

# Eleventh Sunday of Luke



St. Spyridon the Wonderworker

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzis, Presiding Priest

On this the Eleventh day of the month, we commemorate the Holy Forefathers of Christ; St. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople; St. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon; St. Aceprios and St. Aeithalas the Holy Martyrs; Holy Martyrs St. Miracos and St. Barsabas; The Glorious King St. Nikephoros Phokas

First Tone Ηχος Α΄

*Click links for Scripture Readings*

Fourth Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. Luke 24:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Colossians 3:4-11</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. Luke 14:16-24</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:** “Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.”

**Apolytikion of the Forefathers:** “By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.”

**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 this day the Virgin\* comes to the cave to give birth to\* God the Word ineffably,\* Who was before all the ages.\* Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing\* the gladsome tidings;\* with the angels and the shepherds now glorify Him\* Who is willing to be gazed on\* as a young Child Who\* before the ages is God.”

### Altar Donations

Altar Candles, Large Candles, and Vigil Light in memory of Nicholas J.† and Anna K. Bouras†

Prothesis Candles in memory of Andrew Andrews†

## Sacraments and Rites

**Memorials:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Nicholas J. Bouras†, 9 years; and Anna K. Bouras†, 28 years, and Stefanos Delfinopoulos†, 1 year; and Zoi Delfinopoulos†, 19 years. Eternal be their memories.

**Fellowship Hour:** Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored in memory of Nicholas J. Bouras† and Anna K. Bouras†.

### Liturgical Schedule

Monday, December 12, **St. Spyridon the Wonderworker**, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, December 18, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Thursday, December 22, **St. Anastasia Pharmokylitria**, whose relics are deposited in the holy altar of Holy Trinity. Orthros, 8:45 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Friday, December 23, **Royal Hours of the Nativity**, 8:30 AM

Saturday, December 24, Paramoni of the Nativity, Christmas Eve Services, Orthros, 5:30 PM; Divine Liturgy, 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 25, **The Nativity in the flesh of our Lord, God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### Welcome Visitors

Welcome all visitors to our parish. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will be part of our family. Fr. Peter would like very much to meet you. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and receive information about the parish.

### **St. Spyridon, Bishop of Trymythous, the Wonderworker - December 12**

Spyridon was born of simple parents, farmers on the island of Cyprus, the place where this glorious saint served the Church. He married in his youth and had children, but when his wife died, he devoted himself completely to the service of God. He remained simple and humble until his death.

Because of his exceptional piety, Spyridon was chosen as bishop of the city of Trymythous, yet even as bishop, he did not change his simple way of living, managing his livestock and cultivating his land, himself. He used very little of the fruits of his labor for himself; instead, he distributed a greater share to the needy. He manifested great miracles by God's power: he brought down rain in time of drought, stopped the flow of a river, raised several people from the dead, healed Emperor Constantios of a grave illness, saw and heard angels of God,

foresaw future events, discerned the secrets of men's hearts, converted many to the true Faith, and much else.

Spyridon took part in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea 325 A.D., bringing many heretics back to Orthodoxy by his simple and clear expositions of the Faith, as well as by his mighty miracles. He was so simply dressed that once, when he wanted to enter the imperial court at the invitation of the emperor, a soldier, thinking that he was a beggar, struck him on the face. Meek and guileless, Spyridon turned the other cheek to him. He glorified God through many miracles. These miracles were to the benefit of many individuals but also to the whole Church of God. He entered into rest in the Lord in the year 348 A.D. His miracle-working relics rest on the island of Corfu, and even today they glorify God with many miracles.

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Steve, Demetrios, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Paul, Bill, Thomas, John, Ketí, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ketí, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, 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, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon

### **2022 Parish Council Election Results**

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected to the Parish Council: James Angelides, Peter Arbes, Stefanos Arethas, Peter Boutsikaris, George Colonias, Theodore Exarhakos, AJ Karanikolas, Felicia Karsos, Notis Kotsolios, Peter Markos, Peter Tarhanidis. These individuals will serve one term (two years) beginning January 2023 through December 2024.

## 2023 Stewardship Drive is Underway

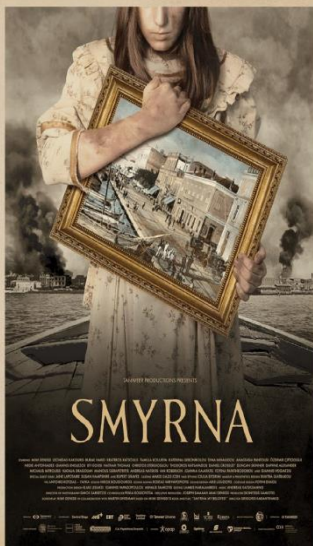
Please submit your 2023 Stewardship card, by bringing it to church or mailing it to the office by December 31. Thank you for your support! We hope to increase the number of Stewardship cards submitted for 2023 and we can do so with your help.

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<b>2023 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD</b>		
<b>The operating expenses of our Church for the year 2023 are estimated to be \$885,000 (or an estimated \$2,200 per family).</b>		
In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Holy Trinity Church in 2023 a total amount of:		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,200 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults (25-30) \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____		
<small>For additional information on Legacy or Planned Giving including donations of property, stock, or other securities, please contact the church office (908) 233-8533 or email HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org (see enclosed Stock/Security Donation Form)</small>		
Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Spouse's Name _____	Email Address _____	
Names of Dependents _____	Telephone Number (_____) _____	
Address _____	Cell Number (_____) _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	<i>Please bring your Commitment Card to Stewardship Sunday Liturgy December 4, 2022</i>	
To vote or seek elective office in the administration of the parish in 2023, your signed Stewardship Commitment Card must be received by March 1, 2023.		

## “Smyrna”

The Six-time Hellenic Academy Award-winning epic war drama

**Holy Trinity Private Viewing**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2:30 PM**  
**Cinemark in Watchung (1670 US-22)**



Holy Trinity Cultural Committee, in commemoration of the Centennial observance of the Smyrna catastrophe in Asia Minor, invites you to a private screening of *Smyrna*. Based on the truly catastrophic events that changed the course of Greek history. Two-time Academy Award Nominated Director Atom Egoyan says *Smyrna* is “An urgent and multilayered examination of the unspeakable atrocity...told with great passion and brimming with outrage.”

**Seating is limited for this private event.**

Please visit the Cultural Committee table during the Fellowship Hour for ticket information. Admission is a minimum donation of \$10.50 per ticket.

## Christmas Boutique Bake Sale

December 11 is the last day of the Christmas Boutique Bake Sale during Fellowship Hour! Beautifully- wrapped and delicious Christmas treats suitable to bring as a hostess gift, give to your favorite hairdresser, postal worker, teacher, or bring home for your enjoyment!!!

## Join today's Christmas Program!

All Holy Trinity parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Program followed by Breakfast with Santa provided by the Parish Council, and Holiday Fun with Joy/Hope on December 11 following the Divine Liturgy.



## GOYA Fundraiser

December 11 is the last day to pick up wreath orders. The wreaths will be outside by the storage shed in the back of the parking lot, labeled with your name. Please pick up anytime

## **2022 Mitten Tree for CASA**

Please continue to bring in your gifts of new mittens, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks until the New Year! They will be distributed in early January by CASA of Union County. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

## **Special Christmas Gifts**

At Christmastime, you may desire to express your love for Holy Trinity by offering special gifts such as communion wine, festal icons, incense, charcoal, pew torch candles, daily Bible guides, holy water bottles, Poinsettia plants, and wreaths that can be donated in memory of or for the health of loved ones. Please call the church office. Thank you for your generosity. A special request is asked for the floral decoration of both the Nativity and Epiphany icons.

## **Metropolis of New Jersey Tree Lighting – Tuesday, December 20**

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros invites parishioners of Holy Trinity to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 PM at the Metropolis of New Jersey located on 215 East Grove St., Westfield. A reception will follow the Tree Lighting.

## **Greek School Christmas Program – Tuesday, December 20**

Holy Trinity's Greek School will be holding its annual Greek School Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 20 from 4-6:00 PM in the Bouras Center. Students in Pre-K-6th grade will showcase a variety of poems and songs in Greek to celebrate Christ's birth.

## **TOTS Playgroup - December 14**

The next TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 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](mailto:vcomprelli@gmail.com) or 612-801-8608) to sign up or to ask any questions.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Philoptochos Vasilopita Bread Sale**

Pick up your order for homemade Vasilopita from Agia Skepi Bakehouse at church on December 18. Proceeds to benefit Saint Basil Academy.

## **Greek Dance for Everyone**

Holy Trinity is happy to offer Greek dance classes for all ages. Joy/Hope (grades K-6th) classes meet on Sundays at 12 noon in Rm 107; GOYA (grades 7th-12th) classes are Sundays from 1-2:30 PM. The adult Greek dance class is off to a great start! Register using the following link [Adult Greek Dance Class](#). Please stop by the GOYA table after church for more information or contact Mary Carayannopoulos ([carayannopoulos@comcast.net](mailto:carayannopoulos@comcast.net) or 314-623-5493).

# Holy Trinity Capital Campaign

**We're almost there!**

**Today's contribution will allow us to reach our goal!**

**There is still time to give!**

**We thank all our donors and benefactors**

## Capital Campaign Progress



Dear Parishioners, as we approach the close of our Capital Campaign this December, we want to thank our parishioners and benefactors for their generosity and support of this worthy cause in the maintenance of the physical structure of our parish. We humbly ask all those who have not yet had the opportunity to donate to please do so this December so that we may bring the Capital Campaign to its successful close of \$750,000. Please note that all donations, of whatever amount, are welcomed. Success can only be attained through your participation and giving spirit this Christmas season.

To date, we have collected \$663,564 in capital campaign donations and pledges. Considering that our campaign started only in December of 2021, this is a tremendous accomplishment.

Call the church office to donate or donate online by visiting [HolyTrinityWestfield.org](https://HolyTrinityWestfield.org)  
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## The Ladies Philoptochos Society

The Philoptochos Board is grateful for the support of its stewards and Holy Trinity family for our fundraisers these past couple of months. Due to your open-hearted giving towards our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive, 475 Thanksgiving Dinners were served to those in most need at the Market Street Mission. Furthermore, your generous support of the annual Community Christmas Card to benefit Best Buddies International and Cleveland Clinic Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Vasilopita Bread Sale to benefit Saint Basil Academy is sincerely appreciated. Finally, the Grecian Muse Oil Painting Raffle to raise funds for The Smile of the Child was a big success. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to fulfill the Philoptochos mission. Any questions or to volunteer your time and talents, please contact [info@htphiloptochos.com](mailto:info@htphiloptochos.com)

## Women of Faith Ministry

New Bible class to begin in January 2023!

There will be a study led by Fr. Peter, followed by a time of discussion, prayer and fellowship together. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Lauren Karanikolas [lkaranikolas@msn.com](mailto:lkaranikolas@msn.com) if you are interested, have any questions, or would like to be added to our email distribution list to receive weekly summaries as well as prayer requests. More details to follow.

## Fellowship Committee

The Spanakopita Cooking Class has been postponed until after the New Year so more people can attend. Stay tuned!



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