



# *Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church*

## *Ελληνικη Ορθοδοξος Εκκλησια Αγιου Δημητριου*

### *Parish Newsletter Summer 2020*

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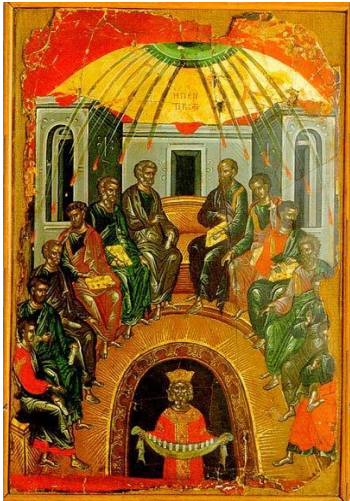
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Orthros: 9:00 a.m. - Ορθρος 9:00 π.μ.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. – Θεια Λειτουργια 10:00 π.μ.

### *The Feast of Holy Pentecost - Η Πεντηκοστη*



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 story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10).

When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even though the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13). Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39). The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized.

Πεντηκοστη ονομαζεται κατα την Καινη Διαθηκη η επιφοιτηση του Αγιου Πνευματος στους Αποστολους που συνεβη την πεντηκοστη ημερα μετα την Ανασταση του Ιησου Χριστου (Πραξεις β' 1-41). Σε αναμνηση του γεγονοτος αυτου, καθε χρονο, οι Χριστιανοι εορταζουν με ιδιαιτερη λαμπροτητα την εορτη της Πεντηκοστης και αυτο διοτι θεολογικα η ημερα αυτη θεωρεται η γεννεθλια ημερα της Εκκλησιας.

Την ημερα της Πεντηκοστης ελαβε χωρα η επιφοιτηση του Αγιου Πνευματος στους 12 μαθητες οποτε, συμφωνα με τις Πραξεις των Αποστολων, ελαβαν το Αγιο Πνευμα μιλωντας στις ξενες γλωσσες «για τα θαυμαστα εργα του Θεου», γεγονος που εγινε αντιληπτο απο Ιουδαιους και προσηλυτους που ηταν στην Ιερουσαλημ για τη γιορτη των Εβδομαδων. Επειτα και απο το κηρυγμα του Πητρου, βαφτιστηκαν εκεινη την ημερα 3.000 νεα μελη της χριστιανικης εκκλησιας. (Πραξεις 1:13-15· 2:1-41) Εκεινη η ημερα ηταν 50 ημερες μετα την Ανασταση του Ιησου Χριστου.



## Η Αγια Μεγαλομαρτυς Κυριακη - 7 Ιουλιου



Στις 7 Ιουλιου, η Εκκλησια εορταζει και τιμα την ιερη μνημη της Αγιας Μεγαλομαρτυρος Κυριακης. Ηταν μοναδικο παιδι του Δωροθεου και της Ευσεβιας. Οι γονεις της ηταν ευσεβεις χριστιανοι αλλα χωρις απογονους. Προσευχοντουσαν στον Θεο να τους χαρισει ενα παιδι. Ο Θεος ακουσε την προσευχη των ευσεβων γονεων, και μια Κυριακη γεννηθηκε ενα ωραιο κοριτσακι και της δοθηκε το ονομα Κυριακη. Απο την παιδικη της ηλικια, η Αγια Κυριακη ηταν αφιερωμενη στο Θεο.

Στο διωγμο που κηρυξε ο Διοκλητιανος εναντιον των χριστιανων, η Αγια Κυριακη ηταν περιπου εικοσι ετων. Οι γονεις της και η θυγατερα κατηγορηθηκαν και πιαστηκαν ως χριστιανοι. Η Αγια Κυριακη χωριστηκε απο τους γονεις της και την Αγια Κυριακη την οδηγησαν στη Νικομηδεια. Εκει ο ηγεονας, ανακρινοντας την Αγια Κυριακη και βλεποντας τη σταθερη της πιστη, εδωκε διαταγη να τη μαστιγωσουν σκληρα. Η Αγια Κυριακη σε καθε ερωτηση απαντουσε - «Ειμαι χριστιανη». Και σε

καθε απειλη του ηγεμονα ελεγε «Μην πλανιεσαι και μη σε ξεγελαι ο λογισμος σου, με βοηθαι ο Θεος και δεν θα με νικησεις». Υστερα απο εξαντλητικη ανακριση, οδηγησαν την Αγια Κυριακη στο ναο, για να θυσιασει στα ειδωλα. Εκεινη, μπαινοντας στο ναο, παρακαλουσε μεσα της το Χριστο να τη βοηθησει. Ενας σεισμος κατατρομαξε τους δημιους και τα αγαλματα του ναου επεσαν και εγιναν κομματια. Αναψαν υστερα φωτια για να την καψουν ζωντανη, μα οπως τη βατο του Μωυση, την κυκλωσαν οι φλογες, μα δεν την εκαψαν. Την ερριζαν υστερα στα θηρια, μα κι εκεινα δεν την πειραζαν. Θα περιμενε κανενας ο ηγεμονας να ανοιξει τα ματια του και να δει το θαυμα του Θεου, μα εξαλλος και τυφλωμενος απο οργη εδωκε διαταγη να αποκεφαλισουν το αθωο κι αγνο κοριτσι.

Η Αγια Κυριακη, πριν ο δημιος εκτελεσει τη διαταγη, ζητησε να την αφησουνε να προσευχηθει. Γονατισε και αρχισε να προσευχεται. Η Αγια Κυριακη προσευχηθηκε για ωρα πολλη και υστερα εγειρε στη γη. Οταν ο δημιος πλησιασε για να εκτελεσει τη διαταγη, ειδε πως η Αγια Κυριακη ηταν νεκρη. Η ψυχη της πεταξε σαν μικρο πουλι, και ο φωτεινος αγγελος την πηρε, για να τη φερει στο Νυμφιο Χριστο.

## Αγια Παρασκευη - 26 Ιουλιου



Η Αγια Παρασκευη γεννηθηκε στη Ρωμη το 117 μ.Χ. Οι γονεις της ηταν Ελληνες και Χριστιανοι. Ο πατερας της ηταν ο Αγαθων και η μητερα της η Πολιτεια. Η Αγια Παρασκευη γεννηθηκε ημερα Παρασκευη και ετσι οι γονεις της δωσανε το ονομα της ημερας που γεννηθηκε. Οι γονεις της την μεγαλωσαν συμφωνα με την Χριστιανικη πιστη και την σπουδασαν αφου ειχαν οικονομικη δυνατοτητα.

Οι γονεις της Αγιας Παρασκευης πεθαναν οταν ηταν 20 ετων. Τοτε η Αγια Παρασκευη εδωσε την περιουσια της στους φτωχους, στην εκκλησια και σε ενα ιδρυμα, στο οποιο εμεναν χριστιανες κοπελες που ειχαν αφιερωθει στον Ιησου Χριστο.

Καποια στιγμη εγκατελειψε το ιδρυμα αυτο και ξεκινησε να κηρυττει τον Χριστιανισμο σε διαφορες πολεις και χωρια της Ιταλιας. Γρηγορα ομως εφτασαν στα αυτια του Αυτοκρατορα Αντωνινου οι δραστηριοτητες της Αγιας Παρασκευης. Με εντολη του Αντωνινου, συνελαβαν την Αγια Παρασκευη και την οδηγησαν μπροστα του. Θελοντας αυτος να την κανει να απαρνηθει την χριστιανικη πιστη, την υποβαλει στο μαρτυριο της πυρακτωμενης περικεφαλαιας απο το οποιο, με τη χαρη του Ιησου Χριστου, η Αγια Παρασκευη βγηκε σωα.

Το τελευταιο βασανιστηριο στο οποιο υποβληθηκε η Αγια Παρασκευη ηταν ενα καζανι στο οποιο εβραζε πισσα και λαδι. Εκει εβαλαν την Αγια Παρασκευη, η οποια ομως, με την βοηθεια του Θεου, δεν επαθε τιποτα. Βλεποντας αυτο, ο Αντωνινος, την προετρεψε να ριξει πανω του πισσα για να διαπιστωσει ο ιδιος αν καϊει. Η πισσα αυτη τυφλωσε τον αυτοκρατορα, ο οποιος πιστεψε τοτε στην αληθινη θρησκεια και ζητησε απο την Αγια Παρασκευη να βαφτιστει χριστιανος. Εκεινη οχι μονο τον βαφτισε, αλλα και τον θεραπευσε, με την χαρη του Θεου, τα ματια του. Η χαρη να θεραπευσει τα ματια, δοθηκε απο τον Θεο στην Αγια Παρασκευη και για αυτο τα περισσοτερα θαυματα τα της εχουν σχεση με τα ματια.



## Άγιος Παντελεημων - 27 Ιουλίου



Ο Άγιος Παντελεημων γεννηθηκε στην Νικομηδεια, στα τελη του 3<sup>ου</sup> αιωνα μ.Χ. Ο πατερας του ηταν ο Ευστοργιος και η μητερα του η Ευβουλη. Ο πατερας του ηταν ειδωδολαατρης ενω η μητερα του ηταν Χριστιανη. Ο Άγιος Παντελεημων εμεινε ορφανος απο μητερα σε νεαρη ηλικια. Αφου εμαθε τα πρωτα γραμματα, διδαχτηκε τα Ελληνικα και κατοπιν ο πατερας του τον εστειλε να μαθητευσει κοντα στον γνωστο γιατρο Ευφροσυνο την επιστιμη της ιατρικης.

Μια μερα ειδη στο δρομο που περπατουσε ενα φιδι να δαγκωνει ενα παιδι και αμεσως το παιδι επεσε νεκρο. Ο Άγιος Παντελεημων τοτε σκεφτηκε οτι εαν ο Χριστος ανασταينه το παιδι και πεθαινε το φιδι, θα γινοταν ο ιδιος Χριστιανος. Και ετσι εγινε. Μπροστα στα ματια του, το παιδι αναστηθηκε και το φιδι εξαφανιστηκε. Ο Άγιος Παντελεημων καταλαβε τοτε ποια ειναι η αληθινη πιστη και ετρεξε στο Άγιο Ερμολαιο να του αναφερει τι εγινε και να του ζητησει να τον βαφτισει Χριστιανο. Ο Άγιος Ερμολαιος τον βαφτισε και του διδαξε τα μυστηρια της Χριστιανικης πιστης.

Ο Άγιος Παντελεημων, με την βοηθεια του Ιησου Χριστου και την προσευχη, αρχισε να γιατρευει τους συμπολιτες. Οταν ο πατερας του πεθανε, ο Άγιος Παντελεημων μοιρασε την περιουσια του στους φτωχους και συνεχισε να θεραπευει τους αρρωστους με τη βοηθεια της προσευχης. Η δραση του αυτη εκανε τους υπολοιπους γιατροους της περιοχης να τον μισησουν και να τον κατηγορησουν στον Μαξιμiano, που ηταν ο βασιλειας. Ο Μαξιμιανος, ειδωδολαατρης ο ιδιος, καλεσε τον Άγιο Παντελεημων να παρουσιασται μπροστα του με σκοπο να του αλλαξει την πιστη.

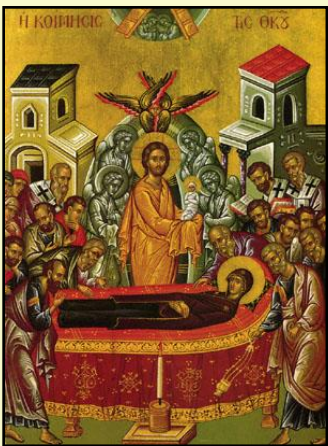
Αφου δεν τον καταφερε με τα λογια, τον υπεβαλε σε σκληρα μαρτυρια. Ο Άγιος Παντελεημων με συνεχη προσευχη, οχι μονο υπεμεινε το μαρτυρια αυτα, αλλα στο τελος καθε μαρτυριου ηταν σωος και αβλαβης. Τελικα ο Μαξιμιανος θανατωσε τον Άγιο Ερμολαιο, θεωρωντας τον υπευθυνο για την πιστη του Αγιου Παντελεημων και διεταξε του αποκεφαλισμο του Αγιου. Κατα την διαρκεια τον αποκεφαλισμου ενα ακομη θαυμα συνεβη. Το ξιφος με το οποιο θα αποκεφαλιζαν τον Άγιο Παντελεημων, λυγισε σαν κερι.

Οι στρατιωτες πιστεψαν στην χαρη του Ιησου Χριστου και αρνηθηκαν να θανατωσουν τον Άγιο Παντελεημων. Ο Άγιος προσευχηθηκε και τοτε μια φωνη ακουστηκε απο τον ουρανο, που ελεγε οτι δεν θα ονομαζεται Παντελεωντας αλλα Παντελεημων. Μετα απο το θαυμα αυτο και με παρασκληση του ιδιου Αγιου, εγινε η εκτελεση του. Ο Άγιος παραδωσε το πνευμα του ενω οι στρατιωτες εγιναν Χριστιανοι και αρχισαν να διακηρυτουν τον λογο του Ιησου Χριστου.



## The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary - August 15

### Κοιμησης της Θεοτοκου – 15 Αυγουστου



When the time drew night that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, and brought them, at once, to the house of the Mother of God. She blessed the Apostles, and reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God. The Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried her there with honor, the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating

together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.





## *A Message from Father George*

Dear Parishioners of Saint Demetrios,

It has been many weeks since we last worshipped together, but I hope that we will be able to meet, again, soon. Someone once said that every American should have to sleep on the ground in the woods for a week in order to appreciate the great comfort that cushions our daily lives, and to be thankful for the things we often take for granted. Personally, I have no intention of sleeping in the woods even for an afternoon nap. But, the point is a good one and it applies to what we have experienced these past few weeks. We have been deprived of many of the things we often take for granted, from work, to parties, to simple meetings with friends. We have, also, been deprived of our Church life.

Many of you have expressed great discomfort and sadness at not being able to meet regularly for worship and fellowship, and I hope that the next few weeks will allow us to reopen the Church for regular services. I, also, hope that this experience of deprivation has reminded us that our parish is not guaranteed to survive and to flourish. It survives because we are dedicated to it. And, we are dedicated to our parish because it feeds us all the spiritual food that nourishes our souls. Let us return to our regular worship life with a renewed sense of commitment and piety, having seen what life is like without regular worship and fellowship.

Please also be certain that the Parish Council and I are speaking regularly about how to make the Church as safe as possible for all who worship at Saint Demetrios. We want to be ready to reopen as quickly as we are permitted. When we finally do meet again, we will all have to follow certain rules that may seem unpleasant or uncomfortable, but these restrictions will permit us to meet, so we must follow them. And, if we do adhere to the rules, we will once again, praise the one true God in the city of Perth Amboy. You are a faithful community of faithful people, and you deserve for your Church to be open. I hope that day will come soon. Until then, God be with you all.

With love in Christ,  
Father George



Αγαπητοι μου αδελφοι,

Δεν εχουμε προσευχηθει μαζι για πολλες εβδομαδες. Καποιος ειπε οτι καθε Αμερικανος πρεπει να κοιμαται στο εδαφος του δασους για μια εβδομαδα καθε χρονο για να εκτιμησει τα καλα που εχει στη ζωη του. Προσωπικα, δεν εχω την προθεση να κοιμηθω στο δασος, ακομη και για ενα απογευματινο υπνο. Αλλα το θεμα ειναι καλο και ισχυει για οσα εχουμε περασει αυτες τις τελευταιες εβδομαδες. Δεν μπορουμε να παμε στη δουλεια, στο σχολειο, να διασκεδασουμε, εως και να εχουμε απλες συγκεντρωσεις με φιλους. Εχουμε, επισης, στερηθει ακομη και απο την εκκλησιαστικη ζωη μας.

Πολλοι απο εσας εχετε εκφρασει μεγαλη λυπη που δεν μπορειτε να προσευχηθειτε στην εκκλησια. Ελπίζω οτι τις επομενες εβδομαδες θα μας επιτρεψουν να ανοιξουμε ξανα την Εκκλησια για ατομικη λατρεια και να συμμετεχουμε και στη Θεια Λειτουργια και στις υπολειπες ακολουθιες. Βεβαιωθειτε, επισης, οτι το Ενοριακο Συμβουλιο και εγω μιλαμε για το ανοιγμα της Εκκλησιας μας.

Οταν ξανα συναντηθουμε, θα πρεπει να ακολουθησουμε ορισμενους κανονες. Ακουλουθοντας τους κανονες, θα επαινεσουμε για αλλη μια φορα τον αληθινο Θεο στην πολη του Περθ Αμπόι. Ελπίζω οτι συντομα θα ερθει η μερα που θα βρεθουμε ολοι ξανα μαζι. Εισαστε μια κοινοτητα των πιστων ανθρωπων και αξιζετε να εχετε την εκκλησια σας ανοιχτη. Μεχρι τοτε, ο Θεος μαζι σας.

Με αγαπη,  
Πατηρ Γεώργιος

## *Greek Orthodox Archdiocese COVID-19 Relief Fund*

Please be advised that an important development and benefit is available to parishioners who may be struggling financially. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announced the creation of the “Greek Orthodox Archdiocese COVID-19 Relief Fund” as an important part of its efforts to support those around the country who have been impacted by the current pandemic. One-time grants of up to \$2,500 will be made available to those who are facing extreme financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Those facing an economic or financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and in need of emergency help with expenses such as rent, mortgage, utilities, food, childcare, medical, funeral or other daily costs, may apply to the COVID-19 Relief Fund, which has been privately funded, through the GOARCH website <https://www.goarch.org/covid19relief>.



## *President's Message*

Dearest Parishioners,

I hope this finds everyone staying safe and healthy as we continue to combat the coronavirus pandemic. There are glimmers of hope that we can take very careful steps to arrive at a new normal existence in the near future. Communications and notices will be distributed as soon as officials permit our plans to be implemented.

Congratulations to all our graduates of high school, college, and those who earned advanced degrees. We are very proud of your ambitions, aspirations and accomplishments, particularly, since you have had to accept very different types of celebrations this year. We hope to have a gathering to honor you when restrictions are lifted.

Plans for our festival are still curtailed at this time; however, we will immediately contact everyone once we receive clearance to do so.

Although our quarantine has kept us in and around our homes, there are some beneficial results that seem to have occurred. Our families have spent quality time together and learned more about each other. Nature seems to have enjoyed this time to clean the air and our oceans and waterways. There seems to be an abundance of different types of birds and small animals that have been scarce in previous years or, maybe, it's just that there has been more time to notice and appreciate them. Projects around the house have finally been addressed. Plus, there is a peacefulness that seems to be more present in our surroundings.

May this summer allow us to continue enjoying nature, our environment and the fulfillment of being with our loved ones through this gift of time.

Let's keep our prayers abundant and our patience continuously flowing as we keep our hopes high for the ability to congregate together again.

May God protect us and keep us in His loving care and heal those who are ill, suffering or grieving.

Stay home, stay safe and stay healthy!

In HIS Service,  
Helen Coutros Horan  
Parish Council President



## Ελληνικό Σχολείο



Αγαπητοι ενοριτες,

Ευχομαστε με την χαρη του Θεου να ειστε ολοι καλα μετα απο αυτην την μεγαλη δοκιμασια που περναμε παγκοσμιως!

Τα μαθηματα του Ελληνικου σχολειου οπως γνωρίζετε εχουν διακοπει με εντολη της Μητροπολης Νεας Υερσεης.

Ευχομαστε με την καινουργια σχολικη χρονια να μπορεσουμε να επιστρεψουμε με το καλο και στο αγαπημενο μας Ελληνικο σχολειο!!

Εως τοτε, σας ευχομαστε να εχετε ενα ομορφο και ασφαλές καλοκαιρι σε ολους και οσο μπορειτε να μιλατε στα παιδια σας Ελληνικα για να μενουν στην μνημη τους!!



## *Sunday School*

Sincerest congratulations and commendations to our Sunday school graduates, Dean Giannakopoulos and Julia and Nick Parsenios. We are so very proud of your attainments and accomplishments and wish you the very best in your academic endeavors. Your futures are destined for success in the professions of your choice and we are certain that you will excel in making your dreams reach reality. May God's embrace and love guide you always.

We have missed all of our students during this time of quarantine, however, we are so thankful to all the parents who have complied with the Sunday school lessons submitted online to keep our children updated in their religious education program.

The pandemic restrictions have impinged on all our planned activities but we hope to compensate for the void once we are able to reconnect with all of you. In the meantime, enjoy your summertime and stay safe at home with your families.



## *SAINT DEMETRIOS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY*

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

We pray that you are all well, both physically and spiritually, and look forward to the time when we can attend church once again. Until such a time, we'd like to give our thanks and appreciation to Father George and his family for making it possible for so many people to participate in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday. We may not be there physically, but we are there in spirit.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the families of all those who have passed away.

As always, if anyone, especially our seniors, needs assistance during this time, please feel free to reach out to us and we will do our best to aid you.

Congratulations go out to anyone graduating this year. Although this year was challenging and celebrations may be delayed, rest assured that you have not been forgotten, and our prayers and best wishes for a successful future are being sent your way.

Stay safe!

In Christ,  
The Philoptochos of Saint Demetrios

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### *G.O.Y.A. News*

Dear Friends,

We are, like all of you, facing an uncertain summer. Year-end plans have been cancelled and we are unsure if we can do any of our summer events that, traditionally, bid farewell to our seniors. We have 3 wonderful seniors leaving us and we ask you to pray for each of them as they embark on their college careers in a very uncertain world. All three deserve our thanks and gratitude: Nick Parsenios, for serving on the altar diligently, Julia Parsenios, for lending her beautiful voice to the readings at church and Dean Giannakopoulos, for his dedication to our G.O.Y.A. and his altar service. We wish them all the best and know they will make the world a better place. We keep all of you in our prayers daily until we all meet again. We wish you a safe and restful summer! God bless you all!

Cindy and Nick Giannakopoulos





## *PTO News*



Congratulations Saint Demetrios' Class of 2020 students and our very best wishes to each of you!

Your futures are bright and you are in our thoughts and hearts. We admire how you have faced the disruption of current events with the best possible resiliency and positivity.

We look forward to when we can celebrate your milestones and achievements together.

To everyone, we miss you and wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Stay safe and healthy and we will see each other as soon as we can!



## *Hope & Joy News*

Greetings to our precious Hope & Joy children who are so dearly missed. It is hoped that you and your families are well during this time of quarantine. Although our activities are on hold for a while, we will soon be back to creating our arts and crafts projects, plus Greek dancing. We must take this time to be sure that everyone is safe and healthy before we can meet together, again. Please know that our Church is always here waiting for the time we can see you and Father George is always praying for us until we can return. Stay home, stay safe and stay healthy.

Kally Durso

Hope & Joy Coordinator



**Θερμα συγχαρητηρια και εις ανωτερα!**

Η ευχη της Παναγιας παντα να συνοδευει τα βηματα σας.

*Dean Giannakopoulos*



Dean is graduating from Timothy Christian School in Piscataway. He played baseball during his sophomore year. He was the girls' basketball team's manager during senior year. He was the boys' soccer manager both Junior and Senior years. He works part time at our Montessori school teaching the children about sports. He is an altar server at our St. Demetrios Church and a very active GOYA member, serving as President during his Junior and Senior years. He plans on pursuing a career in teaching and attending Montclair University in the fall.



## *Julia Parsenios*



Julia is graduating from Princeton High School. She was a member of the school choir and traveled to Vienna and Bucharest in her junior year to give performances. She is a part of an all-female a capella group called the Cat's Meow and has performed for the Governor! She is still deciding whether to go to Fordham University in New York or Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. She hopes to be a pre-med student so she can pursue a career in medicine.

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## *Nick Parsenios*

Nick will be graduating from Princeton High School. He enjoyed running track, learning Modern Greek and working in a local deli/cafe. He will be attending Mercer Community College with the plan to transfer to either Rutgers University or Richard Stockton College. He is interested in pursuing a career in law.



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## *George Seitis*



George is graduating Summa Cum Laude from The College of New Jersey with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Business (Finance) with a minor in Marketing. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma (International Business Honor Society), Beta Alpha Psi (Finance Honor Organization) and Phi Kappa Phi (All Major Honor Society). George was a CA (Community/Resident Assistant) during his junior and senior years. He was also active on the Business School Newspaper, *The Bull*, *The Bear and the Lion*, as a staff writer assigned to motion picture reviews. In addition, George completed an internship at Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems in the Contract Competency Center during the summer of his junior year and the winter of his senior year.



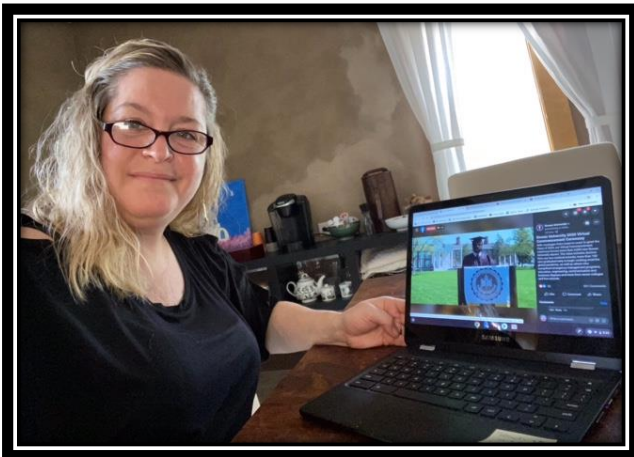
## *Jennifer Seitis*



Jennifer is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Ramapo College of New Jersey with a Bachelor of Science degree double major in Digital Film and Marketing. She is a member of the Honors Program. She is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma (International Business Honor Society), Lambda Pi Eta (National Communication Honor Society), Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre Honor Society) and Alpha Lambda Delta (Freshman Honor Society). She was also President of RCTV (Ramapo College Television). In addition, Jennifer completed an internship at Advanced Systems Concepts as a Marketing Production Intern during the summer of her junior year. She also interned at the New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission during the first half of her senior spring semester.

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## *Jennifer Simatos*



Jennifer viewed and participated in her virtual graduation on May 9th from Rowan University. She earned a Master's Degree in School Administration with both Supervisor and Principal certifications. Adam Savage from Myth Busters was the virtual speaker. Jennifer, eventually, plans to become a school principal. An in-person commencement is planned for late August pending the situation at that time. Jennifer is the first one in her family to graduate from college and, now, the first to earn a Master's Degree, as well.

# *Congratulations!*





## *Our Children During the Quarantine*

Please enjoy these beautiful photographs of our children during our "stay-at-home" restrictions. During the COVID-19 quarantine, homes transformed into classrooms, offices, studios and playgrounds. At home is where we can find our children participating in online classroom lessons, studying, reading, drawing, dancing, cooking, baking, practicing, exercising, and so much more. We hope these photos brighten your day and bring a smile to your face.





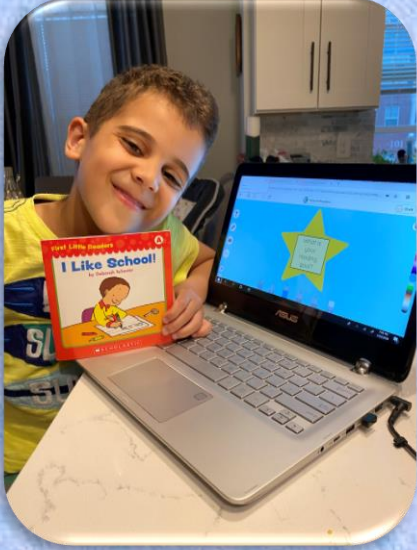
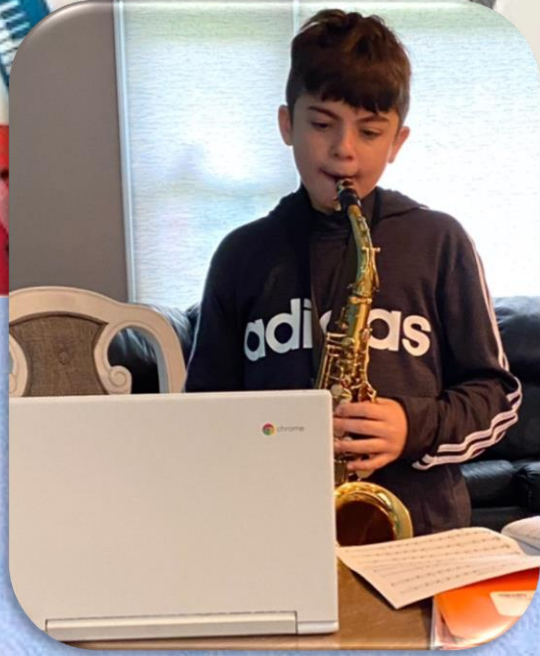




# HOME COOKING









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graduation  
& summer!



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## *Philotimo Building Update*

Plans for our Saint Demetrios Housing for Active Adults and the Kress Community Center are progressing slightly slower in light of the Executive Order by the Governor to stop construction due to COVID-19. Although there has been a delay in the start of construction, progress has been made in other areas including:

- ◆ success in getting a substantial reduction in real estate taxes for all residents in the new building
- ◆ obtaining a mortgage
- ◆ arranging a solar energy cost saving agreement
- ◆ creating an exciting advertising campaign

Fortunately, calls and contacts from clients interested in purchasing the condos continue to be received despite this unprecedented time and the pause in our society at large.

All persons interested in placing a deposit on a unit at preconstruction prices, should immediately contact Bob Durso at 732-887-4787 or Angela Sinnis at 848-248-9422. There are only 27 units; 24 two-bedroom and 3 one-bedroom units.

Everything may take a little while longer than anticipated; however, our beautiful project will be well worth the wait.

Buy now and move in 2021!



*Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers!*

*Father's Day Blessings and Candles*

A Father's love is a blessing! Let's light a candle for our Fathers with a blessing and a prayer on Father's Day! Please make donations to Church with your Father's, Stepfather's, Grandfather's, Godfather's and Father-in-law's names included.

Father George will light the candles and pray for our loved ones or in memory of our loved ones on Father's Day, June 21, 2020.

*Father's Day Prayer*

THINKING OF YOU ON FATHER'S DAY,  
AND OFFERING A *prayer*  
THAT GOD  
WILL KEEP YOU ALWAYS,  
IN THE *shelter* OF HIS CARE—  
MAY HE GUIDE YOU IN YOUR DAILY WORK,  
BLESS EVERYTHING YOU DO  
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*To all our  
Frontliners and essential workers*



*For all that you do to keep us all safe and healthy.  
You are our HEROES!*