

Seventeenth Sunday of Luke



Translation of the Holy Relics of
St. Ignatius the God-bearer

January 29, 2023

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On this the Twenty-ninth day of the month, we commemorate Sunday of the Canaanite Woman; Translation of the Holy Relics of St. Ignatius the God-bearer; Our Righteous Fathers St. Ignatius and St. Nikandros of Sinai; The Seven Holy Martyrs who reposed in Samosata

Plagal of the Fourth Tone Ηχος Πλ. δ΄

Click links for Scripture Readings

Eleventh Morning Gospel: [St. John 21:14-25](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Epistle Reading: [2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 15:21-28](#) [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 St. Ignatius: “Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching 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 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 Gabriel Athenson†

Vigil Light in memory of Christine Kyreakakis†

Large Candles in memory of Evelyn Connant†



Sacraments and Rites



Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for Evelyn Connant†, 40 days, and for Christine Kyreakakis†, 1 year. Eternal be their memories.

40-Day Blessing: Emma and Eliana Pinnes, daughters of Jerry and Anna Pinnes

Liturgical Schedule

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

Thursday, February 2, **The Presentation of Our Lord**, Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, February 5, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

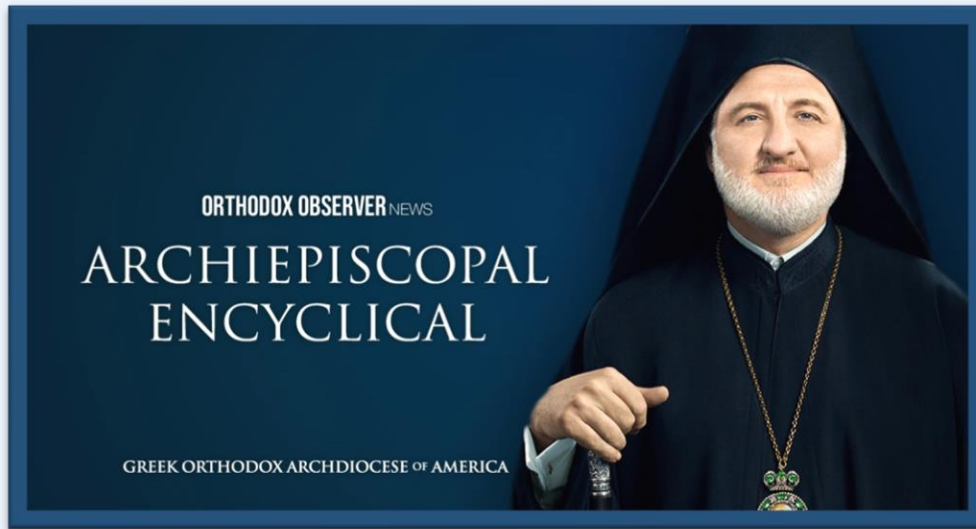
Fellowship Hour: Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored by the Kyreakakis family, in memory of Christine Kyreakakis†.

Fr. Peter to Offer Prayers and Host Visitors at St. Nicholas at Ground Zero – Friday, February 3

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Fr. Peter will offer a Paraklesis Service and host visitors at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center this Friday, February 3. The Paraklesis (Intercessory Prayers for peace in the World & for Healing of Body and Soul) begins at 1:00 PM. The Church and National Shrine to the Victims of 9-11 is open every day, except Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. When you are in NYC, make it a point to visit St. Nicholas to offer prayers for peace and for healing.



Archepiscopal Encyclical on the 2023 Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Feast of the Three Hierarchs and the Day of Greek Letters



January 30, 2023

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

Those who partake of our Paideia are called Greeks.

Beloved Brethren in Christ,

The Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, John Chrysostom and Gregory the Theologian, is also an anniversary to celebrate the learning, culture and language of Greece – what we call “Greek Letters.” The inscription cited above is adapted from the Panegyricus of the renowned rhetorician, Isocrates (436-338 BCE).

This elegant expression, which graces the frieze of the façade on the Gennadius Library in Athens, could have been spoken by any of the Three Hierarchs; for they understood Paideia as an all-encompassing summation of education, expression and civilization. But the Hierarchs would have gone one step further. They could have also easily said: “Those who partake of our Faith are called Christians.”

In both cases, the idea of participation in the milieu of Orthodox Christianity and Hellenism is what brings a person into that identity. It is what we mean by “baptism,” and why baptism by immersion is so important. To immerse oneself in the Gospel or in Paideia is to become suffused with their teachings and spirit. For those who call themselves, “Greek Orthodox,” there is neither confusion of the traditions, nor is there a contradiction between the two. The Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs is a testimony to the symphony that emerges when all the elements of each are manifested in harmony and concord.

Therefore, my beloved Greek Orthodox Christians, let us celebrate all the ways that these three Luminaries of our Paideia and Faith confirm the unity of our spiritual and historical paths. And let us partake of the riches of each, thus becoming ourselves, “partakers of the Divine Nature” (II Peter 1:4).

With paternal love in Christ Jesus,

† **ELPIDOPHOROS**

Archbishop of America



Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Michelle, Dorothy, Harriet, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, 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, 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. Ignatius the God-bearer and Hieromartyr - January 29

The principal feast of St. Ignatius is celebrated in winter, on December 20. Today, we commemorate the translation of his relics from Rome, where he suffered martyrdom, to Antioch, where he had earlier been bishop. When St. Ignatius was summoned to Rome to account for his faith before Emperor Trajan, he was accompanied on this long journey by several citizens from Antioch, who were motivated in this by a great love toward their wonderful archpastor. Since he would never deny his faith in Christ, this saint of God, who abhorred all the adulation and promises of Emperor Trajan, was condemned to death and thrown to wild beasts in the Circus Maximus. The wild beasts tore him apart, and he surrendered his soul to God.

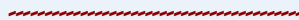
His companions then gathered his exposed bones, took them to Antioch, and honorably buried them. When the Persians captured Antioch in the sixth century, the relics of St. Ignatius were again translated from Antioch to Rome.



The Holy Martyrs of Samosata - January 29

These righteous and holy martyrs suffered martyrdom for the Lord Jesus Christ in Samosata during the reign of Emperor Maximilian, in the year 297 A.D. Their names were Romanos, James, Philotheos, Hyperechios, Abibus, Julian, and Paregorios.

Philotheos and Hyperechios were aristocrats, and the others were young men of noble birth. The pagans inflicted a terrible death upon them, hammering nails into the heads of each of them. They suffered martyrdom honorably and entered into eternal joy on January 29.



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.

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@higocnj.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.

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!

Trinity Circle – February 7

Tuesday, February 7, lunch/meeting, always the first Tuesday of the month, 11 AM-2 PM. Please come out and join us. 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.

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. Classes have begun for six consecutive Thursdays from 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)

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. Sights & Sounds is March 4.

Upcoming Events

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.



*Save-the-date for a Spring fundraiser –
"ARISE"*

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Brooklake Country Club, Florham Park, NJ. 5:30 PM Cocktails & Raffles; 7 PM Dinner & Fashion Show by Emily's Boutique, Staten Island, NY. Please stop by the Philoptochos Table during the Fellowship Hour to learn more about ARISE!, how you can help, and donate. For the Event Chair, contact [Kassandra Romas 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 ✠