Alex Vosinas, and Mike Patras for their time and talent.

A special thank you to our Philoptohos for providing our desert and our wonderful young members of the St. Demetrios N.A.D. A special thank you to George Seitis who provided us with the fish for the evening from the different restaurants and diners. With everyone’s donations and contributions, we were able to collect the amount of \$3,500 for the needs of our church.

Once again we thank you for your support and wish that St. Demetrios will be our protector Saint for all of us and our families, and we wish you a “a happy and healthy summer”.

Sincerely,

The Palm Sunday Committee

## **Κυριακη των Βαΐων 2013**

Αγαπητα μελη της Κοινοτητας μας,

Η επιτροπη της ημερας των Βαΐων, σας ευχομαστε «Χριστος Ανεστη» και ευχομαστε να περασατε καλα της Αγιες Ημερες του Πασχα και η Ανασταση του Χριστου να σας φερει γαληνη, ψυχικη ηρεμια και παντα υγεια σε ολους. Φετος το γευμα των Βαΐων, 150 ατομα συγκεντρωθηκαν σαν μια οικογενεια και απολαυσανε τα νοστιμοτατα φαγητα που με αγαπη μας προετοιμασανε τα εμπειρα χερια των μαγειρων μας.

Ενα μεγαλο και θερμο ευχαριστω στους ιδιοκτητες των εστιατοριων και σε οσους προσφερανε οικονομικη και υλικη βοηθεια. Με ολα αυτα τα ατομα και με την επιτροπη της ημερας, φροντισαμε να καλυψουμε τα εξοδα μας. Ευχαριστουμε πολυ τους μαγειρους: Πετρος Γανιαρις, Αλεξανδρος Βοσινας, και Μιχαλης Πατρας για την ορα και τα ταλεντα τους.

Ενα ιδιαιτερο ευχαριστω στην Φιλοπτωχος μας για την προσφορα των επιδορπιων. Ευχαριστουμε και τα υπεροχα μικρα μελη του Αγιου Δημητριου τις Νεολεας μας. Ευχαριστουμε τον κυριο Γιωργο Σείτη, που με τις γνωριμιες του, φροντισε να καλυψη ολο το ψαρι. Κατορθωσαμε να συγκεντρωσουμε \$3,500 για τις αναγκες της εκκλησιας μας.

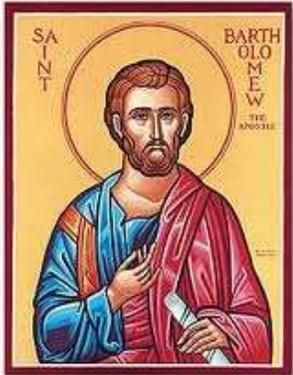
Για αλλη μια φορα σας ευχαριστουμε για την υποστηριξη σας και ευχομαστε ο Αγιος Δημητριος να ειναι παντα προστατης και βοηθος ολων μας. Σας ευχομαστε να εχετε ενα "Καλο και Χαρουμενο Καλοκαιρι".

Με εκτιμηση,

Η Επιτροπη της Κυριακης των Βαΐων



### St Bartholomew



We celebrate the feast day of Saint Bartholomew on June 11<sup>th</sup>. St Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles, and had Galilee as his homeland; this is all that is known of him for certain according to the history of the Gospels. Concerning his apostolic work, certain say that he preached in Arabia and Persia, and especially in India, bringing to them the Gospel written by Saint Matthew, which had been written originally in Hebrew, and which was found there one hundred years later by Pantaenus, formerly a stoic philosopher and later an illustrious teacher of the Christian school in Alexandria (see Eusebius, Eccl. Hist., 5: 10).

Other accounts say that he went to Armenia. According to some, he ended his life by being crucified, or by being flayed alive, in Albanopolis (Urbanopolis) of Armenia. This also confirms an ancient tradition preserved by the Armenians. According to some, Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person, because the Evangelists who mention Bartholomew do not mention Nathanael; and John, who alone mentions Nathanael as one of the Twelve, says nothing of Bartholomew.

Indeed, Bartholomew is a patronymic, "son of Talmai," which means "bold, spirited" (see also Jesus of Navi 15:14; II Kings 3:3), and Nathanael could have had this as a surname. According to the Synaxarion of the Menaion on April 22, however, it is Simon the Zealot and Nathanael who are the same; the Evangelists who mention Simon the Zealot (or "the Canaanite") do not mention Nathanael.

### Mother of the Year 2013



This year's Mother of the Year is Irene Pakis. Her life is defined by hard work, education and excellence. She is the mother of 2 boys and a grandmother of 2 beautiful little girls. Irene Pakis was born in Greece, married in March of 1964 in Athens and gave birth to her first child in June 1965. By 1967 Pakis family moved to New Jersey. Their second child was born in March 1968.

Irene is a very ambitious strong woman who always strove to improve and educate herself. She loves reading and filled her house with books, magazines, encyclopaedias and newspapers. She has always had a lifelong commitment to learning and self-improving.

She and her husband raised their two young boys during the 1970's. She worked retail during the day and found time to earn her college degree at night. Upon earning her degree she was offered a job as a bank teller. She was exceptional at her job and eventually became branch manager. She worked for the same bank for her entire career.

She didn't stop working after retiring from banking. She went back to school to obtain her Montessori teaching certificate and now helps manage a very successful preschool.

She has been an active member in the P.T.O., the Mr. & Mrs. Club, served as Philoptochos President and Treasurer and serves now as Choir Director. She has chaired Tricky Tray, St. Demetrios Day, Mothers Day, Vasilopita luncheons and many many more community activities and events.

She is selfless with her time. Even with her busy life style she has always found time to help family, friends and the church. To this day she devotes her time to her family, friends, work to the church and the church organizations.



## “Come and See”

### 2013 SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD PART 1

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: City: State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Profession/Trade/Skills: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession/Trade/Skills \_\_\_\_\_  
 (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

#### In gratitude for God’s blessings I / we make the following commitment to the ministries of St. Demetrios Church:

A total amount of: \$520 \_\_ \$750 \_\_ \$1,000 \$ 2,500 More/Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ semi-annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually  
*Come and See God work through your talents, skills and experience, as well as your financial support.  
 Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do.  
 We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.*

## “Come and See”

### 2013 SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD PART 2

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I / We would like to offer my/our time & talents to the ministries, organizations, and activities of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in the following areas:

*Please check*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Management      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Language School                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Camp                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Elderly / Infirm              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking - Events or Outreach               | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator Project            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer - general                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering / Welcome          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer-Web Site Management                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Festival                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Picnic               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media Liaison / Public Affairs              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical / Plumbing / Electrical         | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in liturgy)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Monthly Newsletter                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Building maintenance        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Work                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Dance                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Content Editor for Monthly Newsletter |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish New Year’s Eve Celebration           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways and Means Committee                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Network/support group for job seekers       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and Evangelism                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Y.A.L. (Young Adult League)                | <input type="checkbox"/> J.O.Y. (Jr. Orthodox Youth) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Weekly Bulletin                      | <input type="checkbox"/> G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |  |

*Come and See God work through your talents, skills and experience, as well as your financial support.*

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#### April 2013 - St. Demetrios Church Profit-Loss Statement

Total Monthly Income: \$16,674.12  
 Total Monthly Expense: \$18,299.83  
 Net Monthly (Loss): **-\$1,625.71**

The Parish Council plans to list the names of all those who have pledged and/or contributed towards their 2013 Stewardship Commitment in the July newsletter.

If you wish to have your name included, kindly complete the above form and return your 2013 Stewardship Commitment to the Church office by Friday, June 7th, 2013.



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

  
**CAROL KHALIL**

Graduated JFK High School Woodbridge NJ

  
Middlesex County College

Carol Khalil is 18 yrs old and graduating from JFK Memorial H.S. in Woodbridge. She will be attending Middlesex County College where she will be studying journalism. Carol attends Sunday School and is an active member of St. Demetrios NAD.

**Hobbies include: Volleyball, hanging out with friends and listening to music**

  
**ALEXANDRA J. RIVERA**

Graduated JUNE 1, 2013 Cardinal McCarick

  
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Alexandra attended St. Demetrios Sunday School since she was 2 months old! Alexandra was Co-Captain for the undefeated St. Demetrios Volleyball Team; she is currently the President of the GOYA and has participated in and won several awards for Sights & Sounds and Outdoor Olympics. She is also a member of the GOYA Dance Team.

**Hobbies include: Karate (1st Degree Black Belt), loves to solve Rubik's cubes, play piano, and write poetry**

### Senior News

Fifteen members were in attendance at the April 11th meeting. went very well with 15 attendees. President Tana Kizidis spoke about Arista who visited the Olive Street Community Center. Arista provided printed material about diets for diabetics and those with high blood pressure. These were discussed in detail at the meeting. Tana distributed pens to all present. The pens were donated by Arista.

Following general business a great Lenten lunch was enjoyed by all. Freida Kusulas made and donated lentil soup. Dino Mariolis made tuna salad which Evelyn Mariolis then made into sandwiches in the kitchen and served them with chips. Lee Corodemus donated "paximadia".

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Congratulations to Michelle Attonis on the baptism of her son Nikolas. Να σου ζησαι! 🐟

Congratulations to Angelique & Dimitrios Tsivelis on the baptism of their son Angelo. Να σας ζησαι!. 🐟

Congratulations to Katerina Antonatos and Zoe Irend Muha on the 40 day blessing of their children. 🐟

Our deepest Sympathy to the family of Teddy Kalamaras. May his memory be eternal.

### Mother of the Year 2012

I wish to offer my apologies and recognize Evelyn Mariolis as the outgoing Mother of the Year 2012. The July and August "bulletins" of 2012 were not published and consequently Evelyn was not properly acknowledged for her achievement. – Dino Kusulas



Congratulations to the Clergy Laity honorees from our community recognized at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Clergy Laity banquet.

Despina Stamateris honored as our oldest parishioner.

Hon. Marina Corodemus honored as outstanding steward.

Sylvia Kress was our Philotochos honoree.

Katina Vosinas was our G.O.Y.A. honoree.



~ June 2013 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Festival
2 Festival Sunday School Graduation Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42	3	4 G.O.Y.A. Meeting Elections	5 Greek School 5-7PM	6	7	8
9 Greek School Graduation Epistle Acts of the Apostles: 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38 Memorial Service: Teddy Kalamaras	10 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	11	12	13 Holy Ascension Liturgy 10AM	14	15 Baptism Sophia Wyrzten 3PM Baptism Arianna Kross 430PM
16 Father's Day  Epistle: 20:16-18, 28- 36 Gospel: John 17:1-13	17	18	19	20	21	22  Saturday of Souls 10AM Liturgy
23 General Assembly Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37- 52;8-12	24 John the Baptist Liturgy 10AM	25	26	27	28	29 Apostles Peter and Paul Liturgy 10AM Baptism 11:30 AM George Dyer
30 Epistle: Letter to Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30	<b>Notes: ** PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW TIMES OF CHURCH SERVICES**</b> <u>Orthos 9:00 AM</u> <u>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</u>					

**TWO SEATS REMAIN OPEN ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANYONE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED**  
**SHOULD CONTACT KATEINA GANIARIS**

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### **NEW CHURCH WEB SITE TO FEATURE VIDEOS IN HONOR OF PATRIARCH'S NAME DAY**

In honor of his all Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's name day on June 11<sup>th</sup>, our church web site, will feature four special videos on Constantinople/Istanbul, Agia Sophia and the history of that ancient city.

Our church web page will feature these special videos beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our new web site address is:

[www.stdemetriosperthamboy.org](http://www.stdemetriosperthamboy.org)

