

Tenth Sunday of Luke



St. Barbara the Great Martyr

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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

On this the Fourth day of the month, we commemorate, St. Barbara the Great Martyr; St. John the Righteous of Damascus; New Hieromartyr St. Seraphim, Bishop of the Phanar in Greece; St. Juliana the Martyr of Heliopolis; St. Alexander Hotovitzky, New Hieromartyr of Russia, Missionary to America

Plagal 4th Tone Πλ. δ'

Click links for Scripture Readings

Third Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:9-20	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	Luke 13:10-17	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the Cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our Life and Resurrection, Glory to You, O Lord.”

Apolytikion of the Great Martyr: “Let us honor the all-virtuous Saint Barbara; for she broke the snares of the enemy, and she escaped from them like a bird, with the Cross as her help and shield.”

Apolytikion of St. John: “Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise John, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of 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 in loving memory of Barbara Manos†

Vigil Light in memory of Nicholas S. Pappas and Spero Pappas†

Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, December 6, St. Nicholas of Myra, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Sunday, December 11, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Monday, December 12, St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, 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. Barbara the Great Martyr – December 4



Barbara was the daughter of an idolater named Dioscorus. When Barbara came of age, she was enlightened in her pure heart and secretly believed in the Holy Trinity. About this time, Dioscorus began building a bath house, but before it was finished, he was required to go away to attend to certain matters. In his absence, Barbara directed the workmen to build a third window in addition to the two her father had commanded. She also inscribed the sign of the Cross with her finger upon the marble of the bathhouse, leaving the saving sign cut as deeply into the marble as if it had been done with an iron tool. (When the Synaxarion of Saint Barbara was written, the marble of the bath house and the cross inscribed by Saint Barbara were still preserved, and many healings were worked there.) When Dioscorus returned, he asked why the third window had been added; Barbara began to declare to him the mystery of the Trinity. Because she refused to renounce her faith, Dioscorus tortured his daughter inhumanely, and after subjecting

Barbara to many sufferings, he beheaded her with his own hands, in the year 290.

St. John of Damascus – December 4



John was first the chief minister to Caliph Abdul-Malik and later a monk in the Monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified. Because of his ardent defense of the veneration of icons during the reign of the iconoclastic Emperor Leo the Isaurian, John was maligned by the emperor to the Caliph, who cut off his right hand. John fell down in prayer before the icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, and his hand was rejoined and miraculously healed. Seeing this miracle the Caliph repented, but John no longer desired to remain with him as a nobleman. Instead, he withdrew to a monastery, where, from the beginning, he was a model to the monks in humility, obedience and all the prescribed rules of monastic asceticism. John composed the Funeral Hymns which are still in use to this day. He also compiled the Octoechos (The Book of Eight Tones), the Irmologion, the Menologian and the Paschal Canon, and he wrote many

theological works of inspiration and profundity. St. John of Damascus is numbered among the great Fathers of the Church being a great monk, hymnographer, theologian and soldier for the truth of Christ. He entered peacefully into rest in about the year 776 A.D. at the age of 104.

Parish Council Elections – December 4

Parish Council Elections will be held after church services in the Bouras Center. There are eleven candidates: James Angelides, Peter Arbes, Stefanos Arethas, Peter Boutsikaris, George Colonias, Theodore Exarhakos, AJ Karanikolas, Felicia Karsos, Notis Kotsolios, Peter Markos and Peter Tarhanidis.

Stewardship Sunday – December 4

After the Divine Liturgy, the 2023 Stewardship Commitment Cards will be collected and then presented for a blessing. Thank you for the prayerful consideration given to your 2023 annual pledge. We are counting on all our parishioners to support the church and its ministries. Thank you for your continued dedication to the parish and Christ's work at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Stewardship Sunday is December 4

Giving Thanks Eucharistic Stewardship



On Stewardship Sunday, December 4, you are asked to bring your new 2023 Stewardship Card with you to church. The cards will be collected and offered to God as a "love offering."

As Christian Stewards, we are called to give back to God from the "first fruits" of our labor. We do this in large part by supporting the Church, which is our spiritual home. Each year during this time, you are asked to support the parish and her ministries in an intentional and meaningful way. We can do this by offering the first and the best of our fruits!

The 2023 Christian Stewardship Cards were mailed this week to all Stewards of Holy Trinity. If you did not receive the mailing, Stewardship Cards are available in the pews this Sunday. You can also pick-up a card from the church or call the church office to receive it by mail.

Thank you for your stewardship of time, talent and treasure!



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"Giving Thanks: Eucharistic Stewardship"

2023 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

The operating expenses of our Church for the year 2023 are estimated to be \$885,000 (or an estimated \$2,200 per family).

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:
 \$2,200 \$3,000 \$2,000 \$1,000 Young Adults (25-30) \$500 Other \$_____

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@goonj.org (see enclosed Stock/Security Donation Form)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Email Address _____

Names of Dependents _____ Telephone Number (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Pg. _____

*Please bring your Commitment Card to
Stewardship Sunday Liturgy December 4, 2022*

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.

Prayer Request



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, Jeff, Jeffrey

“Smyrna”

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

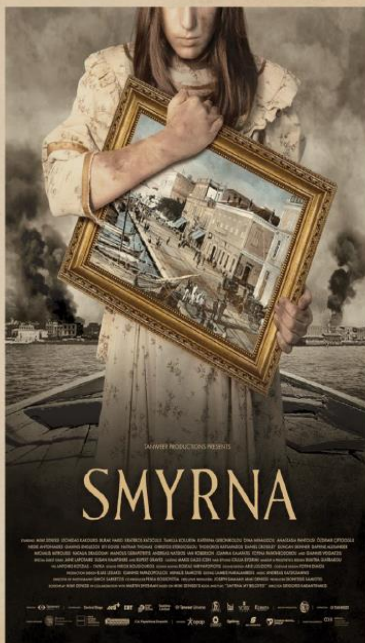
Holy Trinity Private Viewing
Sunday, December 11, 2:30 PM
Cinemark in Watchung (1670 US-22)

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 contact the church office or email Kathy Genakos at kathyg@htgocnj.org for ticket information. Admission is a minimum donation of \$10.50 per ticket.



GOYA Fundraiser

The Wreath Sale is back! Orders are due Sunday, December 4 and will be ready for pick up before the Philoptochos Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 7, or Sunday, December 11. You may order online at [2022 GOYA Wreaths](https://tinurl.com/2022GOYAWreaths), or at the GOYA table on December 4. Proceeds will benefit the Holy Trinity Hellenic Dancers trip to Annapolis, MD in January for the FDF Competition.

GOYA Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Fundraiser!



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

22" Wreath	\$30 each
2'x2' Grave Pillow	\$30 each
30" Wreaths	\$40 each
2'x3' Grave Blanket	\$40 each

Order online <https://tinurl.com/2022GOYAWreaths>
and pay by Venmo to @WestfieldGoya
or at GOYA table on Dec 4
checks can be made payable to HTGOC YHT

**Orders due by Sunday, December 4, 2022 and
will be available for pick up on Wed. 12/7 (before Philoptochos party)
or Sun. 12/11 in the church courtyard**

Thank you for your support of The Holy Trinity Hellenic Dancers/FDF!

NAME _____

EMAIL OR CELL PHONE _____

_____ 22" Wreath @ \$30 each \$ _____

_____ 2'x2' Grave Pillow @\$30 each \$ _____

_____ 30" Wreaths @ \$40 each \$ _____

_____ 2'x3' Grave Blankets @ \$40 each \$ _____

Optional additional donation to FDF Competition \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to HTGOC YHT Check # _____/Cash/Venmo

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, December 6, Annual Members Christmas Luncheon at Galloping Hill Caterers, Union 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

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 or cell# 314-623-5493).

Christmas Boutique Bake Sale

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is having their Christmas Boutique Bake Sale December 4, during the Fellowship Hour, and Wednesday, December 7, at the Philoptochos Christmas Party.

“Grecian Muse” Raffle

An original painting by Avi Kiriakatis is being raffled with the proceeds to benefit The Smile of the Child, a reputable Greece-based charity. Tickets are being sold during Fellowship Hour for \$10 each until the drawing at the Philoptochos Christmas Party on December 7.

Cultural Committee

In addition to the Holy Trinity Private Viewing of *Smyrna*, the Cultural Committee invites you to a free screening of Maria Iliou's stirring documentary *SMYRNA: The Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City (1900-1922)*, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Smyrna catastrophe, on Friday, December 9, at 8:00 PM at the Busch Student Center of Rutgers University-Center Hall, 604 Bartholomew Road, Piscataway.

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 sibling's welcome!). Bring water, sneakers and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli (vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608) to sign up or to ask any questions.

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 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.



Religious Education 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! Sunday, December 11 following the Divine Liturgy. To help or donate please click [SIGN UP](https://tinyurl.com/2022holidayprogram)

Christmas Concert

A combined Christmas Concert of the New Jersey District Choir and the Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir will be held at the Sts. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland on Friday, December 9, at 7:30 PM. Admission is a free-will offering.



2022 Christmas for CASA

The 33rd Annual Christmas Program has begun! This year, all gifts will benefit CASA of Union County. Visit our table during Fellowship Hour to select a tag or visit our Amazon wish list to have a gift sent. All gifts are due by December 4. Thank you for your generosity to this beloved Holy Trinity tradition! [Click here to peruse gifts.](#)

2022 Christmas for CASA and Mitten Tree

Sponsored by the Religious Education

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

The 33rd Annual Christmas Gifting Program

What to Do?

1. Visit our table to select a tag or visit our Amazon wishlist at:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lis/3HE9ZGYZY8OGW?ref_=wl_share
2. Bring the **unwrapped gift** to our table or have the Amazon gift shipped directly to the Christmas for CASA shipping address by **Sunday, December 4th.**



The 33rd Annual Mitten Tree

What to Do?

1. Purchase new mittens, gloves, knit hats or socks in adult and children's sizes.
2. Hang them on the Mitten Tree after December 4th.
3. The Mitten Tree items will be distributed by CASA of Union County.

**DROP OFF DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



Scan this code to
access the
Amazon wishlist!

Annual Christmas Dinner Party

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity cordially invites you to join the fun on Wednesday, December 7 in the Bouras Center. A brief General Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM followed by a catered dinner by Marco Polo Restaurant, shopping, and Christmas carols. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please stop by the Philoptochos table to make your reservation by December 4. You may pay with Zelle, Yiana Leichtling at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com Please include your RSVP information with your payment. Contact Phyllis Verenes at 973-538-2236 or phyllis.verenes@gmail.com



MERRY
Christmas

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cordially invites you to a
CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
7:00 pm at the Bouras Center
Brief General Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm

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Dinner catered by *Marco Polo Restaurant*, Summit, NJ
Cost: \$35.00 per person

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Featuring
Christmas Boutique Bake Sale
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Lovely Hand Knits by *Kassandra Romas*
•
Books for Orthodox Christian Children - Author *Christina Romas Connant*
•
"A Gift of Art is a Gift from the Heart" - by *Avi*
(Original oil paintings & enhanced reproductions)
•
Gina's Traveling Boutique

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

*Please stop by Philoptochos table during Fellowship Hour
to make your reservation or contact Phyllis Verenes at 973-538-2236
or phyllis.verenes@gmail.com*

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 2ND
You may pay with Zelle, Yiana Leichtling at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com
(please include RSVP info with payment)

Philoptochos Community Christmas Card – 2022

We invite you to participate in this community expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Every member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will receive a copy of the Community Christmas Card imprinted with the names of those who have donated. This year, the proceeds will benefit Best Buddies International and Cleveland Clinic Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research. Sign up online or during the Fellowship Hour. Please help make this fundraiser a success! For more information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986.



HOLY TRINITY 2022 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. This year we will donate the proceeds to Best Buddies International and the Cleveland Clinic's Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research. Please join your fellow parishioners by donating to our annual Christmas Card.

- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DONATION.
- ALL DONATIONS ARE 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."



Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____ Donation Amount _____

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2022

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.



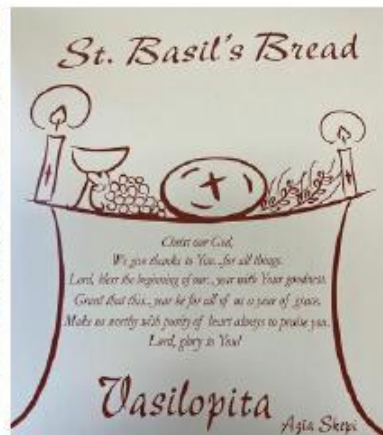
Include your information with the payment and how your family name(s) should appear.

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.

2nd Annual Philoptochos Vasilopita Bread Sale

Homemade Vasilopita made at Agia Skepi Bakehouse, \$20 each! Proceeds to benefit Saint Basil's Academy. Order on December 4 and pick your bread up at church on December 18. To order, stop by the Philoptochos table or [click here to pay/order electronically](#)

**The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity
is selling fresh baked Vasilopita from AGIA SKEPI BAKEHOUSE for
the New Year - all proceeds go to Saint Basil Academy**



Large 2 lb bread packaged in a beautiful box-\$20

\$20 per loaf - order by Dec. 4 - pick up at church Dec. 18

**YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER with this form at the Philoptochos table @
church or call/text Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Quantity: _____

Total Order Price - \$20 per loaf: _____

Check # _____ to Ladies Philoptochos Society HTGOC

Cash Amount _____

**OR, YOU CAN PLACE/PAY FOR YOUR ORDER ELECTRONICALLY
by check, credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or Paypal.**



Donations to Philoptochos fundraisers can be made via check payable to “The Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC” or Zelle at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com

Fellowship Committee

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