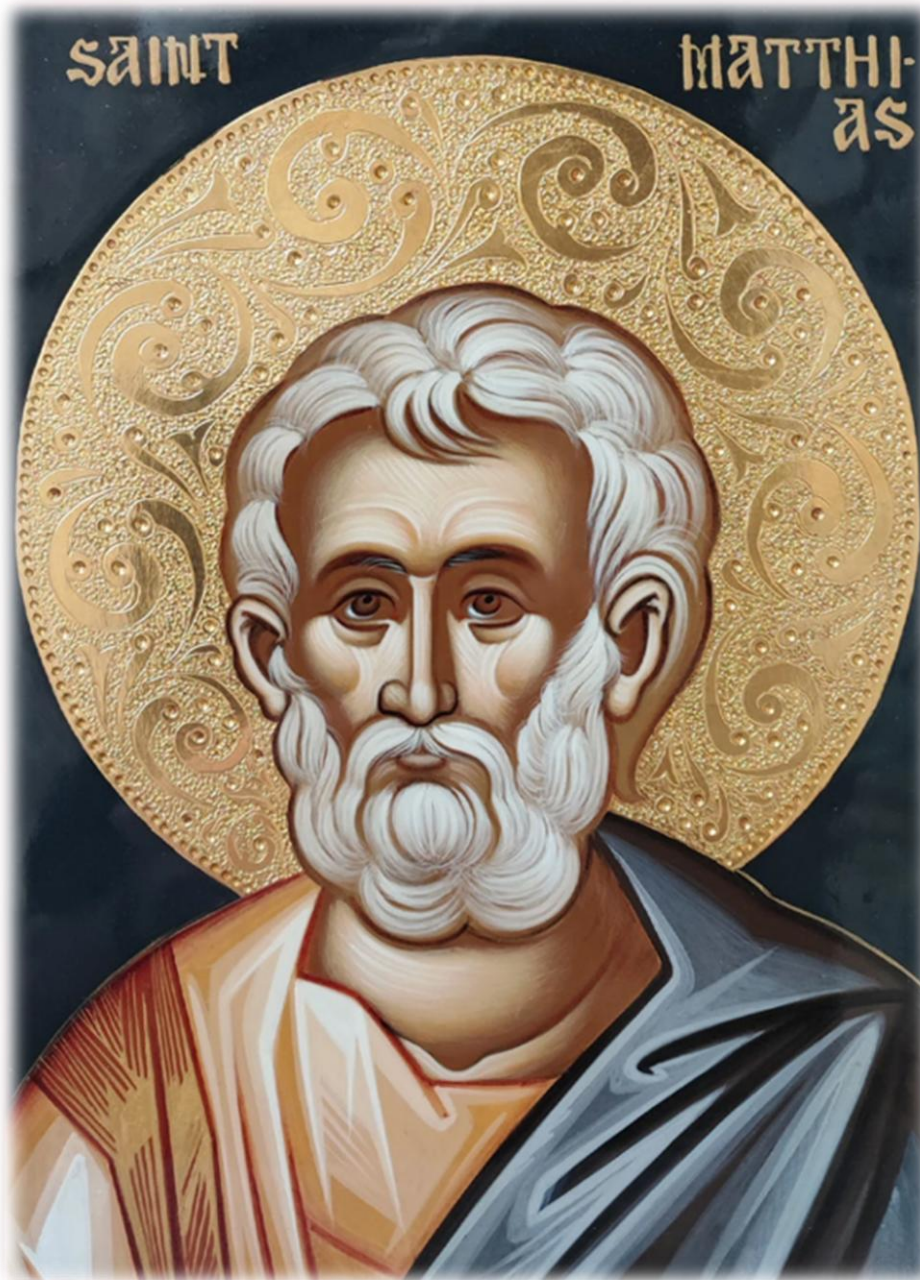


TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



St. Matthias the Holy Apostle of the Seventy

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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzis, Parish Priest

August 9, 2026



Tenth Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Apostle St. Matthias; Our Holy Father St. Constantine, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Euthymios the Hieromartyr, Metropolitan of Rhodes.

First Tone

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Tenth Morning Gospel

[St. John 21:1-14](#)

Epistle Reading: [1 Corinthians 4:9-16](#)

Bible p. 993

Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 17:14-23](#)

Bible pp. 851-2

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

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: “On the mount [Tabor] Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.”

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, August 10, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 12, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 9:30 AM

Saturday, August 15, **Dormition of the Theotokos:** Orthros, 8:30AM; Liturgy, 9:30AM

Sunday, August 16, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Athina Daskalos†

Memorial: Your prayers are requested on Sunday at the memorial service for Athina Daskalos†, 40 days. Eternal be her memory.

Sacraments and Rites

Churching: on Sunday, August 9, a 40-day blessing will be offered for Leo Stefano Leles, son of Dimitri and Katherine Leles; and Adele Eleni Pantazis, daughter of Vasili and Stefanie Pantazis.

Baptism: on Sunday, August 9, the baptism for Silas Finnegan Pires, son of Jaclyn and Daniel Pires will be celebrated. Godmother is Jamie Lynne Page. Also, the baptism for John (Ioannis) Harrison Demas, son of Harrison and Charlotte Demas will be celebrated. Godparents are Connor (Constantine) Stone, and Zoe Anderson.

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes those visiting our community today. Worshipping the Holy Trinity is the principal act of an Orthodox parish, especially on the Day of the Resurrection (Sunday). Our mission is to live the Holy Gospel and spread the Good News to those in our area. We are sanctified by God's grace through the holy Sacraments and glorify Him each moment of the day. We seek God's mercy, as we confess the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



St. Matthias the Holy Apostle of the Seventy – August 9

The Holy Apostle Matthias was born at Bethlehem of the Tribe of Judah. From his early childhood he studied the Law of God under the guidance of St. Simeon the God-Receiver. When the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to the world, St. Matthias believed in Him as the Messiah, followed constantly after Him and was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord “sent them two by two before His face” (Luke 10:1).

After the Ascension of the Savior, St. Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles (Acts 1:15-26). After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthias preached the Gospel at Jerusalem and in Judea together with the other Apostles (Acts 6:2, 8:14). From Jerusalem he went with the Apostles Peter and Andrew to Syria, Antioch and the Cappadocian cities of Tians and Sinope. Here the Apostle Matthias was arrested, from which he was miraculously freed by St. Andrew the First-Called. The Apostle Matthias journeyed after this to Amasea, a city on the shore of the sea. St. Matthias joined St. Andrew as he passed through Edessa and Sebaste, preaching the Gospel together. According to Church Tradition, he also preached at Pontine Ethiopia (presently Western Georgia) and Macedonia. He was frequently subjected to deadly peril, but the Lord preserved him to preach the Gospel.

Once, pagans forced the saint to drink a poison potion. He drank it. Not only did he remain unharmed but he also healed other prisoners who had been blinded by the potion. When the pagans had become enraged intending to kill the Apostle, the earth opened up and

engulfed them. The Apostle Matthias returned to Judea and without ceasing enlightened his countrymen with the light of Christ's teachings. He worked great miracles in the Name of the Lord Jesus and he converted a great many to faith in Christ.

The Jewish High Priest Ananias hated Christ and earlier had commanded the Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, to be flung down from the heights of the Temple, and now he ordered that the Apostle Matthias be arrested and brought for judgment before the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem.

The impious Ananias uttered a speech in which he blasphemously slandered the Lord. Using the prophecies of the Old Testament, the Apostle Matthias demonstrated that Jesus Christ is the True God, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, Consubstantial and Coeternal with God the Father. After these words the Apostle Matthias was sentenced to death by the Sanhedrin and stoned.

When St. Matthias was dead, to hide their malefaction, they cut off his head. (According to several historians, the Apostle Matthias was crucified and indicate that he instead died at Colchis.) The Apostle Matthias received the martyr's crown of glory in the year AD 63.



Save the Dates

October 4, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Luncheon

November 14, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Gala

It's our Anniversary

Save the Dates...

In 2026, Holy Trinity celebrates 60 years of Orthodox witness and service. As a parish we will honor this milestone and the founders who with vision and faith established our beloved parish in 1966. The parish will host a grand celebration on Sunday, October 4, and we hope that you can join us for Liturgy and an Anniversary Luncheon. This will be followed by an evening gala and parish dance on Saturday, November 14. Details will be forthcoming but mark your calendars from now

Trinity Circle - Saturday, August 15, 2026

If you will be attending Dormition of the Theotokos, Divine Liturgy on Saturday, August 15, and want to go for lunch at Mosaico Restaurant, kindly sign up with Avi Kiriakatis. The cost is \$23. cash.



Athena, Theodoti, Angela, Joanne, Nicholas, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Constance, Jeremy, John, Gregory, Gus, Thomas, Sean, Betty, Keela, Florence, Sandy, James, John, Athena, Stavroula, Dimetra, Donny, Dominique, Daniel, Elizabeth, John, Robert, Erin, Kevin, Sabrina, Luke, Bill, James, Ria, Eric, and Eupraxia,



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2026 Stewardship Commitment and Online Giving

As you plan your summer vacation, please consider offering your Stewardship Pledge in advance before departing. It is critical that the Parish has ample financial resources during the summer months so as not to encounter any cash flow problems. Your attention is appreciated. Our Online Stewardship Giving Program is a convenient way to automate your offering. To signup, visit the church website www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org and click on "Online Giving", then "Stewardship". On this page you can complete the "Stewardship Commitment Card" and/or make a donation by clicking "Secure Online Giving".

Religious Education Registration - Classes Begin September 6

We hope everyone is enjoying their Summer! Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience! The first day of classes is Sunday - September 6th for Religious Education! We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall!

Click the link to register: <https://forms.gle/1vPQ1mudyGwBGP6B7>



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pete Markos at religiouseducation@htgocnj.org

Greek Dance 2026 – 2027



Greek Dance lessons offered to all Holy Trinity youth in grades pre-k - 12th.

Led by Holy Trinity parishioner and member of Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey, Ronnie Filippatos.

Dance Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/yiVX7AS6SBeQH3Z18>

Hope/Joy (Pre-K-6th) Instructor: Ronnie Filippatos, lessons to be held on Sundays following religious education. Prek-1st: 11:45am-12:15pm, 2nd-6th: 12:15-1pm, 4th-6th (additional time): 1pm-1:15pm.

GOYA (7th-12th) Instructor: Nick Fourniadis, lessons to be held on Wednesdays 6:45 - 9:15 pm.

Cost:

HOPE/JOY (pre-k-6th): \$250 1 dancer, \$400 2 dancers, \$500 3 dancers, \$550 4 dancers

GOYA (7th-12th): \$350 1 dancer, \$600 2 dancers, \$700 3 dancers, \$750 4 dancers.

Please make payment directly to the church via Venmo @westfieldgreekdance or via check payable to "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church" or via the Holy Trinity website ["Online Giving"](#), then locate the Greek Dance tile and follow instructions for payment.

Thank you,

Nick Fouriniadis and Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez

HTGOC Greek Dance Instructors



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠