

# Twelfth Sunday of Matthew



Sunday, August 27, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090  
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Live streaming services

On the Twenty-seventh Day of the month, we commemorate: Our Righteous Father St. Pimen; The Newly Appeared Martyr St. Phanourios; St. Anthousa the Martyr

*Click links for Scripture Readings*

Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. John 28:16-20</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Ephesians 6:10-17</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. Matthew 19:16-26</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:** “Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.”

**Apolytikion of the Martyr:** “A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth; \* the hosts of angels keep an earthly festival now in splendor and radiant joy; \* from on high, they praise with hymns thy sufferings and struggles; \* and below, the Church doth laud the heavenly glory \* thou foundest by thy contests and pains, O glorious Phanourios.”

**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:** “Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, “The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

*Liturgical Schedule*

Tuesday, August 29, **Beheading of St. John the Baptist**, Orthros 8:30 AM,

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 3, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Friday, September 8, **Nativity of the Theotokos** Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 10, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 13, Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 14, **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, Orthros, 8:30 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.



Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, 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

### St. Phanourios the Great Martyr and Newly Revealed – August 27

We know nothing for certain about the background of St. Phanourios, nor exactly when he lived. Tradition says that when the island of Rhodes had been conquered by Moslems, the new ruler of the island wished to rebuild the walls of the city around the late 15 century. While working on the fortress, the Moslems uncovered the ruins of a beautiful church including several icons, most of them badly damaged. One icon that of St. Phanourios, looked as if it had been painted that very day. The local bishop, whose name was Nilus, was called to see the icon. The saint is depicted as a young soldier holding a cross in his right hand. On the upper part of the cross is a lighted taper. Twelve scenes from his life are shown around the border of the icon. These scenes show him being questioned by an official, being beaten with stones by soldiers, stretched out on the ground while soldiers whip him, then having his sides raked with iron hooks. He is also shown locked up in prison, standing before the official again, being burned with candles, tied to a rack, thrown to the wild animals, and being crushed by a large rock. The remaining scenes depict him standing before

idols holding burning coals in his hands, while a demon stands by lamenting his defeat by the saint, and finally, the saint stands in a fire with his arms raised in prayer.

These scenes clearly revealed that the saint was a martyr. Bishop Nilus sent representatives to the Moslem ruler, asking that he be permitted to restore the church. Permission was denied, so the bishop went to Constantinople and there he obtained a decree allowing him to rebuild the church. At that time, there was no Orthodox bishop on the island of Crete. Since Crete was under the control of Venice, there was a Latin bishop. The Venetians refused to allow a successor to be consecrated when an Orthodox bishop died, or for new priests to be ordained, hoping that in time they would be able to convert the Orthodox population to Catholicism. Those seeking ordination were obliged to go to the island of Kythera. It so happened that three young deacons had traveled from Crete to Kythera to be ordained to the holy priesthood. On their way back, they were captured at sea by Moslems who brought them to Rhodes to be sold as slaves. Lamenting their fate, the three new priests wept day and night. While in Rhodes the priests heard of the miracles performed by the holy Great Martyr Phanourios. They began to pray to him with tears, asking to be freed from their captivity. Each of the three had been sold to a different master, and so remained unaware of what the others were doing. By the mercy of God, each of the priests was allowed by his master to pray at the restored church of Saint Phanourios. All three arrived at the same time and prostrated themselves before the icon of the saint, asking to be delivered from the hands of the Hagarenes (Moslems, descendants of Hagar). The priests joyfully returned to Crete, carrying with them a copy of the icon of St. Phanourios.

The saint's name sounds similar to the Greek verb "phanerono," which means "to reveal" or "to disclose." For this reason, people pray to St. Phanourios to help them find lost objects. When the object is recovered, they bake a sweet bread and share it with the poor.

### **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/>.

Looking for a fun way to serve the church and use your talents? Teach Religious Education! We have openings in Pre-K, 3, 8 and 9 grades and can use assistant teachers in various grades. Speak to Catherine Kelly, Iris Love or Father Peter for more details.

### **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/>

# Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Saturday, September 16



His Eminence  
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America  
Patriarchal Vicar of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

cordially invites you to

*The Enthronement of*  
**HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS  
of NEW JERSEY**

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
10:30am

Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian  
353 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

Your presence and prayerful participation  
at this sacred and historical event  
is most appreciated.

On the occasion of the Enthronement  
a Luncheon will be held

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
1:00 pm

The Venetian  
546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07060

RSVP required by September 1  
908-301-0500 or  
EnthronementLuncheon@nj.goarch.org

#### LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Table of Ten .....\$1,500      Single Ticket..... \$150

#### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM LEVELS OF SUPPORT

Benefactor ..... \$10,000

Table of 10 for Luncheon, Prominent listing in Program

Patron ..... \$5,000

Table of 10 for Luncheon, Listing in Program

Supporter ..... \$2,500

4 Tickets for Luncheon, Listing in Program

Sponsor ..... \$1,000

2 Tickets for Luncheon, Listing in Program

Checks should be made payable to the "Metropolis of New Jersey" and mailed to 215 East Grove St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

All net proceeds from sponsorships and tickets for the Enthronement Luncheon will be restricted to solely benefit  
the Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Programs

You may have heard of the wonderful news that the Holy Synod of Constantinople elected His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos as the new Metropolitan of New Jersey. This is a huge step forward for our Metropolis having this caring and loving man as our new spiritual father. Because this is a day of celebration for the entire Metropolis you are invited to attend the Enthronement of His Eminence at the Cathedral of St. John in Tenafly on Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 AM. Additionally, the Metropolis is offering sponsorship opportunities for individuals and parishes. You are asked to contribute to the Enthronement and/or attend the Enthronement Luncheon to be held at the Venetian at 1:00 PM that day.

## 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. Click on this link:  
<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 Delvizis, 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**

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

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

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

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

**Bronze Sponsor \$250 and above** \_\_\_\_\_

\*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

## 41st ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC



**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

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

**Golf Outing Schedule – Shotgun start**  
**Upon completion we will have an outdoor reception with**  
**cocktails & hors d'oeuvres**

<b>Driving Range &amp; Registration Check in</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Dr. Kapsimalis Memorial Putting Contest</b>	<b>11 AM-12 PM</b>
<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Cocktail Hour &amp; Reception</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>Awards &amp; Silent Auction</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>

<b><u>Sponsorship Opportunities</u></b>	
<i>Grand Benefactor</i>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<i>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<i>Lunch Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
<i>Prize Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
<i>Kyle House Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<i>Golfer Gift Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<i>On Course Beverage sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 400</b>
<i>Putting Green Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<i>Range Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<i>Cart Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<i>Closest -to -the- Pin Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 300</b>
<i>Hole Sponsor</i>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<i>Tee Sponsor(s)</i>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<i>Hole in One Prize Sponsor Opportunity</i>	

**Benefiting: Windy 25 Memorial Fund  
& Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ (home): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Foursome Players (Event is Limited to 12 Foursomes)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Check all that apply:*

	Individual Golfer(s) @\$380
	Foursome(s) @\$1,520
	Sponsorship: Please indicate level
	We will donate a prize (describe)
	Sponsor a visiting Golfing Clergymen \$\$380
	Tee(s) or Hole Sponsor @\$150

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

*To make your reservation, please complete this form and return it with your payment to:*  
**HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 250 Gallows Hill Road  
Westfield, NJ 07090, Attention: Golf Committee**

**If paying by credit card, please complete the following and sign:**

Name (as it appears on your card): \_\_\_\_\_

Master Card     Visa     American Express

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Month    \_\_\_\_\_ Year    Security Code # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for this credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed or Authorized \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Online payments can be made on the church web site: [www.holytrinitywestfield.org](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org) click on "[Online Giving](#)"



**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**