

## Father Demetrios Constantelos

Father Demetrios was born in 1927 in Spilia, Messenias, Greece and started his education there. Following his graduation from the Gymnasium (high school) of Kyparissia, he immigrated to the United States and enrolled at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School, graduating in 1958 with a B.A. in Theology. He then continued his education and received his Th.M. Degree in New Testament Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

He was ordained by Archbishop Michael in New York and was assigned to St. Demetrios Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ (1955-1964). In 1965 he was assigned to Holy Cross Hellenic College where he taught from 1965 to 1971. Other parishes include: St. Nicholas in Lexington, Mass. (1965-1967); visiting priest to several parishes in New England, Maryland and New Jersey, such as St. Barbara, Toms River; St. Anthony, Vineland, and Holy Trinity, Bargaintown.

He is a prolific writer and has authored and edited twelve volumes and hundreds of articles which have been published in prestigious publications. Father Demetrios is considered an outstanding theologian internationally and his love for the Greek Studies unsurpassed.

Father Demetrios has lectured and taught in many colleges and universities and has addressed hundreds of gatherings on Byzantine History, the Greek Orthodox Church and Religion in general. Stella was born in New York in 1928. During the Depression and war years, she lived in Chios and returned to the United States in 1946. They were married in St. Demetrios Church in Jamaica, NY and they have four children: Christine (a graduate of Cook College of Rutgers University), John (a Ph.D. from Duke University), Eleni (a graduate of Colgate University), and Maria ( a graduate of Bergen College and a student at Marymount College).

Father Demetrios served St. Demetrios Parish in Wildwood as an acting Pastor in 1990 and again in 1992 when the regular pastor was on a temporary leave of absence.