

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke



St. Anastasios the Persian

January 22, 2023

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

On this the Twenty-second day of the month, we commemorate St. Timothy, Apostle of the Seventy; The Righteous Martyr St. Anastasios the Persian; Our Righteous Father St. Joseph the Sanctified

Grave Tone Ηχος Βαρύς

Click links for Scripture Readings

Tenth Morning Gospel: [St. John 21:1-14](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Epistle Reading: [1 Timothy 4:9-15](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Gospel Reading: [St. Luke 19:1-10](#) [Ελληνικά](#)

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “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 Apostle: “Having learned kindness, and being always steady and sober, vested with a good conscience as befits a priest, you drew out from the Chosen Vessel the secrets of God. And having kept the faith, you have finished the fair race, O Hieromartyr Timothy. Intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.”

Apolytikion of the Martyr: “O Wise Anastasios, you are renowned by the Martyrs, the ornament of saints, and the treasure of Persia. You are a great helper to the faithful and proclaimer of the faith. We praise you with angelic hymns, saying: Glory to Him who gave you strength, glory to Him who crowned you, glory to Him who gave you the strength to spread healing to all.”

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 Who didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb by Your birth, and didst bless Symeon’s hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto the commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom You have loved, O only Friend of man.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in memory of Andrew Andrews†

Vigil Light in memory of Derek James Gearhart† son of Despina O’Neill

Large Candles in memory of Anthony Kyrioglou†

Prothesis Candles in memory of Nick Zeniou†



Sacraments and Rites



Funeral: On Friday, January 20, the funeral for Nicholas A. Halvas† was held. Eternal be his memory.

40-Day Blessing: Colette Ciccone, daughter of Anthony and Alexa Ciccone

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, January 29, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Monday, January 30, **Three Hierarchs**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

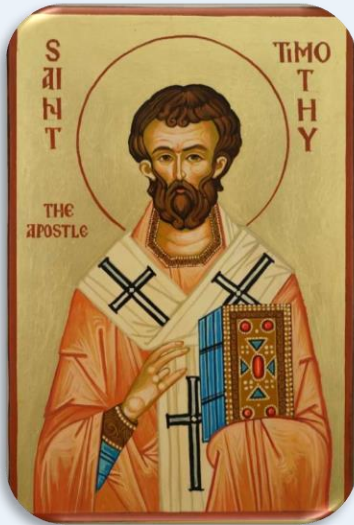
Welcome Visitors

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 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.



Michelle, Dorothy, Harriet, 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, Stephanie, Theresa

St. Timothy the Apostle of the 70 - January 22



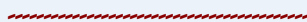
Timothy, one of the Seventy Holy Apostles, was born in Lystra in Lycaonia of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. The Apostle Paul praised his mother and grandmother because of their sincere faith. " *I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that, I am confident, lives also in you*" (2 Timothy 1:4-5). Timothy first met St. Paul, the great apostle, when he witnessed a healing by him of one lame from birth. Later, he became a frequent traveling companion of Paul, wayfaring with him to Achaia, Macedonia, Italy, and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the Faith and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading and establishing of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him "my own son in the faith." "*Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus,*

Who is our hope, to Timothy, my own son in the Faith: grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Timothy 1:1-2).

After Paul's martyrdom, Timothy's teacher was St. John the Evangelist; however, when the Emperor Domentian banished John to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus to serve as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast, the pagans, resentful of the Christians, treacherously attacked Timothy and killed him about the year 93 A.D. Later his honorable relics were translated to Constantinople and interred in the Church of the Twelve Apostles by the grave of St. Luke the Evangelist and St. Andrew the First-called.

The Holy Martyr St. Anastasios the Persian - January 22

Anastasios was a Persian and pagan by birth; however, when Emperor Heraclius warred with the Persians, he deserted to the protection of the Christians. He was baptized in Jerusalem and received his Christian name, Anastasios. In order to give himself completely to serving the Lord, he was also tonsured a monk. Among his other mortifications, while Anastasios read the hagiography, a book with biographies of the holy martyrdoms of the saints, he moistened the book with his tears, ardently yearning for his own martyrdom. The Lord finally crowned him with the martyr's wreath. In prison for a long time, he was cruelly tortured, until Emperor Chozroes pronounced his death sentence. Anastasios was suffocated under water and after being removed from the water, the executioner beheaded him and sent his head to the emperor. He suffered on January 22, 628 A.D., in the town of Bethsaloe near Nineveh.



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@htgoenj.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.

House Blessings During the Epiphany Season

If you would like to have your home blessed during the Epiphany season, please return the form to the church or contact the church office to schedule a time for Father Peter to visit your home in January.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

I would like to have my house blessed during the Epiphany Season.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

I understand that I will receive a phone call from Fr. Peter to determine the date and appropriate time.

Return this form or call the church office (908) 233-8533

Women of Faith Fellowship

Fr. Peter will be leading a study and discussion of the book “Daily Vitamins for Spiritual Growth” by Fr. Anthony Coniaris. Class will meet for six consecutive Thursdays beginning January 12 through February 16 in room 101 from 10 AM-noon. Refreshments will be provided. A weekly recap, summary and prayer requests will be sent by email for those who cannot attend the class but would like to follow along. Please contact Lauren Karanikolas at 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 and prayer requests. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith, grow together in fellowship and engage in the power of prayer. Please join us!

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)

GOYA and Philoptochos Coat Drive

Everyone needs a warm coat, and we need your help! We will be collecting new or gently-used coats during the month of January on Sundays during Fellowship Hour. All coats will be donated within our local community to those in need. You can help spread the warmth! If you have any coats for donation or questions, please contact Kathy Maglaras at maglarask@yahoo.com Please help support our coat drive!

GOYA

Congratulations to the Hellenic Dancers of Holy Trinity for their 1st place finish at the 2023 Metropolis of NJ Hellenic Folk Dance Festival in Annapolis, MD last weekend! The competition was tough but they performed very well. We're so happy that they were recognized and rewarded for all the hard work they have been putting in to prepare for this event! They also won for Best Costumes!

Thank you to Niko and Petro from Hellenic Roots for their guidance and leadership, and all the parents and families for their ongoing support. The dancers will be performing at the Vasilopita Luncheon today and at the Family Dinner Dance next Saturday, January 28. We hope to see everyone there!

Trinity Circle

Annual Membership drive for 2023 only \$15. Lunch/meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month 11 AM-2 PM. Please come out and join us.

TOTS Playgroup - January 25

The next TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, 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 or 612-801-8608 to sign up or to ask any questions.

Fellowship Committee

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

Greek School and GOYA - 15th Annual Family Dance on Saturday, January 28



Join us from 6-10 PM at Galloping Hill Caterers, 1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union. Adults \$70, Teens/Children \$30. All parishioners are welcome! Please sign up during the Fellowship Hour or online at HolyTrinityWestfield.org/giving/ click on Planned Giving, 15th Annual Family Dance.

NOTE: Online credit card payments will have an additional fee to offset credit card fees.

Adults \$73.50

Teens/Children \$31.50

Religious Education - Community Communion Breakfast - Save the Date!

Our Community Communion Breakfast will be held February 12. 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 January 29 and February 5. \$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.

