



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

St. Demetrios Senior Housing

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy

Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Communities of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

Throughout the earthly ministry of our Lord, He provides us with the example, par excellence, of how to be His disciples and live Orthodox Christian lives through our faith and our good works. Christ emphasizes that if we are to follow Him, we must serve others and not ourselves. He accentuates this by His own example when He says, *“but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”* (Matt. 20:26-28).

The Church throughout the centuries has endeavored to accomplish this through its *“Diakonia”*, that is, the ministry of the Church. From the earliest of Christian times, the Church has strived to feed the hungry, care for the poor, give shelter to the homeless, educate the masses, and care not only for the temporal needs of all people, but their spiritual needs as well. Each and every Orthodox Christian is called to service since serving our neighbor is a sign of our discipleship in Christ.

It is in this spirit that I announce to you a new initiative of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey aimed at serving our senior citizens who wish to preserve their Orthodox faith by means of creating affordable senior retirement housing in the Metropolis. Many times in their later years elderly individuals no longer drive and have ailments that may prevent their mobility. Thus, they end up isolated, lonely, and have sparse interaction with their parish community. By providing senior citizens affordable housing in an Orthodox Christian environment, we can help tend to both the spiritual and physical needs of individuals who are integral to our communities. Therefore I have designated a portion of the Metropolis funds as a pledge to building this affordable senior retirement housing.

One example of the work we hope to accomplish can be found at the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Community in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. With special Paraklesis Services to the Theotokos and new leadership in the past few years, this small community became a

beacon of light as it has flourished and has experienced a spiritual and physical rejuvenation. The St. Demetrios community, however, had an even greater vision when they undertook the task of bringing to fruition a soon-to-be-built Waterfront Complex, the St. Demetrios Housing for Active Adults, which will feature a 300-person multipurpose community center. One and two-bedroom condominiums joined by modern green spaces will overlook the Raritan River adjoining the St. Demetrios church. The Center features a communal lounge, dining room solarium, library, and a chapel. This is just one example of the initiatives aimed at helping elderly seniors who want to remain close to their faith.

The Philotimo Housing Development Corporation, which is intended to serve the spiritual and physical needs of elderly Orthodox Christians, is named for the Greek words, “philo” meaning “love” and “timi”, meaning honor. This love of honor is not centered on the self, but its connotation entails one’s love for and responsibility to one’s neighbor. At this time, 27 units are in the process of being built. Though this is just a first step, I ask each parish community and each Orthodox Christian to enthusiastically pledge your support to make this first housing project a success. In doing so, you will help enable elderly individuals to live their twilight years in dignity, honor, and spiritual fulfillment.

Praying that you are all granted the abundance grace of God and that you will continue to support the critical ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey for the glory of God, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Evangelos". The signature is written over a grid of small, faint text that appears to be a placeholder or a watermark, consisting of the words "Signature.doc" and the number "21610" repeated in a grid pattern.

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Metropolitan of New Jersey



SAINT DEMETRIOS HOUSING FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

We are one Orthodox Family

“To whom much is given, much will be required.” - Luke 12:48

Our dream of creating an Orthodox centered Adult retirement community is coming to life. While we believe the new construction, energy efficient, upscale waterfront condominiums are certainly a first within our Metropolis of New Jersey, ***your support is essential*** to succeed. Your philanthropy will allow an Orthodox way of life in a religious community with a caring lifestyle, onsite chapel and the fellowship of a new community. Your contribution allows us to implement important services within our St. Demetrios Housing. There are several ways you can contribute to the Saint Demetrios Housing for Active Adults. The most popular way is by participating in our Naming Opportunities Program.



Naming Opportunities and Donations

Building Fund	\$2,558,000
Kress Community Center	\$1,500,000
Chapel Panagia	\$500,000
Solarium Organic Garden	\$200,000
Resident Dining Lounge	\$50,000
Perimeter Trees (20 x \$2,500)	\$50,000
Bushes (80 x \$625)	\$50,000
Portico Garden Terrace North	\$25,000
Computer / Library Room	\$25,000
Exercise Room	\$25,000
Benches Interior & Exterior (6 x \$2,000)	\$12,000
Proposed Beauty/Barber Shop	\$5,000



Personalized Giving Garden Tree Leaves

"The Giving Garden" will be a visual memory of love, caring and generosity by many for all people who worship, live and visit the St. Demetrios Adult Housing for Active Adults.

These beautifully crafted trees and flowers will be on permanent display, in a prominent position on of main lobby, individualized varied color leaves honoring or in memory of those gifts in accordance with contribution ranging from \$100 - \$1000

<i>Platinum Color Leaf</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Gold Color Leaf</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Silver Color Leaf</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>Copper Color Leaf</i>	<i>\$150</i>
<i>Flower</i>	<i>\$100</i>

Secure your Naming Opportunity or your Personalized Giving Garden Tree Leaf today online at mobile care: <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/iiBY-w?vid=sar9> or call the St. Demetrios Church at 732 726 4466

All contributions to St. Demetrios Housing for Active Adults are tax-exempt pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. St. Demetrios Housing for Active Adults complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The St. Demetrios Housing for Active Adults does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex or gender orientation. Housing is available for both Orthodox and non-Orthodox residents in compliance with the Fair Housing Act.



Family & Friends Day
GROUND BREAKING

Honored Guests

His Eminence
Metropolitan Evangelos

Assemblywoman
Yvonne Lopez

Perth Amboy Mayor
Wilda Diaz



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ
and
ST. DEMETRIOS
Greek Orthodox Church and Philotimo
Perth Amboy, NJ

Cordially invite our Families and Friends
to join us in a
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
for our new
**ST. DEMETRIOS HOUSING
FOR ACTIVE ADULTS**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

12:00 Noon

**FOLLOWED BY ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH DANCE
\$40.00 PER PERSON**

(CHILDREN \$15, UNDER AGE 7 COMPLIMENTARY)
**DELICIOUS BUFFET, MUSIC & DANCING
PERFORMANCE BY OUR YOUTH DANCERS**

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