

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ~ TRULY, HE IS RISEN!  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**



**SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS  
April 27, 2025**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
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Live streaming services**

**Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizio, Parish Priest**

**“CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD  
BY DEATH HAS HE TRAMPLED UPON DEATH  
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS  
HE HAS GRANTED LIFE.”**

On the Second Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate Holy Apostle Thomas touching the Master’s side, this day is also called Antipascha; The Holy Hieromartyr St. Symeon, Bishop of Jerusalem and Kinsman of the Lord; The Holy Martyrs Sts. Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael, and the other George of Samotraki

First Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. Matthew 28:16-20</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Acts 5:12-20</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. John 20:19-31</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion:** “Christ is risen from the dead by death has He trampled upon death and to those in the tombs he has granted life.”

**Apolytikion:** “The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.”

**Kontakion:** “Though Thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades and as Victor, Thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the Myrrh-bearing women, saying: Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon Thy disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen.”

#### Sacraments and Rites

**Baptism:** On Saturday, April 26, the baptism of Roman John Karsos, son of Nikolas and Stephanie Karsos, was celebrated. The Godfather is John Tsamutalis.

#### Paschal Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Pascha and the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women,  
Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

# CHRIST IS RISEN!



# TRULY, HE IS RISEN!

Prayer  
Request



Costa, Basil, Lemonia, Justin, Evangelia, Brennan, Egon, Marilyn, Tatanya, Robert, Elizabeth, George, Nicholas, Alexander, Vasilios, Danny, Bill, Lou, Foula, Eupraxia, Chris, Arlene, John, Ted, William, Theodora, Michael, Gioula, Nicholas, Hellen, Luba, Kevin, Janice, Elaine, Patty, Cynthia, Nicholas, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Lea, Robert, Mary, Mason, George, Chloe, Yolanda, Luke, George, Maria, Alexander, Athena, Demetra, Stavroula, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Pamela, John, Helen, Chris, Niko, Vicky, Dino, Stephanie, James, John, Theodora, Novlet, Chrysavgi, Alexandra, Sue

### Welcome Visitors

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community today. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or wish to learn more about the Orthodox Faith we hope that you consider becoming part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet you. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

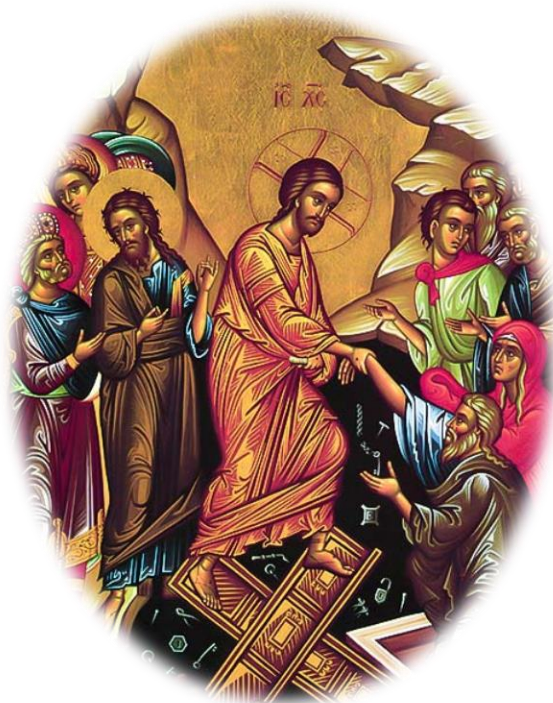
*Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!*

A sacred Pascha is shown to us today; a new and Holy Pascha;  
A mystic Pascha; an all-venerable Pascha;  
A Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer; a spotless Pascha;  
A great Pascha; a Pascha of the faithful;  
A Pascha which has opened to us the gates of Paradise;  
A Pascha sanctifying all the faithful.



*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
Now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.*

It is the Day of Resurrection!  
Let us shine forth in splendor for the Festival,  
And embrace one another. Let us say,  
“O brethren, even to those who hate; let us forgive all things in  
The Resurrection, and thus let us exclaim:  
‘Christ is risen from the dead, trampling Death by death, and  
Bestowing life to those in the tombs.’”



### **Attention High School Seniors – Sunday, May 4**

Philoptochos Scholarship applications are due on or before Sunday, May 4, 2025. Please contact the Church office with any questions.

### **Trinity Circle – Tuesday, May 6**

Kindly join us for our lunch/meeting donated in memory of our beloved Theresa & Notis Kotsolios. A presentation by Steve Xenakis will be Greek Cinema - A Short Greek Film: “The Foreigner” (with English Subtitles).

### **Metropolis of New Jersey to Honor Holy Trinity Parishioners – May 12**

On Monday, May 12, parishioners from Holy Trinity will be honored at the Metropolis Grand Banquet. We thank this year’s honorees who give selflessly of themselves to help benefit parish ministries: Clement Thomas -Senior Parish Member; Steven Xenakis - Steward of the Community; Leon Carayannopoulos - Parish Council; Maria Kanaras - Philoptochos; Georgia Sikellis -Greek Education Teacher; Mary Carayannopoulos - Youth Advisor; Caterina Carayannopoulos -GOYA; Anna Decavalles - Religious Education Teacher. The event will be held at the Venetian in Garfield.

### **2025 Ladies Philoptochos Annual Dinner Fashion Show – May 20**

This year’s Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at Brooklake Country Club. Fashions will be provided by Fashions by Leslie Patrizio. Please send in your reservation now, with your seating choice and menu selection. Reservations can also be made at the Fashion Show table during the Fellowship Hour. VIP raffle tickets are being sold at the Fashion Show table or contact Debbie Efthimion at [debbie.efthimion@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.efthimion@gmail.com) Also, the popular and worthwhile Value Pak discounted raffle ticket orders are being accepted at the Fashion Show table, or contact Ellen Manos at [ebmanos@yahoo.com](mailto:ebmanos@yahoo.com) For additional information, please contact Kassandra Romas, 2025 Chair, at [kromas22409@gmail.com](mailto:kromas22409@gmail.com)

### **Ooppps! April Promise**

Mistakes happen. How this one happened one can only guess. Apparently, the company that oversees printing and distributing The Promise, somehow (who knows how), printed and mailed out last year’s The Promise to all parishioners. April 2025 edition that was sent to the printer has been available online since the beginning of the month. To access the current issue visit:

[www.holytrinitywestfield.org/the-promise/](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org/the-promise/)

### **The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee**

The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee would like to share upcoming locally hosted events parishioners may be interested in attending.

**Eastern Mediterranean Business Culture Alliance. Event details are located at <https://embca.com/>**

- **April 27** - “Protection of World Heritage Sites/ Cultural Property in Conflict Zones” Webinar Panel Discussion
- **May 4** - “New Orleans: Cotton Merchants, and the 1st Greek Orthodox Community” Webinar Panel Discussion
- **May 18** - “3rd Greek Genocide During the Late Ottoman Period Forum” Webinar Panel Discussion

**Public Orthodoxy at Fordham University. Event details located**

**at:** <https://publicorthodoxy.org/events/>

- **May 19** Coptic Christianity Conference. Between Archives and the Field: Cross-cutting Methods in Coptic Studies
- **June 4** Nicaea and the Church of the Third Millennium. Towards Catholic-Orthodox Unity
- **June 16** Religious Nationalism

**Hellenic Film Festival**

- Online via Youtube: Family Member. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVYhv4KYp3I&t=15s>

# Upcoming Parish Events

## May 3

GOYA Clothing Drive Fundraiser – Saturday, May 3

Drop off donations from 9:30 AM - 11 AM in the church parking lot. The list of acceptable items to donate are: clothing for men, women and children (shoes in a different bag); clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves, etc.; small toys (2 ft. or less), stuffed animals, towels, sheets and pillowcases, bikes and strollers. Please help make this event successful.

### GOYA CLOTHING DRIVE

HOLY TRINITY  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
250 GALLOWS HILL RD.  
WESTFIELD, NJ  
07090



**please bag items in  
kitchen size garbage bags**

**Accepting:** Clothing, shoes (in a separate clear bag), pocketbooks, belts, baby accessories, hats, scarves, gloves, briefcases, ties, blankets, sheets, tablecloths, towels, curtains, bedding, stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, car seats w base, strollers, small toys/games 2 feet or less.

**Not Accepting:** large toys, board games, books, puzzles, pots & pans, glass, electrical devices, baby cribs, high chairs, VCR tapes, furniture, outdoor playsets, sports equipment.

**SAT.  
MAY 3,  
2025**

**DRIVE THROUGH & DROP OFF**

**9:30-11:00 AM**

# May 4

## GreekFest 2025 Kick-Off Event – Sunday, May 4

Loukoumades, Crepes and Frappe sale in the Bouras Center immediately after Divine Liturgy! Come and enjoy our delicious treats, mingle with fellow parishioners and discover the joy of volunteering at our church festival. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or looking to get involved for the first time, we welcome you to join our community efforts at our NJ GreekFest May 30, 31 and June 1. To sign up, simply scan the QR code in the below flyer or click [GreekFest Volunteers](#)



Join us!

Westfield, NJ  
**GREEKFEST25**  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

**May 30, 31, June 1**

Friday 5 p.m. - 11pm	Saturday Noon - 11 pm	Sunday Noon - 6 pm
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Be an active part of our 2025 GreekFest! Please volunteer your time, talents & treasures. Everyone is needed to make our festival a success! To sign up, simply scan the QR code or go to: <https://bit.ly/GreekfestVolunteers>



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Bouras Center immediately following the Divine Liturgy.



Dear Friend of Holy Trinity,

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church ("HTGOC") in Westfield, NJ will host its annual **Greek Festival on the weekend of Friday May 30 through Sunday June 1**. Our parish invites you to visit us to experience our community, philoxenia, faith, and authentic Hellenic cuisine and culture. For almost 60 years, our parish has been serving Westfield and the surrounding communities. Through the good works of our parish, the festival team and our partners support parish ministries and many local charitable organizations.

Become our partner and join the fun as we plan our largest fellowship event. Your sponsorship or advertising is a testimonial or "confirmation" of your support, generosity, and patronage that directly enables our parish mission. As a business, **your advertisement will gain exposure to over 2,000 visitors and volunteers as well as our social media followers**. Our festival reaches patrons throughout New Jersey, including from Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Bergen, and Somerset counties.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest, and the 2025 Greek Festival Committee

- Visit our website at [www.njgreekfest.com](http://www.njgreekfest.com).

## SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Grand Benefactor Sponsor\* \$5,000 & above \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum Sponsor\* \$2,500 \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Sponsor\* \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Sponsor\* \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze Sponsor\* \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

\*See below for sponsorship recognition.

### *Payment Options (for Greek Festival donations)*

#### A. By Check:

1. Mark your sponsorship package from above.
2. Fill out the contact information below:

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mail check to: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

#### B. By Credit Card: Click link: [Holy Trinity Online Donation](https://secure.myvanco.com/YQBS/home)

Or QR code:



Or visit: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQBS/home>

*Bronze Sponsor \$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition in HTGOC Promise Newsletter (distributed to 800+ people)</li> <li>• Recognition in print materials and e-communications regarding the event</li> <li>• Recognition on Greekfest social media channels</li> <li>• Your name will be displayed on a large banner inside the dining tent at the Greek Festival</li> </ul>
*Silver Sponsor \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronze Sponsor benefits; plus</li> <li>• 10 complimentary admission tickets to Greekfest</li> </ul>
*Gold Sponsor \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silver Sponsor benefits; plus</li> <li>• Your name and/or logo will be displayed at the entrance of the Greek Festival</li> <li>• Your marketing materials will be displayed at the Sponsor Table at the Greek Festival</li> <li>• 5 additional complimentary admission tickets (i.e., 15 total) to Greekfest</li> </ul>
*Platinum Sponsor \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold Sponsor benefits; plus</li> <li>• Your Company logo with link to sponsor's website on Greekfest website</li> <li>• 5 additional complimentary admission tickets (i.e., 20 total) to Greekfest</li> </ul>
*Grand Benefactor \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platinum Sponsor benefits (with customized banner with your name and/or company logo and website address); plus</li> <li>• 5 additional complimentary admission tickets (i.e., 25 total) to Greekfest</li> </ul>

# May 8

**OPA! A Night of Greek Dancing, Drinks and Apps! - Thursday, May 8**

Join us for a night of dancing, drinks and appetizers in the Bouras Center from 7 PM - 9 PM...or longer! Casual/comfortable attire. \$25 per person; adults only. Use the QR codes in the flyer below to register and pay.



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING,  
DRINKS, AND APPS!



Get ready for festival season by brushing up on  
your Greek dancing skills!

Join our very own Hellenic dancer Ronnie Filippatos  
for a fun night of learning the most popular Greek  
dances!

Sign Up Form



Date: May 8th @ 7pm  
Where: The Bouras Center  
CASUAL/COMFORTABLE ATTIRE

\$25 PER PERSON - ADULTS ONLY  
VENMO: @WESTFIELDGREEKSCHOOL




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# May 20, 2025

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church invites you to our annual Spring event for dinner, fashion show and raffles on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at Brooklake Country Club. This year's theme, **Forget Me Not** reflects the **Grand Raffle beneficiary centered on Alzheimer's Research**. Our beloved **Kassandra Romas** is once again chairing with the support of dedicated volunteers, and generous donors to help make it a success! As the largest, most important fundraiser of the year, it anchors the Chapter's ability to fulfill Philoptochos' Christ-centered mission to lessen the pain and suffering of others and support our church community. Join us by putting your "faith in action"!

Please stop by during Sunday Fellowship Hour to make a reservation, place a personal or business ad (deadline April 25) buy raffles, or donate towards raffle prizes. Reservations (Pam Kapsamalis & Annette Romas) Ad Journal (Alex Mavridis at [alexandra.mavridis@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandra.mavridis@yahoo.com)), Grand Raffle (Avi Kiriakatis), Raffle Value Packs (Ellen Manos at [ebmanos@yahoo.com](mailto:ebmanos@yahoo.com)), VIP Raffles (Janet O'Sullivan and Debbie Efthimion), Gift raffle donations (Nina Anastasiou at 908-296-1586 or Christina Colonias at 917-825-5986.)

## [Fashion Show Video!](#)



The Ladies Philoptochos Society  
Of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
in Westfield, New Jersey  
Cordially invites you to

# Forget Me Not

Annual Dinner Fashion Show  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
Brooklake Country Club  
139 Brooklake Road  
Florham Park, New Jersey  
Reception and Raffles - 5:30 pm  
Dinner and Fashion Show - 7:00 pm

Fashions by  
*Leslie Patrizio*

# Greekfest 2025

## May 30 – June 1

SAVE THE DATES & PLEASE VOLUNTEER

GreekFest 2025 - May 30, 31 and June 1

Planning is underway for our upcoming annual NJ GREEKFEST, Holy Trinity's major church fundraiser.

We need you to join in the fun and fellowship by volunteering to help make the event a success. We invite you to bring all your talents and expertise to make this the best GreekFest yet!

Please use the QR code below or click [GreekFest Volunteers](#) to go to the sign-up genius link.



Also, visit us at the GreekFest booth in the Bouras Center to get posters, postcards, yard signs, presale discounted admission tickets for friends and Mega 50/50 raffle tickets. OPA!



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Interested in joining the Choir? E-mail [Kathyrn Athanasoulis](mailto:kathyrn.athanasoulis@gmail.com).



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

Adult Choir for ages 18 to senior citizens



Angel Choir for boys and girls ages 8-12



Byzan "teens" for boys and girls

Ages 13-17

Email the Choir Director

[kathanasoulas@hotmail.com](mailto:kathanasoulas@hotmail.com)



**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!  
ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**