Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Sunday, August 6, 2023
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Parish Priest
On the Sixth day of the month, we commemorate: The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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

Tuesday, August 8, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 9, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 9:00 AM
Friday, August 11, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6:30 PM
Sunday, August 13, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Tuesday, August 15, Dormition/Kimisis of the Theotokos, 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.
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.

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, 1st Beginners and Advanced, and 3rd and Thursday, September 14, grades 2nd, 4th, and 6th. You can register at https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/

The August Edition of The Promise Is Available Online
Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

On The Transfiguration

“He took (Peter, James and John) up to the mountain, that He might show them His kingdom, before they witnessed His suffering and death...so that...they might understand that he was not crucified...because of his own powerlessness, but because it had pleased Him of His goodness to suffer for the salvation of the world.”—St. Ephraim
Paraklesis to the Holy Theotokos
The first two weeks of August are dedicated to the Panagia. During this time, special intercessory prayers known as the Paraklesis are chanted in church. You are invited to attend these beautiful services during the Dekapentaavgoustos which ask for the protection, guidance, and spiritual comfort (paraklesis) of the Mother of God.

We are always in need of the Panagia’s prayers. This is the perfect time to come together to call upon her for intercession because she is the greatest of all the Saints. By acquiring special favor from God, she stands in constant vigil asking her Son and our God to grant all spiritual goodness that leads to healing and salvation. The Panagia always seeks to help those who encounter misfortune by directing them towards Christ. She is the typos of faith, dedication, obedience, and is adored by all Orthodox Christians.

To request prayers for protection, healing, safety, and good health, please write your name and the names of family members on the provided form and return to church.
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 Delwisch, 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.
- Repost and share on your social media feed(s).

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**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

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Westfield, NJ 07090

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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

★ AMEN ★