

# Tenth Sunday of Matthew



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Sunday, August 13, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzizis, Parish Priest

On the Thirteenth day of the month, we commemorate: Apodosis of the Transfiguration; Our Righteous Father St. Maximos the Confessor; The All-blessed Empress Irene, the Founder of the Venerable Monastery of Christ the Almighty Saviour, and who took the name Xenia

*Click links for Scripture Readings*

Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. John 21:1-14</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 4:9-16</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. Matthew 17:14-23</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:** “The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Saviour, the third day You arose and unto all the world did You give life where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to You our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all.”

**Apolytikion of the Holy Transfiguration:** “You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.”

**Kontakion of the Holy Transfiguration:** “You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.”

#### *Liturgical Schedule*

Monday, August 14, Great Vespers, 7:00 PM @ Kimisis in Holmdel

Tuesday, August 15, **Dormition/Kimisis of the Theotokos**, Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, August 20, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, August 27, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

#### **Welcome Visitors**

We welcome you to the parish of Holy Trinity in Westfield. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will become part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet you.

## Altar Donations

**Altar Candles:** In loving memory of Angela (Kiki) Micek†

**Vigil Light:** In loving memory of Angela (Kiki) Micek†

## Sacraments and Rites

**Memorial:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Angela Micek†, 1 year. Eternal be her memory.

**Funeral:** On Thursday, August 10, the funeral service for George Thomas Anest† was held. Eternal be his memory.



## The Dormition (Kimisis) of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary - August 15

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

Holy Scripture tells us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and then to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle John took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

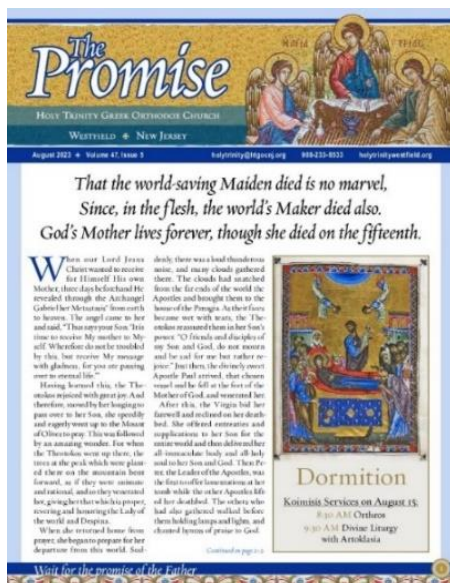
# Prayer Request



Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, His All-Holiness Bartholomew and Ecumenical Patriarch, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Peter, Constantine, Vasileos, Tina, Gabby, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen

## Prosphoro Offering During Summer Months

Prosphoro is the Offering Bread from which the Body of our Lord is consecrated during the Eucharistic Celebration. During the summer months, the church runs low on prosphoro. Please consider baking and offering this special bread to ensure that we have enough for each Divine Liturgy and for antidoron at communion and the dismissal. Even if the seal is not perfect the bread will be used. Bring the prosphoro to church on Thursday or Friday with the names of the living and the departed to have Fr. Peter pray for your family during the Divine Liturgy.



The August Edition of  
**THE PROMISE**  
Now Available Online

### Religious Education Registration is Now Open

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. The first day of classes is September 10. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the fall! Here is the link to register: [www.tinyurl.com/2023-24ReligiousEdRegistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/2023-24ReligiousEdRegistration). You can find the link on the church website <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/religious-education/>.

### Greek School Registration is Now Open

Greek School registration is now open for all classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4PM - 6PM beginning Tuesday, September 12, grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Beginners and Advanced, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, September 14, grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. You can register at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/>



### Wisdom of St. Nikodimos

“God has knowledge only of what is good, because He is in essence the nature and the knowledge of what is good. He is ignorant of evil because He has no capacity for evil. Only of those things for which by nature He possesses the capacity does He also possess the essential knowledge.”

“When someone boasts about his virtues, do not try to help him by reproving him. For a man cannot love showing off and at the same time love the truth.”

“Worldly virtues promote human glory, spiritual virtues the glory of God.”

“The genuineness of a friend is shown at a time of trial, if he shares the distress you suffer.”

“Stillness, prayer, love and self-control are a four-horsed chariot bearing the intellect to heaven.”

# Upcoming Parish Events

**Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1**



**GreekFest is back! Food, Fun and Fellowship while celebrating our Greek Culture**

September 29th-September 30th, 2023

Friday: 3pm-11PM

Saturday 12-11PM

Sunday October 1st-Parish Only Picnic after Liturgy

We need your time, talent and treasure to make it a great success

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

## How can you help?

Please consider being a sponsor or seek business sponsorships

Please sign-up to volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AADAA2E5-greekfest2>

Spread the word to family, friends, businesses through social media, flyers etc.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Kefi while supporting Holy Trinity's Ministries



Dear Friend of Holy Trinity,

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church ("HTGOC") in Westfield, NJ will host its annual **GreekFest on Friday Sept 29th-Saturday Sept 30th**. Our parish invites you to our community to visit us and experience our Philoxenia, our faith, and authentic Hellenic culture. For over 50 years, our parish has been serving Westfield and the surrounding communities. Through the good works of our parish, the festival team, and partners, we support our ministries and local charitable organizations.

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

Sincerely,

Fr. Peter Delvizi, Presiding Priest and the 2023 GreekFest Committee

**Please remember:**

- Spread the word through posting flyers, lawn signs, or find us on social media at NJGreekFest.
- Visit our website at [www.njgreekfest.com](http://www.njgreekfest.com).
- Repost and share on your social media feed(s).

## **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES**

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\*Sponsorship of \$1,000 and above entitles donor to the following advertising inclusions: (i) HTGOC Promise Newsletter with over 800 recipients; (ii) GreekFest website; and (iii) large Festival Banners during Festival days.

### ***Payment Options (for GreekFest 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](#)**

Or QR code:



Or visit: <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/>

**Thursday, October 5**

***Save The Date!***

**41st ANNUAL  
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**

Echo Lake Country Club  
515 Springfield Avenue  
Westfield, NJ 07090



Sponsorships, scheduling, and fees will soon be provided.

For information, please contact the Golf Committee:

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