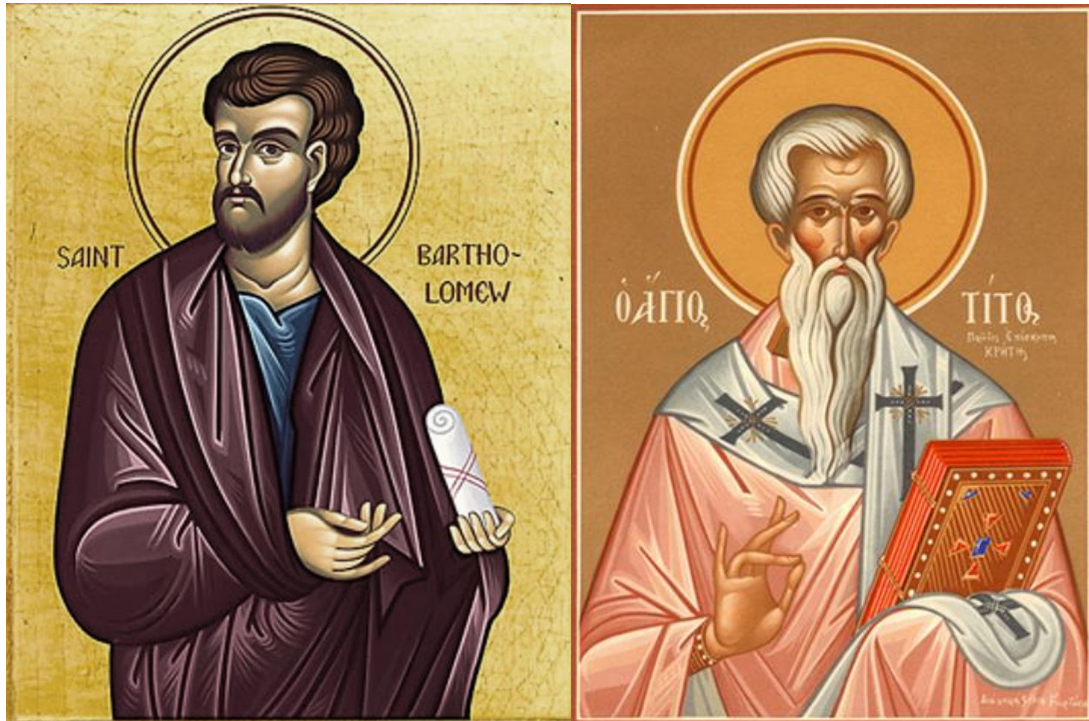


Ninth Sunday of Matthew



ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

ST. TITUS THE APOSTLE

August 25, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
908.233.8533 www.holytrinitywestfield.org
Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:19-31	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	1 Corinthians 3:9-17	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 14:22-34	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb that we may be released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.”

Apolytikion of the Most Holy Apostles: “O holy Apostles, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.”

Apolytikion of the Church: “Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”

Kontakion: “Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. O immaculate one, by thy holy nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, September 1, Ecclesiastical New Year, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 8, Nativity of the Theotokos, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Kandili: In Loving Memory of Frances Frigerio †

Sacraments and Rites

Churching: On Sunday, a 40-day blessing of Evelyn Rose, daughter of Andrew and Caitlyn Rose will be held.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested on Sunday at the memorial service for Frances (Euphrosyni) Frigerio †, 40 days. Eternal be her memory.

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, we hope that you consider becoming part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet you.

Holy Trinity Welcomes Guest Celebrant

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Pratsinakis who celebrates today's Divine Liturgy. We thank him for his generosity and accommodation to substitute while Fr. Peter is away.

Singing the Liturgy During Summer Months

A beautiful opportunity occurs at the Divine Liturgy during the summer months in that the parish begins congregational singing. Our chanters lead the responses, and the faithful are encouraged to participate so that the church may be filled with the sweet sounds of spiritual hymns.



Prayer Request

Luba, Kevin, Janice, Elaine, Patty, Cynthia, Nicholas, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Robert, Phyllis, Lea, 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, Marilyn, David, Basil, Laura, Marylee, Meropi, Adina, Nicholas, Constantine, Billy, Molly, Leonedas, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Vasileos, Tina, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara

Translation (Return) of the Body of St. Bartholomew - August 25

Although the main feast of St. Bartholomew is celebrated on June 11, August 25 commemorates the translation of his relics. After this great apostle was crucified in Armenia, Christians removed his body and honorably buried it in a lead sarcophagus. When numerous miracles, especially healings of the sick that occurred over the grave of the apostle, the number of Christians increased. Pagans then took the sarcophagus containing the relics of Bartholomew and tossed it into the sea. At the same time, they threw four more sarcophagi into the sea containing the relics of four martyrs: Papian, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius. However, by God's providence, the sarcophagi did not sink but floated, and were carried by the current: Acacius, to the town of Askalon; Gregory, to Calabria; Lucian, to Messina; Papian, to the other side of Sicily; and Bartholomew to the island of Lipara. By some mysterious revelation, Agathon, the Bishop of Lipara, learned of the approaching relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew to Lipara. With the clergy and people, Agathon came to the shore to receive the sarcophagus with great joy. On that occasion, once again many healings of the sick occurred from the relics of the holy apostle. The relics were placed in the church of St. Bartholomew and there they reposed until the time of Theophilus the Iconoclast about the year 839 A.D.; and, since the Muslims threatened Lipara, the relics of the apostle were translated to Benevento. Thus, the Lord glorified His apostle by miracles both during his life and after his death.

St. Titus, Apostle of the Seventy - August 25

Titus was one of the Seventy Apostles. Born in Crete, he was educated in Greek philosophy and poetry. Following a dream, he began reading the Prophet Isaiah and doubted all the wisdom of the Hellenes. Hearing about Christ the Lord, Titus traveled to Jerusalem with other Cretans and

personally heard the words of the Savior and witnessed His mighty works. His young heart completely adhered to Christ. Later, he was baptized by the Apostle Paul whom he served as a son to a father in the work of evangelization. Paul loved Titus so much that, at times, he referred to him as son: "To Titus, my beloved son" (Titus 1:4) and, at times, brother: "I urged Titus to go to you and I sent the other brother with him" (2 Corinthians 12:18). Titus traveled extensively with the great apostle of the people [St. Paul] and was appointed by him as the bishop of Crete. Titus was present at the suffering and death of Paul in Rome and honorably buried the body of his teacher and spiritual father. After that, Titus returned to Crete where, with great success, he baptized the pagans and prudently governed the Church of God until old age. Titus entered into rest at the age of ninety-four.

The August Edition of
THE PROMISE
Is Now Available



Religious Education Classes Resume - Sunday, September 8

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. The first day of classes is Sunday, September 8. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall! Click the link to register: [Religious Education Registration](#)

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. Classes begin Tuesday, September 10, grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and 1st Advanced and Thursday, September 12, grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

To register [click here](#).

GOYA Registration is Now Open

All students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to register for GOYA. Sixth graders can only participate in Westfield events; grades 7-12 can participate in all state GOYA events. For more information contact Sophia Saketos at 908-247-6048 or sophiasaketos@gmail.com.

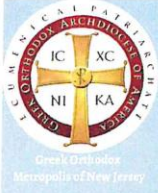
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Trinity Circle

Our monthly lunch/meetings will begin Tuesday, September 10, 11-2 PM. All other months will be on the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

TOTS: (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social)

It is a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, from 9:30 -11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregiver (younger siblings welcome!). Bring water, sneakers, and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608 to sign-up or with any questions.



Metropolis of New Jersey Annual Holy Cross Celebration

Celebrated by His Eminence,
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Sunday, September 15, 2024

- 8:00 AM Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy:
St. George Greek Orthodox Church 1033 W. Park Avenue Ocean, NJ
- Blessing of the Waters and Youth Dive for the Cross following the
Divine Liturgy: Deal Beach - 111 Ocean Ave., Deal, NJ
- Fellowship Picnic to follow for all at St. George Church in
Ocean, NJ



Upcoming Parish Events

SAVE THE DATE!

September 8, 2024



Kick-Off Event!



Loukoumades & Frappe Sale

Sun, September 8th

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 - September 27-29th

Bouras Center immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

September 27-29, 2024

Save the Date

Westfield, NJ
GREEKFEST24
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

September 27, 28, 29

Friday
3 pm - 11pm

Saturday
11 am - 11 pm

Sunday
noon - 5 pm



Be an active part of our 2024 Greekfest! Volunteer your time, talents & treasures. Everyone is needed to make it a success! Simply scan the QR code to sign up or contact Roula Ioannou and Kelly Leunes at htgreekfestvolunteers@gmail.com

GreekFest 2024 - September 27 - 29

OPA!! 2024 Westfield GreekFest will take place, September 27-29!! Come volunteer your talent and join the fun to make this our best festival yet. PLEASE sign up and support OUR community! [GreekFest Volunteers Sign-Up](#)

Contact Roula Ioannou or Keli Leunes at HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com

Follow us [@NJGreekFest](#) on Instagram and [NJ GreekFest](#) on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all things GreekFest!

Be sure to like and share our content!

www.njgreekfest.com



Westfield, NJ



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250 GALLOWS HILL ROAD, WESTFIELD

September 27, 28, 29

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Greek Food & Pastries ◊ **Music & Dancing**
Marketplace ◊ **Kids Zone** ◊ **Mega 50/50**



www.njgreekfest.com



Admission \$2. Children under 12 free!
Free shuttle from Union County College parking lot to the Greekfest

September 23, 2024

**42nd ANNUAL
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**



Monday, September 23, 2024

**Echo Lake Country Club
515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090**

For information, please contact the Golf Committee: George Colonias admin@htgocnj.org
908-294-7414; George Paras gparas@parasandparas.com 201-681-5366



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠