



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

ΙΕΡΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΤΡΙΑΔΟΣ

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*“Behold, I have commanded you. Be strong and courageous!
Do not be discouraged or fearful, for the Lord your God
is with you in all things, wherever you go!” – Joshua 1:9*

As we enter into another week dealing with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, I pray for the health and well-being of the faithful at Holy Trinity. I encourage you to be strong and remain faithful, knowing the Lord is always with us. May He strengthen us with power from on high to endure this affliction and all related issues caused by it.

Christians are people of prayer. Prayer is like the air we breathe. It is a real yet unseen force that keeps us alive. It has incredible hidden power to change life's bad events and situations into good ones. We must use this force presently.

The following prayer was written by the Church of Greece. It was translated and adapted into English and I wish not only to share it with you, but to ask you to pray it with other parishioners at a daily synchronized time. Even though the parish of Holy Trinity is presently scattered and quarantined into our own homes, we retain the power of a community by being united in prayer. This is the real and unseen force that I am talking about. Beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24, and each day thereafter, I ask that at the appointed times of 12:00 PM and then again at 6:00 PM we read this prayer in front of your iconostasis or in front of an icon of Christ. Let us stand together in prayer, being united as a community of faith, asking for our Lord's help against the Coronavirus.

**Let us pray together as a parish each day at:
12:00 noon and 6:00 PM**

✙ Divine Services

You can view the Divine Services online using the following links:

Parish Website - www.holytrinitywestfield.org/parish-news/

Holy Trinity YouTube Channel -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6MdvkLD4WxW5Nrh1HuZEZQ>

Holy Trinity Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinity-Greek-Orthodox-Church-Westfield-NJ-397266127065207/>



A Prayer to our Lord Against the Coronavirus



Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Supreme healer of our souls and bodies, You became man for us in order to heal the chronic sufferings of humankind. You did not despise the ten lepers who were gravely ill but did cleanse them through Your saving compassion. As the God-man, You spent the days of your presence here on earth performing glorious works and healing those sick and suffering from infirmities. You restored back to good health the paralytic, the blind, those heavy laden with sins, the demonized, and those suffering from the passions of both body and mind. In Your goodness Lord, accept our supplication at this time and with Your divine power drive away the killer virus that causes fear among people and death to the sick and those who unjustly suffer from it.

If You have allowed this tempter in our midst because of our many sins, we beg You, the only Merciful One, lift this burden from us and from the whole world. And if You allowed its prevalence as a test to our faith, we the faithful implore You, to end the uncertainty and deliver those who are sickened from this epidemic, as the only Physician of our souls and bodies.

Furthermore, if this was given because of the wickedness of the adversary, and was spread through negligence of irresponsible people, as the Almighty God, crush its power by Your divine might and once again shine the light of Your salvation upon all.

O Holy Lord, we ask you to guard the infants, keep the youth safe, surround the sick with Your protection, and heal from the curse of this virus those of old age. Deliver all of us from oppression and despondency, and grant us instead, health, comfort, and progress in faith.

We ask this through the intercessions of the most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, who is Quick-to-hear, and the Life-giving Spring; of Your illuminous angels, those ministering spirits of God; of St. John the Baptist and Forerunner; of the Wonderworking saints, Sts. Cosmas and Damianos the Holy Unmercenary Physicians; St. Barbara the Great Martyr; St. Anastasia, the Deliverer from Potions (Pharmakolytria); St. Gerasimos of Kephallonia; St. Spyridon the Wonderworker; and St. Nektarios of Pentapolis, the Healer and Wonderworker; and of all Your Saints.

We pray this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

