

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee



St. Theodore the General (Stratelatos)
whose holy relics are Deposited in the Altar Table
at Holy Trinity

February 5, 2023

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

The Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord
The Triodion Begins Today

On this the fifth day of the month, we commemorate St. Agatha the Martyr; Our Holy Father St. Polyeuctus, Patriarch of Constantinople; The Holy New-martyr St. Antonios of Athens [✠1774]

Plagal of the First Tone Ηχος Α΄

Click links for Scripture Readings

First Morning Gospel:	St. Matthew 28:16-20	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Timothy 3:10-15	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 18:10-14	Ελληνικά

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 Presentation: “Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.”

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: “Let us flee the Pharisee’s* conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican’s* humility, and cry with groans* unto the Saviour: Thou Who alone* art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in loving memory of Gregory Psomas✠

Vigil Light in memory of Van Grafas✠, Gus Grafas✠, Helen Loupasakis✠
and Frieda Anast✠

Large Candles in loving memory of Peter Conelias✠

Prothesis Candles in memory of Stavros Constantinou✠



Sacraments and Rites



Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for Stavros Constantinou†, 1 year, and for Peter Conelias †, 13 years. Eternal be their memories.

Funerals: On Monday, January 30, the funeral for Haralambos Liberatos† was held. On Saturday, February 4, the funeral for William Kiamie† was held. Eternal be their memories.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, February 8, **St. Theodore the General**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, February 12, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

St. Theodore the General (Stratelatos) – February 8

There are martyrdoms that are beyond any price. The preciousness of martyrdom depends upon the greatness of the good things which a Christian abandons, and in lieu of which he accepts suffering. In addition, it depends upon the greatness of the suffering that he endures for Christ's sake. St. Theodore, a Roman commander in the army of Emperor Licinius and the governor of the town of Heraclea, scorned his youth, his handsome appearance, his military rank and the good graces of the emperor. In place of all this, he accepted horrible tortures for the sake of Christ. At first, Theodore was flogged and received six hundred lashes on his back and five hundred on his stomach. After this, he was raised on a cross and was completely pierced with lances. Finally, Theodore was beheaded.

Why all of this? Because St. Theodore loved Christ the Lord above all else in the world. He abhorred the foolish idolatry of the superstitious Emperor Licinius. He smashed the idols of silver and gold and distributed pieces of them to the poor. He converted many to the Christian Faith and called upon Emperor Licinius himself to reject idolatry and believe in the One Living God. During the entire time of his tortures, St. Theodore said repeatedly: "Glory to Thee, my God, glory to Thee!" St. Theodore suffered on February 8, 319 A.D., at three o'clock in the afternoon, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ. St. Theodore is considered the protector of soldiers who call upon him for assistance. His miracle-working relics were translated from Euchaita to Constantinople and interred in the Blachernae church. By the grace of the Triune God, Holy Trinity possesses holy relics of St. Theodore the General. Thereby, we celebrate his holy memorial and the keeping of his memory with the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, February 8, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM.

Let us contemplate the glorious Theodore who battled against Satan and against the sin in men. He took up the defense of good in the face of worldly evil and overcame, by the Savior's love, Satan, sin, and death.

“You will be hated by all for My name's sake.” – Luke 21:17 All those who love themselves more than god will hate the followers of the Lord Jesus. All those who love body more than they love the soul will hate the followers of the Lord Jesus. All those who love this world more than the Eternal Kingdom of God will hate the followers of the Lord Jesus. All those who love sin more than virtue will hate the followers of the Lord Jesus. The number of those who hate the name of Jesus is sometimes greater and sometimes lesser. However great their number be, brethren, do not be afraid, for the number of angels and saints is myriad. The number of kinsmen in heaven, i.e., those who love the Lord Jesus, exceeds the number of stars in the firmament and the grains of sand by the sea. Oh, do not be afraid; Christ is with you, and that means you are always mightier than those who hate you. When the All-mighty One is on your side, you are always more numerous, for you are always stronger than any number of adversaries. Look at the example of the saints for strength. Look at the great St. Theodore and see that God is far more desirous than anything found in this world.

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 become 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.

Trinity Circle – February 7

Tuesday, February 7, speaker, Steve Xenakis, will present “The Four Elements of Classical Greece” at our lunch/meeting, 11 AM - 2 PM. Our Luncheon is being donated by Stacey Carumpalos in memory of her loved ones. May their memory be eternal.

TOTS Playgroup – February 8

The next TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) will meet Wednesday, February 8, from 9:30-11:30 AM in the preschool room. Please note that this will be our only meeting in the month of February. 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 or 612-801-8608 to sign up or to ask any questions.



Philoptochos Valentine Bake Sale - Today and Sunday, February 12

Please stop by the Philoptochos Valentine Bake Sale table during the Fellowship Hour today and Sunday, February 12, to buy something delicious for your special loved one!

Philoptochos Go Red for Women – February 5

Please join us by wearing **RED** on Sunday, February 5, in support of the fight against the #1 cause of death for women: heart disease. On February 5, Philoptochos will be taking donations at church to benefit cardiovascular research at the Cleveland Clinic. Donations can also be mailed to the church payable to: The Ladies Philoptochos Society HTGOC or Zelle Yiana Leichtling at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com Any questions, please call Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938.



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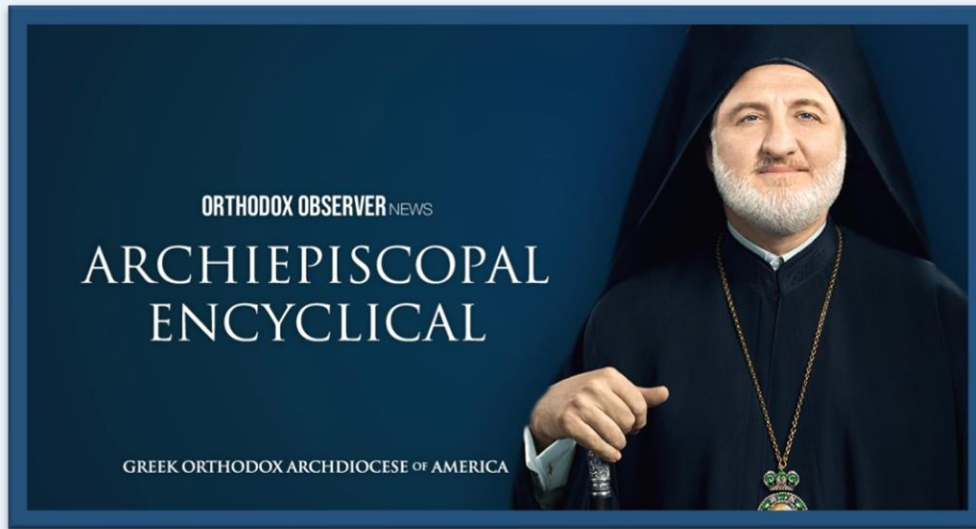


Defeat Heart Disease and Go Red because your heart matters.



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**Archepiscopal Encyclical on
The Feast of St. Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople**



Prot. No. 28/2023

February 6, 2023

An Angel among men, you have been shown forth to be, O Father - (Oikos, Feast Day Matins)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As an “Angel among men,” Saint Photios the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople, was truly a messenger of God. His defense of the Orthodox Faith against encroachments from all sides, together with his missionary zeal, which was grounded in his extensive learning, made him both famous in his day and the target of attacks. He was a man of his times, and yet, he was a man for all seasons. The hymns that celebrate his memory do not lack in either exuberance or praise, and justly so.

This is the Saint for whom our Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is named. This year is the Fortieth Anniversary of the establishment of the Shrine as a National Institution of our Sacred Archdiocese of America, and every member of our Church should take pride in this significant milestone. The ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos captained the efforts to bring about the Shrine in St. Augustine, Florida, together with lay-leadership from the region. The purchase of the Avero House in 1966 ultimately led to the dedication of this first National Shrine of our Sacred Archdiocese in 1982. Thousands upon thousands of faithful and visitors have come to the Shrine to learn about the history of Greeks in America. Today, with the Shrine’s Fortieth Anniversary, we embark upon a new chapter.

Saint Photios himself is rightfully honored at the Shrine, because he was truly a messenger of the Gospel, an “Angel among men,” as the hymn says.

I encourage everyone across the Archdiocese to visit the Shrine as they are able, and to support its vital work, continuing the vision of this Great Patriarch of Constantinople, to bring the message of the Gospel to all the world, and to remember those who have come before us as true spiritual giants, upon whose shoulders we stand.

With paternal love in Christ Jesus,

† **ELPIDOPHOROS**

Archbishop of America



Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, 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, 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

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)

2023 Stewardship Drive is Underway

Please submit your 2023 Stewardship card, by bringing or mailing it to the church office. 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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"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@htgocnj.org (see enclosed Stock/Security Donation Form)

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Name _____

Email Address _____

Names of Dependents _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Address _____

Cell Number (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*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.

Women of Faith Fellowship – February 9

We continue our discussion on Fr. Anthony Coniaris' book "Daily Vitamins for Spiritual Growth." Class begins at 10:00 AM in room 101. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Lauren Karanikolas at lkaranikolas@msn.com if you are interested, have any questions, or to be added to the email list to receive weekly summaries and prayer requests.

Sights and Sounds – March 4

Holy Trinity is hosting the 51st year of Sights and Sounds on Saturday, March 4, at which approximately 500 Greek Orthodox Youth from across NJ participate in this unique visual, literary and performing arts competition. About 100 volunteers are needed. Volunteers also gain access to view performances of our talented youth! Please consider donating your time as a door monitor; morning and afternoon time slots are available. Please contact Roula Ioannou 908-451-3005 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986. The email address is sightsandsoundsvolunteers@gmail.com if interested or for further information.

Sights and Sounds is looking for qualified judges. Do you have colleagues, friends, relatives who are art or music teachers, professional artists, musicians? (Cannot be parishioners of Holy Trinity). Please contact the following individuals: Sounds- Yiana Leichtling at sightsandsoundsjudges@yahoo.com or 908-413-6213; Sights- Ellen Manos-Athenson at ebmanos@yahoo.com or 908-337-0775. Please contact us ASAP.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, February 12

Community Communion Breakfast

Join us on February 12 for the Community Communion Breakfast. This is a day of fellowship and praise so please plan on receiving Holy Communion and joining us in the Bouras Center after the Divine Liturgy. Godchildren are encouraged to invite their Godparents and Godparents to bring their Godchildren. Sign up during Fellowship Hour on February 5. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$6 for children. Also, volunteers are needed! Please reach out to Andrea Cerini at 908-347-3521 or andreacerini3@hotmail.com

Community Communion Sunday

With breakfast to follow



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

February 12, 2023

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Religious Education

All are encouraged to invite their godchildren & godparents and come together in fellowship and faith in receiving Communion as a community and enjoying the breakfast to follow.



Orthros 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Breakfast in the Bouras Center after Sunday School classes



Reservations during Fellowship Hour on
January 29th and February 5th

This form and payment can also be dropped off or mailed to the church office,
ATTN: Communion Breakfast

\$14.00 for adults

\$6.00 for children under 12

NAME: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children (12 & under): _____

Total: \$ _____ Cash / Check # _____

Please volunteer to help Saturday 2/11 and/or Sunday 2/12 by calling the chairperson, Andrea Cerini at (908) 889-5961 or emailing andreacerini3@hotmail.com.

Sunday, February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl Sunday 2023 is coming! Be a star and team up with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) in its annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Our parish can make a difference by joining Orthodox parishes throughout America to demonstrate our concern for people in need. On Sunday, February 12, please bring nonperishable food items to help stock local food banks. GOYA youth members will also take a monetary collection to help support the ministry efforts of IOCC.



Sunday, February 12th

Score a Souper Bowl Victory Against Hunger!

41 million people struggle with hunger in the United States, including 13 million children.

Your monetary donation and non-perishable food items can help change that. Team up with IOCC and GOYA to feed the hungry.

Let's turn the biggest weekend of football into a super day of giving.



Friday, April 7

The Spirit of Lent Concert

The Spirit of Lent Concert, made up of singers from many Greek Orthodox parishes, will return to Holy Trinity on Friday, April 7. It is an uplifting concert featuring Lenten Liturgical Hymns. This year's director is our own Ryan J. Kiel, who grew up singing in the Holy Trinity Choir, alongside Director Emeritus, Kathryn Athanasoulas. Over the years, singers and audience alike have come to see this event as a heartfelt preparation for the Great and Holy Week. Please attend, and feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. A Lenten reception will follow. A donation of \$10 is requested, with free admission for students.



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**The Eastern Federation of
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30th Anniversary
The Spirit of Lent Concert

A Choral Offering of
Ancient and Modern Works in
English and Greek

Ryan J. Kiel, Director
E. Hope Demitry, Organist

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Friday, April 7, 2023  
8:00 p.m.  
Refreshments following program

Donation \$10.00  
Students free

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**Thursday, April 27**

*"ARISE"*

**The Ladies of Philoptochos – Fashion Show**

On Thursday, April 27, this year's Fashion Show will be held at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. Fashions presented by Emily's Boutique, Staten Island. Please stop by the Philoptochos Table during the Fellowship Hour to learn more about ARISE!, and how you can help, or donate. For information contact Cassandra Romas, event chair at [kromas22409@gmail.com](mailto:kromas22409@gmail.com) or 908-296-1586. For donations toward the gift raffle prizes, contact Nina Anastasiou 908-283-4808 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986.





**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**