



**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**July 13, 2025**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
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Live streaming services**

**Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest**

**On this day we commemorate the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who convened in Chalcedon for the holy Fourth Ecumenical Council in 451 A.D.; The Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel; Our Righteous Father Stephan of Sabbate (+794)**

## Fourth Tone

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| Morning Gospel:  | <a href="#">St. Luke 24:12-35</a>   | <a href="#">Ελληνικά</a> |
| Epistle Reading: | <a href="#">Titus 3:8-15</a>        | <a href="#">Ελληνικά</a> |
| Gospel Reading:  | <a href="#">St. Matthew 5:14-19</a> | <a href="#">Ελληνικά</a> |

**Apolytikion:** “When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished. To the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”

**Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers:** “Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.”

**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:** “A protection of Christians unshamable, \* Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, \* please reject not \* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. \* Instead, come to us for you are good; \* your loving help do bring to us, \* who are crying in faith to you: \* hasten to intercession \* and speed now to supplication, \* as a protection for all time, \* Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

### Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 20, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 27, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### Welcome Visitors

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or wish to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, we hope that you consider becoming part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet you.

### Altar Donations

**Altar Candles:** In loving memory of Vincent Altomare†

**Vigil Light:** In memory of Konstantinos (Dean) Potouridis†

### Sacraments and Rites

**Baptism:** On Saturday, July 12, the baptism of Melina Pavlakos, daughter of Paul and Demetra Pavlakos, was celebrated. The Godparents are Gregory Vourloumis and Marika Papadopoulos.

**Funeral:** On Wednesday, July 9, the funeral for Constance (Connie) Thomas† was held. Eternal be her memory.

**Memorial:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Ariadni Mavridis†, 3 years. Eternal be her memory.



James, Mary, Chris, Janeen, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, John, Marina, Pete, George, Laura, George, Costa, Basil, Lemonia, Justin, Evangelia, Brennan, Egon, Marilyn, Tatanya, Robert, Elizabeth, George, Nicholas, Alexander, Vasilios, Danny, Bill, Lou, Foula, Eupraxia, Chris, Arlene, John, Ted, William, Theodora, Michael, Gioula, Nicholas, Hellen, Kevin, Janice, Elaine, Patty, Cynthia, Nicholas, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Lea, Robert, Mary, Mason, George, Chloe, Yolanda, George, Maria, Alexander, Athena

### Singing the Liturgy During Summer Months

A beautiful opportunity occurs at the Divine Liturgy during the summer months in that the parish begins congregational singing. Our chanters lead the responses, and the faithful are encouraged to participate so that the church may be filled with the sweet sounds of spiritual hymns.

### Serving the Lord as an Acolyte (Altar Boy) this Summer!

An acolyte (altar boy) is one who assists the priest as he conducts the sacred and divine services of the Church. The acolyte is permitted to enter the Holy Altar where no one but those serving the Lord is permitted. Serving the Church in this capacity is one of the greatest honors for a young boy. During the summer, if you would like to serve, help the priest, and are the ages of 10-12 or older, please speak with Fr. Peter.

## Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

Together, in 451, Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria called another general council to give the Church the opportunity to resolve its differences while still being completely faithful to the Nicene Creed. This illustrious council became known as the Fourth Ecumenical Council. Held in Chalcedon, not far from Constantinople in Asia Minor, and with 630 bishops in attendance, it was the largest of all seven of the Ecumenical Councils.

Defending the teaching of the Church and Saint Cyril on the “hypostatic union” of Christ’s divine and human natures as expressed at the Council of Ephesus of 431, it also expressed the Antiochian emphasis on the genuine humanity of Jesus as expressed in the Formulary of Peace, as well as the Roman emphasis on the ongoing distinctiveness of the fully divine and fully human natures of Christ, as expressed in the language of Leo’s Tome. Indeed, when Leo’s Tome was read, all the bishops were reported to have cried out, “Peter has spoken through Leo!” But the Pope’s statement was not the last word. It also was subjected to scrutiny by the fathers at the Council, who decided to select parts of it to be woven into the Council’s final doctrinal definition.

The Chalcedonian Definition states that Jesus Christ is indeed the Logos incarnate, the very Son of God “begotten of the Father before all ages” (Nicene Creed). It reaffirms that the Virgin Mary is truly Theotokos, since the one born from her “according to the flesh” in Bethlehem is the uncreated, divine Son of God, one of the Holy Trinity. In His human birth, the Council declared that the Word of God took to Himself the whole of humanity, becoming a real man in every way, but without sin. Thus, according to the Chalcedonian Definition, Jesus of Nazareth is one person or hypostasis in two natures—human and divine—united “without change, without confusion, without division, without separation.” He is fully human. He is fully divine. He is perfect God and perfect man. As God, He is “of one essence” (*homoousios*) with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. And as man, He is “of one essence” (*homoousios*) with all human beings, as the Formulary of Peace had declared.

The union of divinity and humanity in Christ is called the hypostatic union. This expression means that in the one, unique person, or divine hypostasis, of Christ, divine nature and human nature are united in such a way that they are neither changed, nor confused, nor separated, nor divided. Christ is one Person Who is both human and divine. One and the same divine person (or *hypostasis*) is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

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## **Greek School**

Does helping preserve our Greek language appeal to you? Become a Greek School teacher! The Greek school is looking for teachers and/or substitutes for the next school year. No prior experience is required! Please contact the church office for more details if you are interested.

## **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 but hold an interest in working with children, mentoring, teaching, and learning as a member of the Religious Education team. We look forward to meeting and working with individuals in the capacity of Assistant Teachers and Substitutes. If interested, please contact Pete Markos at [religioueducation@htgocnj.org](mailto:religioueducation@htgocnj.org)

## **2025 Stewardship Commitment and Online Giving**

As you plan your summer vacation, please consider offering your Stewardship Pledge in advance before departing. It is critical that the Parish has ample financial resources during the summer months so as not to encounter any cash flow problems. Your attention is appreciated. Our Online Stewardship Giving Program is a convenient way to automate your offering. To signup, visit the church website [www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org](http://www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org) and click on “Online Giving”, then “Stewardship”. On this page you can complete the “Stewardship Commitment Card” and/or make a donation by clicking “Secure Online Giving”.

## **44th Annual Holy Trinity Golf Classic - Save the Date!**

Monday, September 29, 2025 at Echo Lake Country Club, 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090. For more information or to register visit our website at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/community/golf-classic/>

# Upcoming Events

## September 29, 2025

44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

### HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 29, 2025

Echo Lake Country Club

515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090



#### Schedule

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Practice/Driving Range      | 10:45 am |
| Lunch                       | 11:00 am |
| Kapsimalis Putting Contest  | 11:30 am |
| Shotgun Start               | 12:30 pm |
| Cocktail Hour and Reception | 5:00 pm  |

#### Sponsorship Opportunities

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| <i>Platinum Benefactor</i>                        | <i>\$ 10,000</i>     |
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| <i>Silver Benefactor</i>                          | <i>\$ 3,500</i>      |
| <i>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</i>                      | <i>\$ 3,000</i>      |
| <i>Lunch Sponsor</i>                              | <i>\$ 2,000</i>      |
| <i>Kapsimalis Putting Contest Sponsor</i>         | <i>\$ 1,500</i>      |
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| <i>Range Sponsor</i>                              | <i>\$ 500</i>        |
| <i>Hole Sponsors (18) &amp; Tee Sponsors (18)</i> | <i>\$ 150 (each)</i> |

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|  | Individual Golfer(s) \$450               |
|  | Foursome(s) \$1,800                      |
|  | Sponsorship: Please indicate level below |
|  | Reception \$100                          |
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### **HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**250 Gallows Hill Road**

**Westfield, NJ 07090**

**Attention: Golf Committee**

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