

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



ST. ATHANASIOS THE GREAT AND ST. CYRIL
ARCHBISHOPS OF ALEXANDRIA

January 18, 2026

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
908.233.8533 www.holytrinitywestfield.org
Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

Our Holy Fathers St. Athanasios the Great and St. Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria;
St. Xenia the Martyr; Our Righteous Father St. Christophoros (Papapoulakos)

Varis Tone
Ἦχος Βαρύς

Morning Gospel:	St. John 21:1-14	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Hebrews 13:7-16	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 17:12-19	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers’ sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.”

Apolytikion of the Saints: “Striving brilliantly for Orthodoxy, and subduing all unorthodoxy, * you were honored with awards for your victories. * Enriching all with inspired theology, * your sacred writings profoundly adorn the Church. * O Athanasios and Cyril, you are now with Christ our God, * entreating Him to give to all the great mercy.”

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: “You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, January 25, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Friday, January 30, Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs, Orthros, 8:15 AM;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Sunday, February 1, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Monday, February 2, The Presentation of Our Lord, Orthros, 8:30 AM;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Sunday, February 8, St. Theodore the General, Orthros, 8:15 AM;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Nicholas W. Zois†; **Vigil Light:** In loving memory of Athanasios Stergiopoulos† and Athanasia Kontorvaki†; **Large Candles:** In loving memory of Derek J. Gearhart†; **Kandili:** In loving memory of Eleni Vlangos†

Prayer Request



Athena, Stavroula, Dimetra, Danny, Dominique, Daniel, Elizabeth, John, Robert, Erin, Kevin, Sabrina, Luke, Bill, James, Ria, Eric, Joanne, Alexandra, Sophia, Nicholas, Panagiota, James, Mary, Chris, Janeen, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, John, Marina, George, Laura, George, Costa, Basil, Lemonia, Justin, Chris, Evangelia, Brennan, Egon, Marilyn, Tatanya, Robert, Elizabeth, George, Nicholas, Alexander, Vasilios, Danny, Bill, Lou, Foula, Eupraxia

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes those visiting our community. 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. Visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after service to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

House Blessings During the Epiphany Season



If you would like to have your home or business blessed during the Epiphany season, please send in an "Epiphany House Blessing" card or contact the church office to schedule a time for Father Peter to visit your home in January.

2026 Parish Council

The 2026 Parish Council is comprised of: Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzizis, James Angelides, Peter Arbes, Stefanos Arethas, Peter Boutsikaris, Leon Carayannopoulos, George Colonias, Christopher Daifotis, Ted Exarhakos, A.J. Karanikolas, Felicia Karsos, Lauren Koniaris, George Koutsaftes, Steven A. Ladas, Spiro Leunes, Peter Markos, Peter Pangis, Jon Quintanilla, Penny Mavridis Sales, Dimitri Sidiropoulos, Georgia (Gina) Sikellis, Dean Steele, and Peter Tarhanidis.

The January Edition of *The Promise* is Now Available Online!

www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise. Subscribe to Holy Trinity weekly emails providing news updates and announcements. Request at: HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org





Religious Education

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 and you do not need to have teaching experience. We are just looking for extra hands! We are looking for Assistant Teachers for the Pre-K class and the combined 9/10 grade class. If interested, please contact Pete Markos at religiouseducation@htgocnj.org

St. Athanasios the Great and St. Cyril – January 18

Saints Athanasios and Cyril were Archbishops of Alexandria. These wise teachers of true doctrine and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics.

St. Athanasios took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone with great zeal upholding the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (*homoousios*) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed.

This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the Orthodox faithful with his words for a short period before taking his repose in 373. He is also commemorated on May 2 (the transfer of his holy relics).

St. Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded in his uncle's position in 412 AD but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his See, many years later.

St. Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431 AD which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against Christ and the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine. St. Cyril stood firm in the Church's belief that Jesus Christ was born of the Theotokos and rejected Nestorian claims that He was born as a human only later to have God overshadow Him. To emphasize this, the name given to the mother of Jesus was Christo-tokos (the birth-giver of Christ.) St. Cyril stood firm and insisted that the name is Theo-tokos for the Virgin Mary, for she truly gave birth to God in the flesh in an unconfusing manner. The emphasis is that the divinity and humanity of Christ are present in one being at His nativity.

St. Cyril departed to the Lord in the year 444 AD and is also commemorated on June 9 (the day of his repose.)

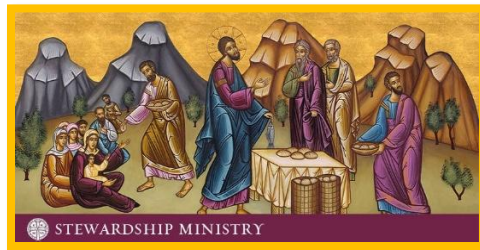
2026 Stewardship Drive is Underway

Holy Trinity is an active and welcoming parish of dynamic stewards. Together we participate and grow in our faith through many 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. Please mail in your Stewardship Card as soon as possible. If you have not already submitted your pledge for 2026, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Deadline is March 1, 2026.

2026 Stewardship Campaign

"Building Up the Body of Christ"

We have commenced our annual 2026 Stewardship Campaign. We thank all Holy Trinity parishioners who always rise to the occasion to support our beloved parish. In 2025 we received 423 signed Stewardship Pledge Cards. For 2026, so far we have received 194 Pledge Cards. Our goal for 2026 is to increase the number of stewards. You can help us on our journey by submitting a signed pledge card. Together we can keep Holy Trinity a special home and spiritual center.



***Holy Trinity is my spiritual and cultural center –
It is a place like no other, rooted in faith.
It nurtures joy and a deep sense of purpose in giving.***

There was a certain man in the Old Testament named Nehemiah, who after seeing the crumbling walls of Jerusalem, called the people to "Rise up and build." Nehemiah knows he can't do it alone. He inspires the people, sharing his vision to rebuild. The people responded, "Let us rise up and build."

Spiritually, this story calls us to build using material that is beyond brick and mortar. As Orthodox Christians, we must use our faith to build up and make our parish stronger. Stewardship calls us to respond to the needs of the Church by using God's gifts faithfully. Together we can "rise up and build" lives that are holy and dedicated to God.

This call of Nehemiah to "rise up and build" invites us to become active members of the Church, the Body of Christ, to join in ministry and contribute according to our abilities. As Orthodox Christians, we understand that Stewardship is a community effort in which everyone plays a role.

To date, the parish has funded our Metropolis, Archdiocese, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, several outreach initiatives, and continued support of our growing and vibrant ministries.

Pledge cards are available in the pews, at the Pangari and can be submitted online at <https://form.jotform.com/230346419533151>. The suggested pledge is \$2,200 per steward and \$500 for young adults. The pledge card includes an option to identify your interest in volunteering by ministry. To be a steward in good standing means one is eligible to vote at parish assemblies & elections, and to run for the Parish Council - please submit your pledge card by the end of the year.

Yours in Christ, Stewardship Committee

The Philokalia

On Spiritual Knowledge and Discrimination

1. All spiritual contemplation should be governed by faith, hope, and love, but most of all by love. The first two teach us to be detached from visible delights, but love unites the soul with the excellence of God, searing out the Invisible by means of intellectual perception.
2. Only God is good by nature, but with God's help man can become good through careful attention to his way of life. He transforms himself into what he is not when his soul, by devoting its attention to true delight, unites itself to God, in so far as its energized power desires this. For it is written, "*Be good and merciful as is your Father in heaven.*" - Luke 6:36 & Matt. 5:48
3. Evil does not exist by nature, nor is any man naturally evil, for God made nothing except that which is good. When in the desire of his heart, someone conceives and gives form to what in reality has no existence, then what he desires begins to exist. We should therefore turn our attention away from the inclination to evil and concentrate it on the remembrance of God; for good, which exists by nature, is more powerful than our inclination to evil. The one has existence while the other has not, except when we give it existence through our actions.

Altar Boys

Fr. Peter invites all boys ages 12 and older to commit to serve in the altar. An acolyte plays an important role in the ceremonial aspects of the Divine Liturgy. We want our children to remain in the church as they grow up. By committing and serving in this unique role, a deep respect is instilled. This shapes and deepens faith. Please see Fr. Peter for more information.

Angel Choir (Ages 7-12) - 2026 Update

The Angel Choir has joined the Adult Choir on Sundays. Membership continues to grow and new members are welcome any time of the year. Angel Choir practices are after Sunday School. Children should meet the director for practice in church in the choir pews. For more information contact Anne Kernoski, akernoski@gmail.com

2025 GOYA Registration

<https://forms.gle/hAmPHc4bLkk9eN9F8>



Contact Sophia Saketos at 908-247-6048 or goya@htgocnj.org with questions.

TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) - January 28

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 28, 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 612-801-8608 or vcomprelli@gmail.com to sign-up or with any questions.

Adult Greek Dance Lessons - Thursday, January 22

Lessons will be offered by Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez one Thursday per month, \$25 per class. The next lesson is on January 22, 7 - 9 PM. We will enjoy some light drinks and appetizers while learning Greek dances. If interested, please send your name and phone number to htgocgreekdance@gmail.com. The remaining dates are: 2/19, 3/26, 4/23, 5/21.

54th Sights and Sounds - Saturday, March 7, 2026

Volunteers needed. Holy Trinity will host approximately 500 Greek Orthodox youth from across NJ to participate in this unique visual, literary and performing arts competition. An average of 150 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, Keli Leunes 917-816-6927 or email sightsandsoundsvolunteers@gmail.com if interested or for further information.

Qualified Judges needed. 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: Sounds-Yiana Leichtling at 908-413-6213 or sightsandsoundsjudges@yahoo.com Sights-Ellen Manos-Athenson at 908-337-0775 or ebmanos@yahoo.com

Philoptochos Stewardship and Vasilopita Luncheon - Next Sunday

Please join us immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Bouras Center for the annual Vasilopita Luncheon. All proceeds will support St. Basil Academy and youth and young adult programs throughout the Archdiocese. Adults - \$30; Children 16 and under - \$20. Please mail or stop by Philoptochos table to sign up. Reservation deadline is January 19; reserved seating for tables of 10. Zelle accepted: treasurer@htphiloptochos.com Checks payable to: Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC; Send to: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090 Attn: Vasilopita Luncheon; Mary Carayannopoulos and Yiana Leichtling, Co-Chairs

Save the Date: Together We Can Help Save More Women's Lives! – February 1

The Ladies of Philoptochos invite you to WEAR RED on Sunday, February 1 in honor of National Wear Red Day® and American Heart Month. Should you wish to support cardiovascular research at the Cleveland Clinic, we will be accepting donations at church on Feb 1.

Save the Date: Philoptochos Dinner and Fashion Show – Tuesday, April 28

Our Ladies Philoptochos' annually popular Dinner and Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, NJ. Features include: Leslie Patrizio Fashions, fabulous gift raffle prizes, Special VIP Raffle with a Dior tote bag and scarf; and much more. For information contact Cassandra Romas, kromas22409@gmail.com

Save the Date: Community Communion Breakfast - Sunday, February 8

Please sign-up during Fellowship Hour today, January 25 or February 1. \$14 for adults, \$6 for children. Volunteers are needed! Please text or call Andrea Cerini at 908-347-3521 or via the QR code.



“Be Renewed”: A Celebration of Orthodox Music – January 30, Randolph, NJ



Come and enjoy inspiring music, fellowship, and refreshments, while benefitting the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir, a pan-Orthodox group, will present a concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, January 30, at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. Suggested donation \$20; students free. For more information, contact Miriam Kotsonis mekotsonis@gmail.com or Jeannie Arida kjarida@aol.com



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

For more information, email Anne Kernoski, Choir Director:
akernoski@gmail.com

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Come join us for
Adult Greek Dance*

**Now offering Greek Dance
Lessons for adults!**

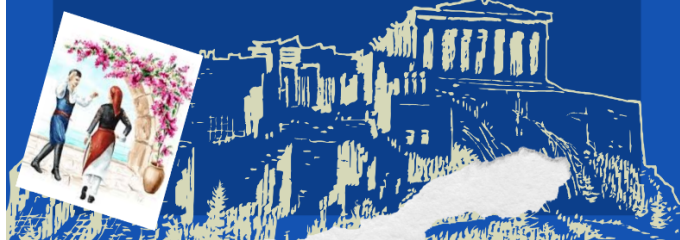
Practices will take place once a month in the
Bouras Center

10/16, 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/23, 5/21

\$25/class

Scan here to sign up

Please contact the instructor
Ronnie Filippatos
for more information
HTGOCGreekDance@gmail.com



join us for
**GREEK DANCE
LESSONS**



COME BE A PART OF THE HOLY TRINITY
GREEK DANCE GROUP!

Classes offered for grades
PreK-12
and adults as well!

Contact: Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez
908-672-6203

Htgocgreekdance@gmail.com

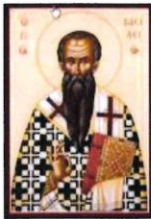


Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

January 25, 2026

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity



VASILOPITA LUNCHEON & STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



January 25, 2026

Immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Bouras Center

All proceeds to support St. Basil Academy and youth and young adult programs throughout the Archdiocese and in all Metropolises

ADULTS - \$30

CHILDREN 16 and under - \$20

Includes Buffet Luncheon, Salad, Mezethes, Wine & Dessert

Please mail or stop by Philoptochos table to sign up

RESERVATION FORM

Deadline by January 19th - Reserved seating for tables of 10

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children _____

Amt Enclosed: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Credit Card _____

Checks payable to: Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC
Zelle accepted: treasurer@htphiloptochos.com

Send to: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090
Attn: Vasilopita Luncheon

Mary Carayannopoulos & Yiana Leichtling, Co-Chairs

February 8, 2026

Community Communion Sunday

With breakfast to follow



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

February 8, 2026

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

Jan 18th, Jan 25th & Feb 1th

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 2/7 and/or Sunday 2/8 by calling the chairperson, Andrea Cerini at (908) 347-3521 or via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA5A622A75-61389618-copy>

January 30, 2026

Benefit Concert for  **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
MISSION CENTER**

A CHORAL CELEBRATION: "BE RENEWED, O NEW JERUSALEM"

Friday, January 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM
St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, NJ 07869



**Orthodox music from our many traditions, sung in English
Fellowship and refreshments following program**

Suggested donation \$20; students free

RSVP and donate with the QR below or at:

<https://ocmc.org/event/randolph-nj>



The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir, formed in 1997, is composed of NY/NJ singers from various Orthodox jurisdictions. The choir, directed by Stratos Mandalakis, aims to expand the reach of Orthodoxy's inspiring ancient and modern music.

The OCMC seeks to bring people to the fullness of life in Christ, establishing vibrant Orthodox communities globally, and training and sending missionaries to care for both physical and spiritual needs throughout the world.



For questions email: events@ocmc.org or info@standrewgonj.org
Call: 973-584-0388 or 862-228-2017



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

2026

January 28

February 11, 25

March 11, 25

April 22

May 13, 27

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



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠