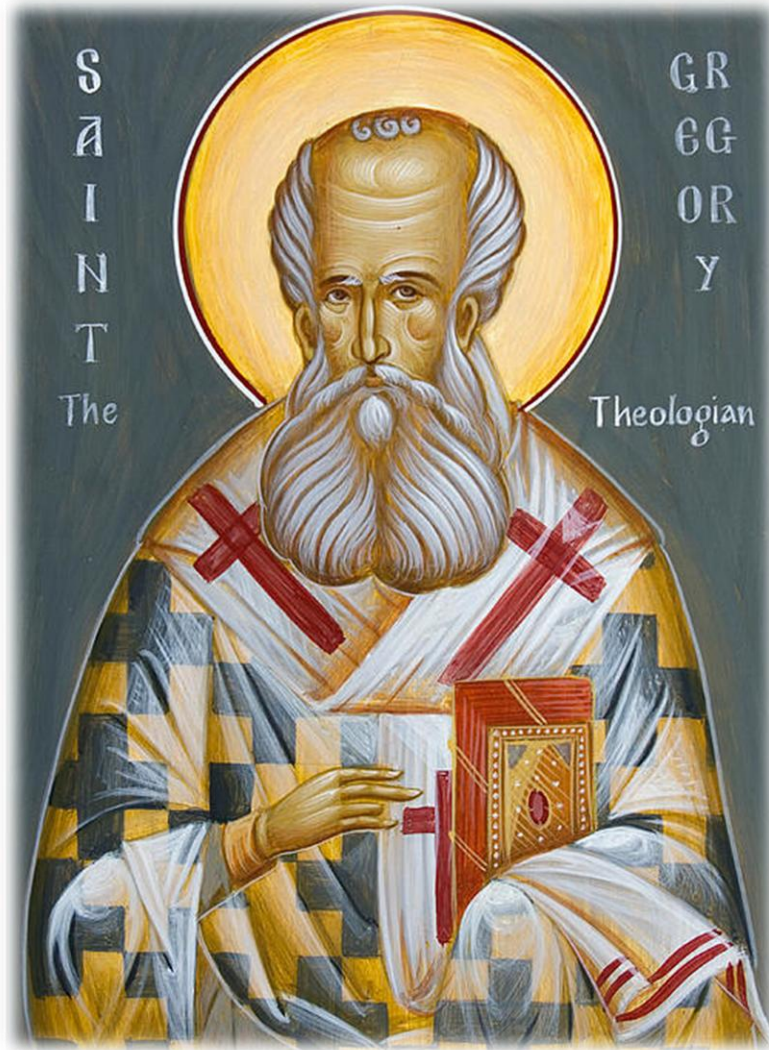


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

January 25, 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. Gregory the Theologian, {379 to 381 A.D.}; and
St. Kastinos {230 - 237 A.D.}, Archbishops of Constantinople

Plagal Fourth Tone

Ἦχος Πλ. Δ'

Morning Gospel:	St. John 21: 14-25	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 19:1-10	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “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 St. Gregory: “The shepherd’s pipe of your theology overpowered the horns of the orators. For the more you plumbed the depths of the Spirit, ever greater eloquence was bestowed on you. O Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, entreating Him to save 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: “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

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 memory of Nicholas Mestanas†

Vigil Light: In loving memory of Ona Spiridellis†

Large Candles: In loving memory of Anthony Kyrioglou†

Prayer Request



James, John, 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.

[Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield, NJ - YouTube](#)

For those who are physically unable to attend this Sunday's Divine Liturgy and have access to the internet, please click the link above to listen and watch the Divine Liturgy live. As a reminder, many of our other church services are also available for live and/or pre-recorded access throughout the year.



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.



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. Gregory the Theologian – January 25

This great Father and Teacher of the Church was born in 329 A.D. in Arianzus, a village in Cappadocia, not far from Nazianzus. His father, who later became Bishop of Nazianzus, was named Gregory and his mother was named Nonna; both are saints. At first, he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervor he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm. In Athens, Saint Gregory was later joined by St. Basil the Great, whom he already knew; but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. Another fellow student of theirs in Athens was the young Prince Julian, who later as Emperor was called the Apostate because he denied Christ and did all in his power to restore paganism. Even in Athens, before Julian had thrown off the mask of piety, Saint Gregory saw what an unsettled mind he had, and said, "What an evil the Roman State is nourishing." After their studies, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and Saint Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima (or Zansima), which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea.

About the year 379, St. Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arian. By his supremely wise words and many labors he freed it from the corruption of heresy, and was elected Archbishop of that city by the Second Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381, and condemned Macedonius, Archbishop of Constantinople, the enemy of the Holy Spirit. When St. Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to St. Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left for them in the city. St. Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and Saint Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech, "The Syntacterion," in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son before 150 bishops and the Emperor Theodosius the Great. In this speech he requested and received from all permission to retire from the see of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus where he lived to the end of his life and reposed in the Lord in 391 having lived some sixty-two years.

In the beauty of his writings, he is considered to have surpassed the Greek writers of antiquity. Because of his God-inspired theological thought, he received the surname "Theologian." Although he is sometimes called Gregory of Nazianzus, this title belongs properly to his father; he himself is known by the Church only as Gregory the Theologian. He is especially called "Trinitarian Theologian," since in virtually every homily he refers to the Trinity and the one essence and nature of the Godhead.

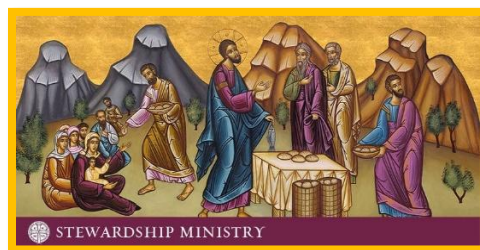
2026 Stewardship Drive is Underway

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 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.

Yours in Christ, Stewardship Committee

Altar Boys

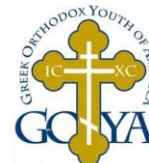
Fr. Peter invites all boys ages 12 and older to commit to serve in the altar. An acolyte plays an important role in the ceremonial aspects of the Divine Liturgy. We want our children to remain in the church as they grow up. By committing and serving in this unique role, a deep respect is instilled. This 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, February 19

Lessons will be offered by Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez one Thursday per month, \$25 per class. The next lesson is on February 19, 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: 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 - Rescheduled to Sunday, February 8

The Vasilopita Luncheon has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 8 due to the impending snowstorm forecast for this weekend. The luncheon will now be held as a combined event with the Community Communion Breakfast. Reservations have been extended to February 1. Reserved seating for tables of 8. Adults - \$30; Children 16 and under - \$20. Reservations may be made during Fellowship Hour or by contacting: Yiana Leichtling at 908-413-6213 or YianaL@yahoo.com Payment options include Zelle: treasurer@htphiloptochos.com Online: [2026 Vasilopita Reservation Form](#) or cash/check (accepted through Sunday, February 1) 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 Vasilopita Luncheon Co-Chairs: Mary Carayannopoulos and Yiana Leichtling Community Communion Breakfast Co-Chairs: Andrea Cerini and Peter Markos

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 February 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 Kassandra Romas, kromas22409@gmail.com

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

Please sign-up during Fellowship Hour 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.



Trinity Circle – Tuesday, February 3

Monthly lunch/meeting 11 AM - 2 PM presentation on “Vivi at the New York Public Library ” with Illustrations by Angela Kiriakatis Classi.” Lunch donated by Theo Kulish in memory of her parents.

“Be Renewed”: A Celebration of Orthodox Music – Postponed Until After Pascha

Unfortunately, the coming week’s bitter weather forecast gave us pause to consider potentially suppressed attendance. Since this is a benefit event supporting the OCMC, the choir has agreed to reschedule this benefit event for a later date to be announced soon. For more information, contact Miriam Kotsonis mekotsonis@gmail.com; to learn about ways to support the OCMC, contact 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!**

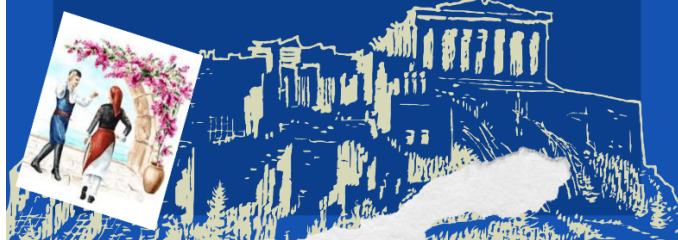
Practices will take place once a month in the
Bouras Center

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
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LESSONS**



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GREEK DANCE GROUP!

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

Contact: Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez
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Upcoming Events

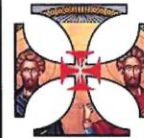
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

February 8, 2026

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity



VASILOPITA LUNCHEON & STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



February 8, 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 February 1st - Reserved seating for tables of 8

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>

February 6, 2026

2026 Holy Trinity Spirit Wear Sale - Orders/Payments due by February 6, 2026

PRINT FORM AND HAND IN OR CLICK ON LINK TO ORDER ONLINE <https://forms.gle/owtqZy2SvoxVodSa7>



Short Sleeve Tee: \$17

+\$5 for name on back

Youth S-XL

Adult XS-XXL



Long Sleeve Tee: \$22

+\$5 for name on back

Youth sizes not available

Adult SM-XXL



Pullover Hoodie: \$35

+\$5 for name on back

Youth XS-XL

Adult SM-XXL



Short Sleeve Performance Polo \$28

Available in Blue or White

Youth SM-XL

Adult SM-XXXL



Zip Up Hoodie: \$38

+\$5 for name on front

Youth XS-XL

Adult SM-XXL



Sport Wick Pullover: \$35

Youth sizes not available

Adult XS - 4XL



Plaid Pants: \$32

Youth XS - XL

Adult S - XXL



Fleece Jacket \$45

Available in Grey or Blue or Black

+5 for name on front

Youth SM - XL

Adult SM - XXXL

ITEM	QUANTITY	SIZE/COLOR please specify youth or adult size	ADD NAME +\$5 name as you would like it to appear	TOTAL
SHORT SLEEVE TEE \$17				
LONG SLEEVE TEE \$22				
PULLOVER HOODIE \$35				
ZIP UP HOODIE \$38				
SPORT WICK PULLOVER \$35				
SHORT SLEEVE PERFORMANCE POLO \$28 (BLUE or WHITE)				
PLAID PANTS \$32				
FLEECE JACKET \$45 (GREY or BLUE or BLACK)				

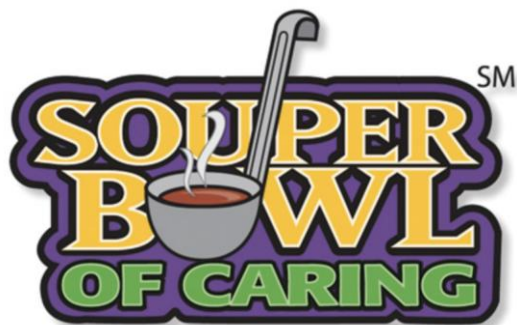
NAME: _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (CIRCLE ONE): CASH / VENMO TO @WESTFIELDGOYA / CHECK PAYABLE TO: HTGOC YHT / ZELLE: 9082476048

ORDER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 6, 2026

CONTACT SOPHIA SAKETOS WITH ANY QUESTIONS: (908) 247-6048 SOPHIASAKETOS@GMAIL.COM

February 8, 2026



Score a Souper Bowl Victory Against Hunger in 2026!

Team up with **IOCC** (International Orthodox Christian Charities), **Westfield Food Panty**, and the **Holy Trinity GOYA** to help feed our hungry.

IOCC DONATION BASKET in Church: **FEBRUARY 8th**

WESTFIELD FOOD PANTRY - FOOD COLLECTION: JANUARY 18th - FEBRUARY 8th

WESTFIELD FOOD PANTRY REQUESTED FOOD ITEMS: NO GLASS

Pasta sauces (Plastic Jars or Cans)

Mac & Cheese

Rice (1 & 2 lb size)

Meals in a can (Beefaroni, SpaghettiOs, spam)

Canned Chicken

Pancake mix

Pancake syrup

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Mayo

Cereals (Low sugar high fiber)

Shelf stable milk

Personal needs (Toothpaste, soap, deodorant)

Diapers and wipes

Let's turn the biggest day in football into a super day of giving!

February 28, 2026

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

is offering free BLS Class

Basic Life Support

Saturday, February 28, 11 AM to 1 PM

Class will be held in the Bouras Center

**Registration is required, call the church office to
register, 908-233-8533 or email
holytrinity@htgocnj.org.**

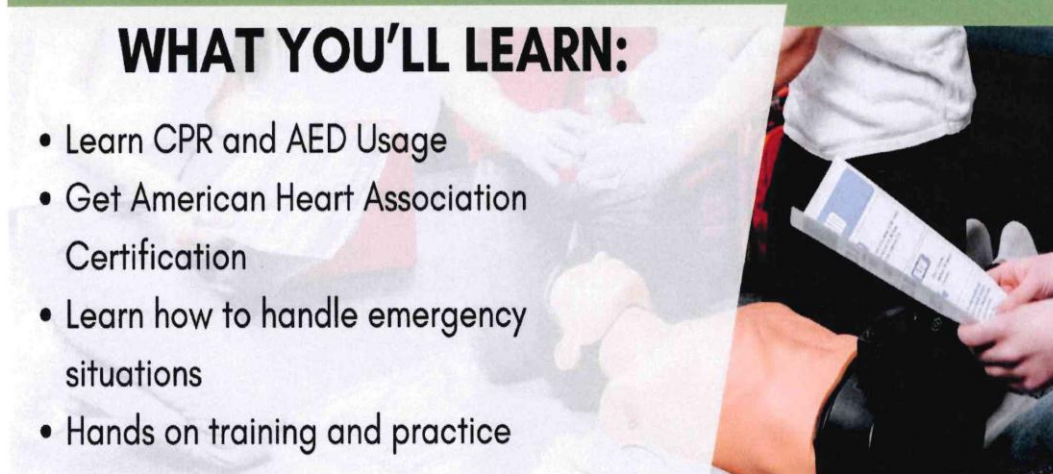
FREE CPR TRAINING

SPONSORED BY THE JOHN TAYLOR
BABBITT FOUNDATION



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Learn CPR and AED Usage
- Get American Heart Association Certification
- Learn how to handle emergency situations
- Hands on training and practice





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 ✠