

# Fourteenth Sunday of Luke



**Christ Heals the Blind Man**

**December 1, 2024**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090**

**908.233.8533     [www.holytrinitywestfield.org](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org)**

**Live streaming services**

**Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest**

The Holy Prophet Nahum; Our Righteous Father St. Philaret the Merciful; St. Ananias the Persian; Our Righteous Father St. Theokletos the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Lacedaemonia; St. Ananias and St. Solochon, Archbishops of Ephesus

**Plagal Second Tone**

Ἦχος Πλ. Β´

Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. Matthew 28:16-20</a>	<u>Ελληνικά</u>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Ephesians 2:4-10</a>	<u>Ελληνικά</u>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. Luke 18:35-43</a>	<u>Ελληνικά</u>

**Apolytikion:** “The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, 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 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.”

**Liturgical Schedule**

Wednesday, December 4, St. Barbara the Great Martyr, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Friday, December 6, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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

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

**Altar Donations**

**Altar Candles:** In memory of Theodore Skiadas†

**Sacraments and Rites**

**Memorial:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for all deceased Archons of Holy Trinity†: Nicholas J. Bouras; James Fountas; Theodore Demetriou; Notis Kotsolios; James Youlios; John Halecky; Emanuel N. Logothetis; Louis Anderson; Phocas Angleton; Nicholas Agathis; George Zazanis; Harry Demas. Eternal be their memories.

## ARCHON SUNDAY – December 1

The Order of Saint Andrew is a venerable organization dedicated to the defense and protection of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople. The Archons represent the interests of the Mother Church and our Archdiocese in all manner of public and private forums. The Archons seek to promote religious freedom around the globe and remind the world of the ancient Patriarchate of Constantinople. Today a special presentation will be offered in church. Also a creative Sunday School program will introduce Sunday School students to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the challenges that His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I faces today in modern day Turkey. Let us pray for the Patriarchate of Constantinople and His All-Holiness as they face religious and personal restrictions in a land that is not Christian friendly.

### 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. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

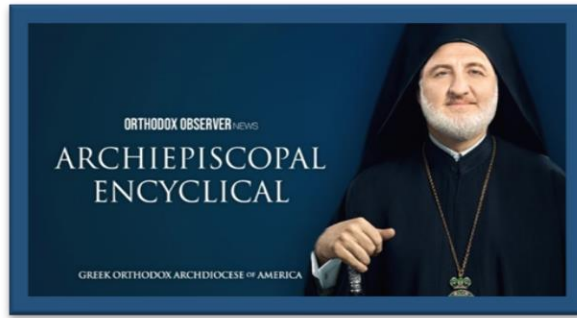
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[www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise](http://www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise)



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**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 399/2024

**Archiepiscopal Encyclical for Archon Sunday  
The Feast of Saint Andrew the First-Called Disciple**

November 30, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Their sound has gone forth unto all the earth, and the words unto the ends of the oikoumene.

*(Psalm 18:4, LXX)*

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

By unanimous decision of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Sacred Archdiocese of America, the honorable and most esteemed Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is to be recognized yearly for the Feast of their Celestial Patron, Saint Andrew the Apostle and First-Called Disciple of the Lord. This year, the commendation of our beloved Order of Archons will occur on Sunday, December 1, with the reading of this first-ever Encyclical.

The Order of Saint Andrew is a venerable organization dedicated to the defense and protection of our Venerable Ecumenical Patriarchate; but it is also so

much more. The Archons represent the interests of the Mother Church and our Archdiocese in all manner of public and private forums. A visit to their website (<https://archons.org>) would reveal an incredible number of initiatives that impact the Church in America in positive, Christ-affirming ways. The Archons exercise a worldwide reach that extends to Greece and the Eparchies of the Ecumenical Throne to promote religious freedom around the globe, and recognize virtuous, humanitarian leadership through the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award. Indeed, their voices are heard throughout the oikoumene!

Many of our parishes have members who are Archons, an office (*offikion*) that is personally approved and bestowed by His All-Holiness himself. On this Sunday, when we take time to show our respect and esteem for the Archons of our Church who are the Members of the Order of Saint Andrew, let us resolve to stand with them in their spiritual phalanx in defense of the Holy Great Church of Christ. We are all sons and daughters of the Mother Church of Constantinople, and we express our gratitude and appreciation to Her brave and devoted Archons for all that they accomplish on Her behalf. May they enjoy many years of health and spiritual prosperity!

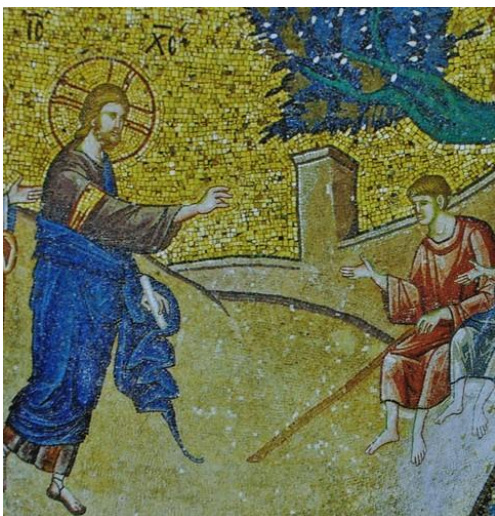
With paternal love in Christ,

† Ὁ Ἀμερικᾶς Ἐπιτοποφῶρος

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



### Jesus Heals the Blind Man on the Road to Jericho - Luke 18:35-43



The Lord performed the wayside miracle of the blind man so that even His passage along a road would yield a profitable teaching for His disciples and for us; that we should in all things, always and in every place, do what is beneficial and never be idle.

The blind man believed that Jesus was the awaited Messiah. Having been raised among the Jews, the Christ would be of the seed of David. Therefore, he cries out in a great voice, “Son of David, have mercy upon me.” His words *have mercy on me* shows that he understood Jesus to be divine and not merely a

man. Marvel at his unfaltering confession. Although rebuked by many, he did not keep silent, but cried out even more, urged on by the fervent zeal within him.

Jesus summons him as one who is truly worthy to approach Him, and asks him, “*What do you want Me to do for you?*” He asks the question, not in ignorance of what the blind man wanted, but so that it would not appear to the others who were present that the Lord gave something different from what the man wanted. Otherwise, some might have said that the Lord, in a vainglorious show of power, healed the man’s blindness when the man had only been begging for alms. Envy might well have inspired some to slander the Lord with such foolishness as this. Therefore, the Lord asked the blind man what he wanted, and when He heard that it was his sight, He gave him his sight.

“*Your faith has made you well,*” are the words our Saviour speaks. The blind man recognizes Christ as the Son of David. We may learn from this that when we ask with faith, God does not give something other than what we ask for, but the very same thing. However, when we ask for one thing and receive something else, it is clear that either we did not make a good request, or we did not ask with faith. See also the power of the Lord: “*Receive your sight.*” Restoration of his sight is done with one word. In Greek the Lord’s response is *anavlepson*, a command that is instantly performed.

Which of the prophets ever healed in this manner, with such power and a single word? His voice, proceeding from Him Who is the true Light, became light to the blind man. See also the gratitude of the healed man: He followed Jesus, glorifying God, and causing others to do the same.



#### **Reading the Communion Prayers – Pages 60-63 in Liturgy Book**

In Her wisdom, the Church provides beautiful prayers to read before receiving Holy Communion. These prayers are part of our Eucharistic preparation which also includes a complete fast in the morning (i.e., nothing by mouth) before receiving Holy Communion. As these prayers are read by the clergy in the altar, the faithful should join in at the same time by reading them silently. These Communion Prayers speak to us about faith and forgiveness; humility and cleansing of sins; and a feeling of unworthiness in the presence of the Almighty God. Finally, they reveal the benefits of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. The conclusion of these prayers is seen in the priest who asks for forgiveness from his co-celebrants in the altar and then from the entire congregation. In like manner, each of us must ask for forgiveness from our brethren before approaching the Holy Chalice.

### St. Ignatius of Antioch (c. 110 A.D.)

I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, *WHICH IS THE FLESH OF JESUS CHRIST*, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I *DESIRE HIS BLOOD*, which is love incorruptible. (*Letter to the Romans 7:3*) - Take care, then, to use one Eucharist, so that whatever you do, you do according to God: *FOR THERE IS ONE FLESH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*, and one cup *IN THE UNION OF HIS BLOOD*; one *ALTAR*, as there is one bishop with the presbytery... (*Letter to the Philadelphians 4:1*)

They (i.e., the Gnostics) abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess that *THE EUCHARIST IS THE FLESH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST*, flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in his goodness, raised up again. (*Letter to Smyrnaeans 7:1*)

### Lessons on the Orthodox Faith – December 10 & 17

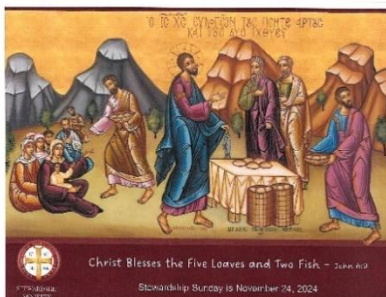
Catechism is provided not only for those who are looking to learn more about the Orthodox Church, which is the fullness of the Christian Faith, but is for anyone looking to deepen their knowledge about the Church established by Christ and His Apostles. Holy Trinity has held two Catechism classes and has scheduled the next two for Tuesday, December 10 and 17 at 5:00 PM at church. Please speak with Father Peter if you're interested in attending as part of the faithful or as one curious about the Orthodox Faith.

### Parish Council Elections - December 8

VOTING - Are you eligible to vote? You can verify your eligibility to vote at next Sunday's election by going to the Board of Electors table to see your name on the voting list. A signed Stewardship Card must have been submitted by March 1, 2024 and your Stewardship Pledge is up to date.

### 2025 Stewardship Drive is Underway

2025 Stewardship Cards are currently being collected. Please submit your signed Stewardship Card by December 31. Holy Trinity is an active and welcoming parish of dynamic stewards. Together we participate and grow in our faith through these ministries which teach the Orthodox Faith and unite us in service to one another and the greater community. The Parish is asking each Steward to contribute \$2,200/family to help make our Stewardship effort successful.



### Trinity Circle

On Tuesday, December 3, Members Christmas Luncheon at Galloping Hill Caterers - \$20, 11:30 AM – 3 PM. Kindly make your reservations with Kassandra Romas, Chair, [kromas22409@gmail.com](mailto:kromas22409@gmail.com).

### **2024 Angel & Mitten Tree**

Please support this Holy Trinity Christmas tradition. We are collecting baby items: diapers size 3, 4, 5, & 6, wipes, new/unused clothing (NB-5t), new books for ages 0-5. We are also collecting new/unused mittens, gloves, hats, and socks. Drop off deadline Sunday, December 22.

Personalized ornaments for the Angel Tree are available for \$10. Proceeds to benefit Religious Education. Please contact Elise Savnik at 908-337-5046.

### **Sights and Sounds – Vocal Coach Needed**

The GOYA is looking for a vocal coach for the Religious, Greek, and English singing groups in preparation for Sights and Sounds on March 1, 2025. Please reach out to Sophia Saketos 908-247-6048 if you are interested or if you know of anyone who could assist the GOYA.

### **TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social)**

It is a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregivers (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 with any questions.

### **Greek School Registration is Now Open**

Greek School registration is now open for all classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 PM - 6 PM. Classes began 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](#).

### **Religious Education Classes Have Begun**

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall! Click the link to register: [Religious Education Registration](#) We have opportunities available to make a difference in the lives of our youth through our faith! You do not need to be an expert on Orthodoxy but hold an interest to teach and learn by being a part of the Religious Education team! We are looking for Assistant Teachers and Substitutes! If interested, please contact Pete Markos at [pmarkos307@gmail.com](mailto:pmarkos307@gmail.com)

## Philoptochos Community Christmas Card – Due Date, Sunday, December 1

We invite you to participate in this community expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Every member of HTGOC will receive the Community Christmas Card imprinted with the names of those who have donated. This year we will donate the proceeds to Mary's Place by the Sea, a place for women with cancer to heal: mind, body & soul. You can sign up on-line or during our Fellowship Hour each week at the Philoptochos table. The due date is December 1. Please help make this a success! For information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986. Thank you!



### HOLY TRINITY 2024 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Our dear Holy Trinity Parishioners, We invite you to participate in this community expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Philoptochos continues its philanthropic work to assist those in need, and we are counting on your support and generosity to enable us to fulfill our mission. Please join your fellow parishioners by donating to our annual Christmas Card. All proceeds to benefit Mary's Place by the Sea, a place for women with cancer to heal: mind, body, and soul.

- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DONATION THAT IS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY  
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
250 Gallows Hill Road Westfield, NJ 07090-1109

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME(S) CLEARLY AND AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE "COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD." If it is the same from last year, please indicate by writing "same as last year".



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Contact Information:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

- If you would like your contact information added to our HTGOC Community on-line Directory, please check this box.

**RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2024**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY HTGOC*

For convenience in handling, you can make your payment by check, credit card, Apple Pay, Google pay or PayPal.



Include your information with the payment and how your family name(s) should appear.  
Contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908/578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917/825-5986 for more information.  
The Ladies Philoptochos Society – HTGOC is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Annual GOYA Wreath and Grave Pillow Fundraiser – Orders Due, Sunday, December 1**  
 Our GOYA will again be selling Christmas wreaths and Cemetery Grave pillows as a fundraiser during the Christmas Season. Please stop by the GOYA table during Fellowship Hour for details. We appreciate your support in advance! Any questions, please contact Christine Skalkotos 847-830-1530.

## GOYA Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Fundraiser!



**Fresh Balsam Fir Holiday Wreaths with Pine Cones, Berries and Red Velvet Bow**

- 16-18" Wreath \$30 each
- 24" Wreaths \$35 each
- 1 Bow Grave Pillow \$30 each
- 2 Bow Grave Pillow \$35 each



Order online <https://tinyurl.com/47y97uzt>

**Payment Options:**

1. Venmo @WestfieldGoya
2. Payment at Sunday Coffee Hour - GOYA table. Checks can be made payable to HTGOC YHT

Orders due by Sunday, December 1, 2024 and will be available for pick up on Thursday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 8 directly from the church courtyard.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL/CELLPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Item	Price	Total Cost
	16-18" Wreath	\$20.00	
	24" Wreath	\$35.00	
	1 Bow 16" Grave Blanket	\$30.00	
	2 Bow 24" Grave Blanket	\$35.00	

Total Pieces Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ /Cash/Venmo

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



# *Trinity Circle*

## *Annual Members Christmas Luncheon*

Date: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 11:30-3:00 pm

**\$20 per person**

### *Menu*

Salad, Penne Pasta

Choice of: Chicken Marsala, Salmon or Prime Rib

Coffee, Tea and Cake with Ice Cream

Open Bar

Galloping Hill Caterers

1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union NJ 07083

Tel. 908-686-2683

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 per person -

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity is selling  
**AGIA SKEPI BAKEHOUSE** Vasilopita for the 2025 New Year  
Large 2 lb freshly baked bread packaged in a beautiful box \$25  
All proceeds go to Saint Basil Academy



\$25 per loaf  
order by Dec. 8 - pick up Dec. 15 at church

PLACE YOUR ORDER with this form at the  
Philoptochos table on Sundays  
or mail to:

The Ladies Philoptochos HTGOC  
250 Gallows Hill Rd, Westfield, NJ 07090

IF YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC  
ORDER/PAYMENT OPTION by check, credit  
card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or PayPal, Venmo



Questions - call/text Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

How many do you want? \_\_\_\_\_

Total Order Price - \$25 per loaf: \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay by:

Cash - Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to *Ladies Philoptochos Society HTGOC*

Venmo @Denise-Eliopoulos

December 2024 Vasilopita Bread Sale

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

## Philoptochos Christmas Dinner/General Meeting

Please join us for our annual Christmas Dinner/General Meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 PM, in the Bouras Center. Reservations may be made during Fellowship Hour at the Philoptochos table or by contacting Marina LoAlbo 908-272-4341 or Phyllis Verenes 973-538-2236.



MERRY  
*Christmas*

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity  
cordially invites you to a

### CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY & "BOUTIQUES"

Thursday, December 12, 2024 | 5:30 pm Hors d'oeuvres & Shopping in the Bouras Center

(Brief General Meeting will follow)



Dinner catered by *Five Star Catering by Thomas*, Westfield, NJ  
Cost: \$45.00 per person



#### Featuring

Christmas Boutique Bake Sale

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Matijewels.com by MEM Designs - Melissa Martakis

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Byzanthea - Helene Palatianos Quinn

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Gina's Traveling Boutique - Gina Martin

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George Psomas, Author of Children's book, "Manoli, The Greek Mouse"

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Handmade Clay and All Things Sparkly by Dolores Chiara Phillips

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Kiki Inguaggiato Art - Kiki Alexiou



*Monetary donations will be taken for the YWCA of Union County.  
Checks made payable to: Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC.*

*Please stop by Philoptochos table during Fellowship Hour to make your reservation  
or contact Yiana Leichtling at 908-413-6213 or treasurerer@htphiloptochos.com*

#### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 8TH

You may pay with Zelle, Yiana Leichtling at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com  
(please include RSVP info with payment)

**Religious Education Christmas Program – Stewardship Opportunities**

Stewardship opportunities are available to help with the Christmas Program, reception and Santa on Sunday, December 15, in the Bouras Center following the Divine Liturgy! If you can help or bring a dessert, please sign up by visiting [Religious Education Christmas Program](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEAD28A5FD0-52140090-religious)



The Religious Education & Joy Hope Graciously Invite All Holy  
Trinity Parishioners, Families & Friends To Our

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, RECEPTION**

**& HOLIDAY FUN!**

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LITURGY**

**IN THE BOURAS CENTER!**

SIGN UP TO HELP OR BRING A DESSERT

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEAD28A5FD0-52140090-religious>

# 2024 Angel Tree and Mitten Trees

Sponsored by Religious Education

Please continue to sponsor these wonderful Holy Trinity  
Christmas traditions and help local children in need.

**The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas  
Gifting Program will benefit  
Moms Helping Moms,  
helping underserved  
families in NJ**

We will be collecting:  
Diapers – size 3, 4, 5 & 6  
Wipes, Diaper Cream, Baby Wash  
New, unused baby clothes  
(0-5T Fall/Winter only at this time)  
New, unused books for ages 0-5  
Other essential baby items  
(NEW items only)



## **The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mitten Tree**

What to Do?

1. Purchase new mittens, gloves, knit hats or socks in adult and children's sizes.
2. Place them under the Mitten Tree starting December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**DROP OFF DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Greek School Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that we will be working with Charleston Wrap again this year to raise funds for our beloved school. Last year, we were able to raise over \$600. Our goal this year is to surpass \$1000 to support our various school activities. Supporting this fundraiser is easy; people just log-in and shop!! Charleston Wrap offers high-quality gift wrap and beautiful gifts that are perfect for the holiday season. By participating in this fundraiser, not only will you be able to find great gifts for your loved ones, but you will also be supporting the Greek School.

### HTOGOC Greek School PTO



### REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.  
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,  
our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID:

**27610**



#### 1. REGISTER

REGISTER now as a participant at [www.registercw.com](http://www.registercw.com) to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

#### 2. SHARE

INVITE 10 + friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using the **TEXT & EMAIL** invitation tools. Don't forget to share on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

#### 3. SHOP

SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!





## **T.O.T.S.- (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social)**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social (T.O.T.S.) of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is to provide an environment fostering fellowship and prayer for children aged 18 months to 4 years of age and their mother, father and/or caregiver. Children are encouraged to develop a sense of comfort and security in God's house while experimenting in independent and cooperative age-appropriate play under their caregiver's supervision. Concurrently, the toddler social enables these adults the opportunity to meet, pray, and socialize.

**TOTS meetings: Wednesdays, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Pre-K Room**

### **2024**

September 25  
October 9, 23  
November 6, 20  
December 11

### **2025**

January 8, 22  
February 12, 26  
March 12 (Wed.), 28 (Fri.)  
April 11, 25 (Fridays)  
May 9, 23 (Fridays)

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.



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

Adult Choir for ages 18 to senior citizens



Angel Choir for boys and girls ages 8-12



Byzan "teens" for boys and girls

Ages 13-17

Email the Choir Director

[kathanasoulas@hotmail.com](mailto:kathanasoulas@hotmail.com)

# Upcoming Parish Events

**January 18, 2025**

## **Holy Trinity Winter Wonderland Dance**

**Join us for a night of food, dancing, family, friends, and fun! There will be an open bar and a delicious buffet to enjoy. We will also have a performance by our Greek dancers and activities for kids throughout the night. Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ. 6 - 10 PM.**

**Tickets: Adults \$100. Teens 13-18 \$60. Kids 2-12 \$40. To purchase please Venmo @westfieldgreeksschool and include your first and last name and ticket quantity.**

**\*\* Donations Needed \*\***

**We kindly ask for raffle prize donations. All proceeds from the raffle will support the Greek School. If you are interested in donating an item, please email**

**[asfourmarissa@gmail.com](mailto:asfourmarissa@gmail.com)**



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

*Holy Trinity  
Winter Wonderland  
Family Dance*

**GALLOPING HILL CATERERS  
1085 GALLOPING HILL ROAD, UNION NJ  
THE CRYSTAL ROOM**

**JANUARY**

**SATURDAY | 18 | AT 6 PM  
2025**

**TICKETS**

**ADULTS \$100, TEENS 13-18 \$60, KIDS 2-12 \$40**

*Thank you for supporting the  
Holy Trinity Greek School*

