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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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24 Απριλίου - Άγιο Πάσχα

April 24 - Great and Holy Pascha



Τη Κυριακή του Πάσχα εορταζουμε την Ανασταση του Ιησου Χριστου. Είναι η μεγαλύτερη εορτή της Χριστιανοσύνης. Αποτελεί το κέντρο της ζωής, της πίστεως, της χαράς, της ελπίδος και της αγάπης των πιστών. Ο θάνατος του Ιησου Χριστου πάνω στο Σταυρό δεν είναι μια αποτυχία που αποκαταστάθηκε καπώς μετά την Ανασταση του. Ο ίδιος ο θάνατος πάνω στο Σταυρό είναι μια νίκη. Η νίκη της οδυνημένης αγάπης. «Κραταία ως θάνατος αγάπη...υδωρ πολυ ου δυνησεται σβεσαι την αγάπην» (Ασμα Ασμ. 8, 6-7). Ο Σταυρός μας δείχνει μιαν αγάπη που είναι δυνατή σαν το θάνατο, μιαν αγάπη ακόμη πιο δυνατή.

Καλή και ευλογημένη Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή



Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions. Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.



Message from Father Gregory



Dear Parishioners,

With Great and Holy Pascha less than a month from today, we would do well to remember some of what precedes it in April. Our Chancellor will serve on the Sunday of St. John Climacus (St. John of the Ladder). This will be followed by the Sunday we honor St. Mary of Egypt and then Palm Sunday. The services of Holy Week follow and, then, Pascha. The schedule in our church for April and Holy Week have been set. However, more important than remembering the times and dates is our internal preparation for the services. If we don't think about, and pray to, God before these services and are unprepared to experience these services when we arrive, then these services can become mere appointments, like a teeth cleaning or an oil change. If our church is a place where we sit, inattentive, waiting for the service to end, then we would have to wonder whether there was any benefit in being there. Don't wonder this way and don't delay your return. Rather, wonder when you will experience the grace of the Holy Spirit in church or feel the love of Jesus Christ through others in it. Prepare for your coming "appointment" with God.

With love in Christ,
Father Gregory

Απρίλιος - April

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						G.O.Y.A. Painting Party 4:30 p.m.
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Holy Week and Easter Services

April - 2022 - Απρίλιος

Saturday, April 16
Σάββατο, 16 Απριλίου

Lazarus Saturday
Του Λαζάρου

10:00 a.m.
10:00 π.μ.

Sunday, April 17
Κυριακή, 17 Απριλίου

Palm Sunday - Divine Liturgy
Κυριακή των Βαΐων - Θεία Λειτουργία

10:00 a.m.
10:00 π.μ.

Bridegroom Service
Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου

7:00 p.m.
7:00 μ.μ.

Monday, April 18
Δευτέρα, 18 Απριλίου

Bridegroom Service
Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου

7:00 p.m.
7:00 μ.μ.

Tuesday, April 19
Τρίτη, 19 Απριλίου

Bridegroom Service
Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου

7:00 p.m.
7:00 μ.μ.

Wednesday, April 20
Τετάρτη, 20 Απριλίου

Holy Unction
Ακολουθία του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου

4:00 p.m.
4:00 μ.μ.

Bridegroom Service
Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου

7:00 p.m.
7:00 μ.μ.

Thursday, April 21
Πέμπτη, 21 Απριλίου

Service of the Passion
Τα Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια

7:00 p.m.
7:00 μ.μ.

Friday, April 22
Παρασκευή, 22 Απριλίου

The Removal from the Cross
Εσπερινός της Αποκαθηλώσεως

4:00 p.m.
4:00 μ.μ.

Service of the Lamentations
Ακολουθία του Επιταφίου Θρήνου

7:00 p.m.
7:00 μ.μ.

Saturday, April 23
Σάββατο, 23 Απριλίου

Divine Liturgy
Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου

10:00 a.m.
10:00 π.μ.

Vigil and Divine Liturgy of Pascha
Η Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως

11:15 p.m.
11:15 μ.μ.

Sunday, April 24
Κυριακή, 24 Απριλίου

Agape Vespers
Εσπερινός της Αγάπης

11:00 a.m.
11:00 π.μ.



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθ. Πρωτ. 34/2022

Αρχιεπισκοπική εγκύκλιος για την εισβολή στην Ουκρανία.

6 Μαρτίου 2022

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχόντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἠγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Απογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὁργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

*«Πάντες δὲ ὑμεῖς ἀδελφοὶ ἐστε.»
(κατὰ Ματθαῖον 23:8)*

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Πονάμε βαθιά και θλιβόμαστε ιδιαίτερα από τη φρίκη που προκάλεσε στην ψυχή μας η εισβολή στην Ουκρανία. Δεν χρησιμοποιώ σκοπίμως τη λέξη "Ρωσία", διότι πολλές χιλιάδες Ρώσων διαμαρτύρονται γι' αυτή την απρόκλητη και παράλογη επίθεση, με κίνδυνο μάλιστα της ζωής και της ελευθερίας. Η συγκεκριμένη επίθεση βαραίνει αποκλειστικά τους ώμους του Βλαδὶμηρου Πούτιν, του οποίου η ιδιοτελής πολιτική ατζέντα θέτει σε κίνδυνο την παγκόσμια ειρήνη.

Γινόμαστε καθημερινά μάρτυρες μιας ανείπωτης τραγωδίας ανθρώπινου πόνου: στοχοποίηση άμαχου πληθυσμού, δολοφονίες, τρόμος και απώλειες ζωών αθώων ανθρώπων και ιδιαίτερα παιδιών. Γνωρίζουμε ότι οι Ουκρανοί και οι Ρώσοι υπήρξαν παιδιά που ανδρώθηκαν, τρεφόμενα από το ίδιο στήθος. Είναι αδελφοί και αδελφές εν Χριστώ. Πως είναι δυνατό να λαμβάνει χώρα μία τέτοια αδελφοκτονία στον Ιερό Τόπο της



Ρωσίας του Κιέβου; Ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, αναρωτιόμαστε περί του πρακτέου. Ο Παναγιώτατος Οικουμενικός Πατριάρχης Βαρθολομαίος ήταν κατηγορηματικός:

“...νά τερματισθῇ τώρα ὁ πόλεμος! Νά σταματήσῃ ἄμεσα κάθε πράξις βίας, κάθε τι πού σκορπάει τόν πόνο καί τόν θάνατο. Νά ἐπικρατήσῃ ἡ λογική, ἡ ἀγάπη πρὸς τόν συνάνθρωπο, ἡ καταλλαγή καί ἡ ἀλληλεγγύη, τό φῶς τοῦ Ἀναστάντος Χριστοῦ, τό δῶρο τῆς ζωῆς.” (27 Φεβρουαρίου 2022)

Με το πνεῦμα αὐτοῦ Παναγιωτάτου Πατριάρχῃ μας, που εκφράζει ὅλους μας, προτρέπουμε τους πιστούς να προσευχηθoύν και να στηρίξουν ἔμπρακτα ὅλο τον ουκρανικό λαό: και ἐκείνους που ανήκουν στην Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία της Ουκρανίας και ἐκείνους που ανήκουν στην εν Ουκρανία δικαιοδοσία του Πατριαρχείου Μόσχας και τους Ελληνοκαθολικούς και αὐτούς που ανήκουν στις Εβραϊκές Κοινότητες και ὅλους ανεξαιρέτως ὅσοι βρίσκονται κάτω ἀπὸ τις φρικαλέες συνθήκες του πολέμου.

Καλούμαστε ὄχι μόνο να συγχωροῦμε, ἀλλὰ και να ἀγαπάμε τους ἐχθρούς μας (Ματθ. 5, 44). Ἀς προχωρήσουμε, ὅμως, και ἓνα βῆμα παραπάνω. Ἀς μην βλέπουμε τον ἐχθρό στα πρόσωπα των ἀδελφών μας. Ἡ ἀγάπη του Χριστοῦ εἶναι σε θέση να μεταμορφώσει την ὑπαρξή μας και να μας μεταβάλλει σε μία οἰκογένεια που θα μπορεῖ να ἀντιστέκεται στο κακό και να θεραπεύει τις πληγές που δοκιμάζουν αὐτή τη στιγμή την Εκκλησία μας. Ἀς προσευχηθoῦμε, ἀγαπητοί μου, στον Κύριό μας για την εἰρήνη.

Μετὰ τῆς πατρικῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,

† Ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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Prot. No. 34/2022

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Invasion of Ukraine

March 6, 2022

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

Πάντες δὲ ὑμεῖς ἀδελφοί ἐστε. (κατὰ Ματθαῖον 23:8)
All of you are brothers and sisters. (Matthew 23:8)

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves in deep pain and sorrow of soul over the horror that has ensued from the invasion of Ukraine. I do not say, "Russia," because many thousands of the Russian People are protesting this unprovoked and unreasonable attack at risk to their own lives and freedom. This attack must be squarely set upon the shoulders of Vladimir Putin, who is risking global peace for his own selfish political agenda.

We are witnessing an immense tragedy of human suffering: the targeting of civilians, assassination and terror, and the deaths of innocents, especially children. Yet, we know that Ukrainians and Russians are children nourished from the same breast. They are brothers and sisters in Christ. How is it possible that such a fratricide is taking place on the Holy Ground of Kyivan Rus'? As Orthodox Christians, we ask ourselves: what can we do? His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has been unequivocal:



...end the war now! Immediately stop any act of violence, anything that spreads pain and death. Let reason prevail, love for fellow human beings, reconciliation and solidarity, the light of the Risen Christ, the gift of life. (February 27, 2022)

We join our spirit to the spirit of His All-Holiness and exhort all our Faithful: offer prayers and tangible support for all the Ukrainian People: those of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and those of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the Moscow Patriarchate, those of the Ukrainian Catholic and Jewish communities, and all who find themselves in the dire circumstances of war.

We are called not only to forgive our enemies, but to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44). But let us go one step further. Let us see no enemy in any of our brothers and sisters. The love of Christ can transform us into the one family that will be able to resist evil, and bring healing to the wounds that our Church is suffering at this very moment. For peace, my beloved, let us pray to the Lord.

With paternal love in the Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

We will be blessed and honored with a visit from the
Very Reverend Father Christoforos Oikonomidis,
an Archimandrite and the Chancellor
of the Metropolis of New Jersey,
who will celebrate Orthros and the Divine Liturgy
with us during Great Lent.



Sunday, April 3, 2022
9:00 a.m. - Orthros
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Very kindly, please plan to attend and register your attendance so that
we can be, appropriately, prepared by calling our Church office at
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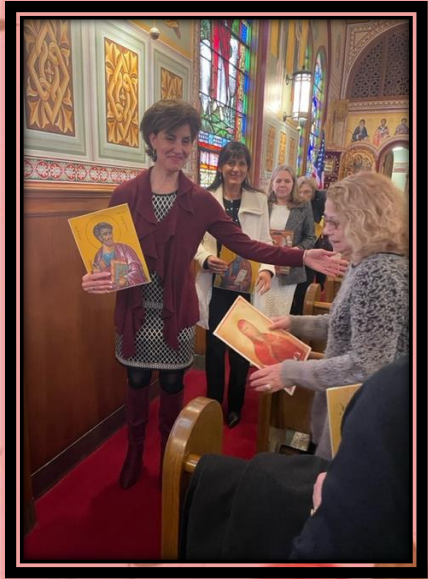
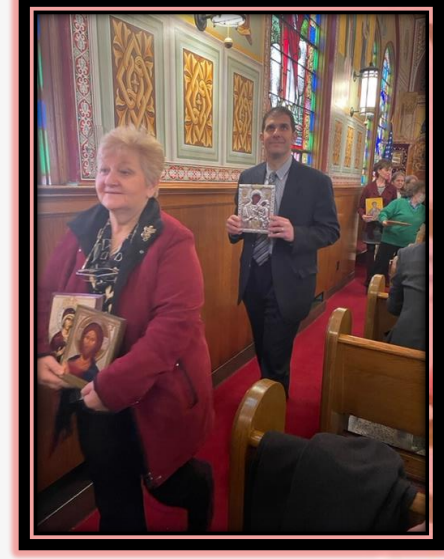
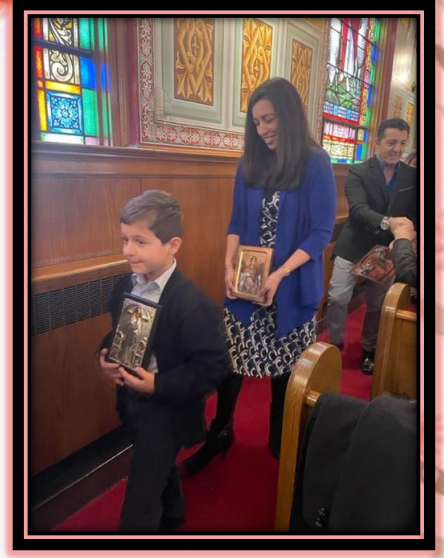
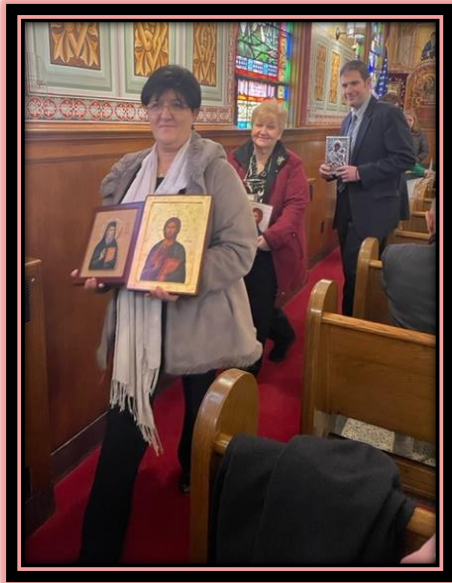
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Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας – Sunday of Orthodoxy

13 Μαρτίου, 2022 – March 13, 2022

The congregation of Saint Demetrios celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy with a beautiful Divine Liturgy delivered by Father Gregory followed by the Procession of Icons while children and adults carried and displayed our Icons as they formed a Procession around the perimeter and venerated our Icons.







Herculean Team Demolition of AC Unit

Extremely early on Saturday morning, March 5, 2022, several gentleman from our parish council, plus, parishioners and our maintenance manager, gathered together to demolish and dispose of our 20 year old air conditioning unit which was in complete disrepair but served us very well over the years. The time has come for our new air conditioning system to be installed with sincerest gratitude to our very generous donors who made it a financial possibility. We will continue to follow the progress in our next newsletter editions as our team works to replace the roof of the boiler room which will become the base to support the new unit. We cannot be more proud of and thankful to our Herculean Team, Nick Giannakopoulos, Spero Kalambakas, George Kane, Mike Koudis, Ruben Morales, Mattheos Rizitis, Demosthenis Simatos, Dimitri Tsivelis!



THANK
YOU



A Unique Lenten Seminar March 12, 2022

On a snowy, wintry day, following our Saturday of Souls Service on March 12, 2022, it was our pleasure to have an original presentation hosted by Presbytera Sharon Rubis entitled "Orthodox Funeral Perspectives, In Light of the Resurrection." The presentation concentrated on our understanding of death, Orthodox practices and traditions, secular influences and the ethos of contemporary culture surrounding this final decision.

Presbytera Sharon's presentation kept the audience of 30 parishioners and guests, who attended despite the weather, very engaged and interested as she informed us of this unique perspective, the advent of our traditions and practices that our Orthodox families follow and the meaning and symbolism that they represent. An enlightening discussion followed including responses from our honored panelists, V. Rev. Father Nektarios Cottros of Piscataway, Rev. Protopresbyter Paul Pappas of Toms River and our very own Rev. Father Gregory Rubis.

A delicious Lenten Luncheon was hosted by Presbytera Sharon prior to the seminar which was enjoyed by all participants and allowed them time to visit and mingle beforehand.

We are so, truly, appreciative to Presbytera Sharon for this wonderful opportunity that she offered us. We, also, wish to express our sincerest gratitude to our guest panelists who provided their valued views, explanations and insights into this unique and thought provoking topic.

THANK YOU!

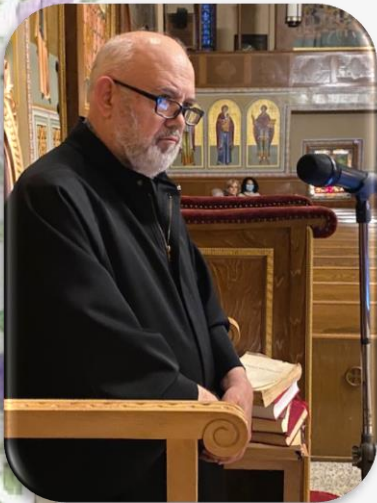
ORTHODOX FUNERAL
PERSPECTIVES

In Light of the
Resurrection



Salutations to the Theotokos

On Friday nights during Great Lent, beautiful chanting, readings, prayers and devotions to Panagia were expressed through solemn Salutations to the Theotokos.



Veneration of the Cross

March 27, 2022

Father Gregory commemorated the Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our beautiful Orthodox traditions of special hymns, prayers and a solemn procession by holding a tray of daffodils adorning our Holy Cross pointing up to heaven. By venerating our Holy Cross in this way, the faithful prepare for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.

Apolytikion (First Tone): O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, grant victory to the faithful over their adversaries. And protect Your commonwealth, by the power of Your Cross.



Greek School

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες,

Με την χάρη του Θεού γιορτάσαμε και φέτος την διπλή εορτή της 25ης Μαρτίου στην εκκλησία μας με επιτυχία!



Το πρόγραμμα άνοιξε η κυρία Ειρηνη Τσούκα η οποία ήταν επίτιμη καλεσμένη της εκδήλωσης. Δέχθηκε με χαρά να μας μιλήσει για την Ελληνική επανάσταση καθώς η ίδια λατρεύει την Ελληνική ιστορία. Πρέπει να σημειωθεί πως η κυρία Τσούκα έχει υπηρετήσει ως δασκάλα για 36 ολόκληρα χρόνια σε διαφορά Ελληνικά σχολεία της ομογένειας όπως του Paramus, Tenaflly και Jackson Heights. Η κυρία Τσούκα μας μίλησε με θέμα «οι ηρωίδες γυναίκες της Ηπείρου της επανάστασης». Βαθια συγκινημένη, καθώς και η ίδια κατάγεται από την Ήπειρο, μας εξιστόρησε αληθινές ιστορίες από γυναίκες της επανάστασης της Ηπείρου. Η παραστατικότητα της ομιλίας της μας ταξίδεψε σε κείνα τα σκληρά χρόνια της Τουρκοκρατίας και μας συγκίνησε όλους. Ευχαριστούμε θερμα την κυρία Τσούκα για την όμορφη ομιλία της και ευχόμαστε να επανέλθει με νέες ομιλίες σε άλλες εκδηλώσεις.



Στην συνέχεια τον λόγο πήραν τα παιδιά του Ελληνικού Σχολείου και η δασκάλα Δέσποινα Μάρκου! Τραγουδήσαμε τον Αμερικανικό και τον Ελληνικό Εθνικό Ύμνο, καθώς και το φημισμένο τραγούδι του κρυφού σχολείου επι Τουρκοκρατίας (Φεγγαράκι μου λαμπρο)! Αργότερα, ο καθε μαθητής απήγγειλε από ένα ποίημα με θέμα την επανάσταση και τον Ευαγγελισμό της Θεοτόκου!

Ευχαριστούμε θερμα την δασκάλα του Ελληνικού σχολείου κ. Δέσποινα Μάρκου καθώς και τους γονείς, παππούδες/γιαγιάδες για την όμορφη εκδήλωση!

Να είστε όλοι καλά και του Χρόνου! Καλη Ανάσταση και Καλό Πάσχα!

Δημήτριος Τσιβέλης
Πρόεδρος Ελληνικού Σχολείου

Dear Parishioners,

By the grace of God we celebrated again this year the double feast of March 25 in our church with success! The program was opened by Mrs. Irini Tsouka who was an honorary guest of the event. She gladly accepted to talk to us about the Greek revolution as she loves Greek history. It should be noted that Mrs. Tsouka has served as a teacher for 36 whole years in various Greek schools of the Greek community such as Paramus, Tenaflly and Jackson Heights. Mrs. Tsouka spoke to us about "the heroic women of the Continent of the revolution." Deeply moved, as she is from Ipiro, she told us true stories from women of the Greek revolution. The vividness of her speech took us to those hard years of Turkish rule and moved us all. We warmly thank Mrs. Tsouka for her beautiful speech and we hope that she will return with new speeches at other events.

Then it was the children of the Greek School and the teacher Despina Markou turn! They sang the American and Greek National Anthems, as well as, the famous song of the secret school during the Turkish occupation (My Bright Moon). Later, each student recited a poem on the subject of the revolution and the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary!

We warmly thank the teacher of the Greek School, Mrs. Despina Markou, as well as, the parents, grandparents for the beautiful event!

May you all be well! We wish you a Happy Easter!

Dimitrios Tsivelis
Greek School President





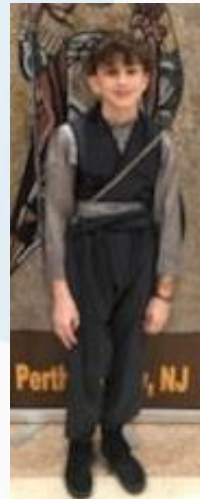
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Sunday School

The brilliant smiles on the faces of our Sunday School students show their enthusiasm to work on their Pascha Passports. As the children attend our Lenten services, they receive a special Icon stamp that is placed in their individual Pascha Passports. This project encourages our children to attend as many services as possible during Great Lent while they, simultaneously, learn about the importance of each service and the symbolism that each Icon stamp represents.

May all our children and their families be blessed as we all journey through Great Lent together through prayers, fasting and almsgiving. Kali Sarakosti to all our Saint Demetrios families.



G.O.Y.A.

We hope that everyone is enjoying the reflective time of Lent. The Goyans would like to thank all of you for supporting them during their Sights and Sounds competition. A special thanks to all of those that contributed to or attended the spaghetti lunch. A reminder that G.O.Y.A. parents are hosting a fun afternoon "Paint and Sip" on April 2nd. Please spread the word to family and friends! The appetizers will be Lenten appropriate! The Goyans will also be selling decorative Lambades during Holy Week so please look for us in the Church Narthex. We wish all of you a joyful Easter!

CONGRATULATIONS





Great Job



Well done!



Join us for A Painting Party

Saturday April 2nd

4:30 PM

Church Hall

\$40

All 16 and older are welcome
to paint! No experience is
necessary. Light
refreshments provided.

Wine available for adults 21 + over.



This is the image that will be used for painting.

All proceeds will benefit the Perth Amboy GOYA costume fund.

For questions or RSVP: Contact

Cyndi Giannakopoulos 732-735-7531 or

Jennifer Simatos 732-343-2266

PTO

This Easter, our PTO will, once again, host our Annual Saint Demetrios Easter Egg Hunt following Agape services Easter morning, Sunday April 24th. Please help support the funding of the egg treats for the Egg Hunt and Easter Candy. You can give or send donations of any amount to Diana Regan, PTO President, Froso Morales PTO Treasurer or Jennifer Kanellidis, PTO Secretary. Additional funds received will be utilized toward our upcoming Graduation luncheon in May and our Father of the Year luncheon in June!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Diana Regan at dianapregan@gmail.com.

Most importantly, we hope to see our beautiful St. Demetrios children on Easter Sunday! Maybe the Easter Bunny will pay us a visit again this year!



SAINT DEMETRIOS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." ~ Proverbs 19:17

The Philoptochos started the Easter season with something new this year: a Lenten Bake Sale, which consisted of homemade Halvah and Koulourakia. Thank you to our bakers, Aphrodite Kanellidis, Marietta Khalil, Anna Kyriakatos, and Irene Pakis. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Argiro Ahlandianakis who kindly assisted us with the bale sale. As always, continued support of efforts is greatly appreciated.

We would welcome volunteers for the following events:

- Palm Crosses – On Thursday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m., downstairs in the church hall, we will be preparing Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Services. We could really use some assistance! This is a time-consuming effort so any extra help would be great. (Bring scissors if you can!).
- Red Eggs - We will need volunteers to color (red) eggs and bring them to church on Holy Thursday night, April 21st. We will be wrapping the eggs in tulle with ribbon. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Also in time for Easter is our Tsourekia Sale. Each braided loaf will cost \$15.00. Please contact Ms. Irene Dimitratos at 732-585-3585 by Sunday, April 3rd to place your order. Your tsoureki(a) will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday.

A big Thank You goes out to those of you who have brought in non-perishable foods for the local food pantries. As a gentle reminder, food items can be dropped off in the Philoptochos collection box located in the Narthex. Every can or non-perishable food item helps someone or a family put food on the table. Please see the sign for a suggested list of items you can bring in.

Happy Easter! / Καλό Πάσχα!

Our Philoptochos members, Marietta Khalil and Irene Pakis, created the beautiful array of flowers surrounding our Holy Cross to be used by Father Gregory in the Veneration and Procession.



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2022



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May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

☐ yes ☐ no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?

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Light A Candle...Say A Prayer...Virtual Tray Donation

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light of life." (John 8:12)

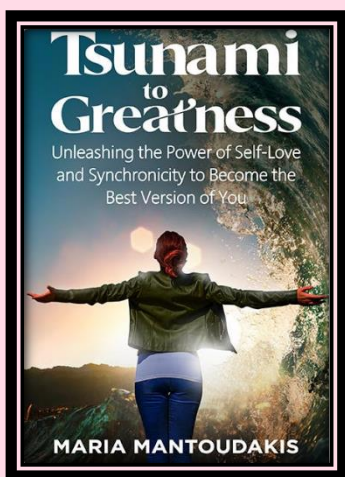
You can request a red glass candle to be lit with a blessing and a prayer. Each red candle is a \$10.00 donation. Candles will be lit during the Divine Liturgy. A donation can be made through the website, but a call or email would be necessary to make the request. Donations go directly to funding the day to day operations of Saint Demetrios Church.

Requests can be made via Saint Demetrios' website: <http://www.stdemetriosperthamboy.org/> or you can mail a check to the church:



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
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