

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council



July 14, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:9-20	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	St. Titus 3:8-15	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 5:14-19	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: *“When you descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from internal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.”*

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: *“O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.”*

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 21, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 28, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Doris (Thorka) Delvizi† and John Alexander Delvizi†

Large Candles: In loving memory of Vincent Altomare†

Sacraments and Rites

Memorials: Your prayers are requested Sunday morning at the memorial services for Doris (Thorka) Delvizi†, 2 years and John Alexander Delvizi†, 7 years. Eternal be their memories.

Baptism: On Saturday, July 13, the baptism of Olivia (Olympia) Miyako Carey, daughter of Gregory and Kyoko Carey, was celebrated. The Godmother is Penelope Combs.

Welcome Visitors

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

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.



Prayer Request

Bob, Phyllis, Lea, Mary, Mason, George, Chloe, Yolanda, Luke, George, Maria, Alexander, Athena, Demetra, Stavroula, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Pamela, John, Helen, Chris, Niko, Vicky, Dino, Stephanie, James, John, Theodora, Novlet, Chrysavgi, Alexandra, Sue, Marilyn, David, Basil, Laura, Marylee, Meropi, Adina, Nicholas, Constantine, Billy, Molly, Leonidas, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Vasileos, Tina, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas

St. Marina the Martyr of Antioch – July 17

Marina was born in Pisidian, Antioch, of pagan parents. At the age of twelve, Marina learned about the Lord Jesus Christ: how He became incarnate of the All-Pure Virgin and how He worked many miracles, suffered death on the Cross and gloriously resurrected. Her young heart became inflamed with love for the Lord and she vowed that she would never marry, and in her soul she further desired to suffer for Christ and be baptized in the blood of martyrdom.

Her father hated her for her faith and did not consider her as his daughter. The imperial deputy, Olymbrius, learning from Marina that she was a Christian, at first desired that she would become his wife. When Marina refused, he ordered her to bow down and worship idols. St. Marina replied: *“I will neither bow down nor offer sacrifice to the breathless and dead idols, who do not recognize themselves and do not know that we honor or dishonor them. I will not give them the honor that belongs only to my Creator.”* Olymbrius then subjected Marina to harsh torture, and threw her into prison, completely covered with wounds and blood. In the prison Marina prayed to God. After her prayer, the devil appeared to her in the guise of a horrible serpent that entwined itself around her head. When she made the sign of the Cross, the serpent burst apart and vanished. Then she was engulfed with a heavenly light, and

it seemed to her that the walls and roof of the prison vanished, and a radiant towering Cross appeared. A white dove perched atop the Cross, issuing forth a voice which said: "Rejoice Marina, rational [discerning] dove of Christ, daughter of Zion in the highest, for your day of rejoicing draws near."

Marina was healed of all her wounds and pains by the power of God. The demented judge tortured her the following day, both in fire and in water, but Marina endured all, as though she were in another body. Finally, he condemned her to be beheaded.

Before her death, the Lord Jesus appeared to her, accompanied by angels. She was beheaded during the reign of Diocletian; but in soul and power, she has remained alive in the heavens and on earth. A hand of St. Marina reposes in the Monastery of Vatopedi on Mt. Athos. There is also a monastery dedicated to St. Marina with a portion of her miracle-working relics, located atop Mount Langa in Albania, overlooking Lake Ohrid. Countless miracles have occurred and still occur in this monastery, witnessed not only by Christians, but by many Muslims as well. So much respect did the Turks have for this holy place, that they never dared disturb either the monastery or its property.

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

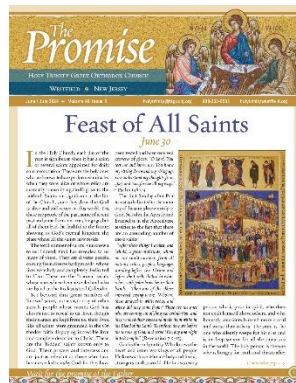
PRAYER, FASTING, VIGIL AND ALL OTHER CHRISTIAN PRACTICES, HOWEVER GOOD THEY MAY BE IN THEMSELVES, DO NOT CONSTITUTE THE AIM OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE, ALTHOUGH THEY SERVE AS THE INDISPENSABLE MEANS OF REACHING THIS END. THE TRUE AIM OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE CONSISTS IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD.

- *ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV*

WITHIN THE VISIBLE WORLD, MAN IS AS IT WERE A SECOND WORLD; AND THE SAME IS TRUE OF THOUGHT WITHIN THE INTELLIGIBLE WORLD. FOR MAN IS THE HERALD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THAT IS IN THEM; WHILE THOUGHT INTERPRETS THE INTELLECT AND SENSE PERCEPTION, AND ALL THAT PERTAINS TO THEM. WITHOUT MAN AND THOUGHT BOTH THE SENSIBLE AND THE INTELLIGIBLE WORLDS WOULD BE INARTICULATE.

- *ILIAS THE PRESBYTER*

The June/July Edition of
THE PROMISE
Is Now Available



2024 Stewardship Campaign Update Currently 344 Stewards have pledged \$486,951

Thank you to the parishioners who submitted their pledge cards and stewardship gifts. As of May, we graciously received 344 pledges in the amount of \$486,951. Please remember to submit your pledge card which will help us meet our operating budget of \$939,200. Consider inviting family and friends to come to visit and worship with us. Sponsor a new steward and bring them into our Holy Trinity family. Your gifts to date have allowed our Parish to achieve 51.8% of our budget and to support our annual Archdiocesan commitment, a gift to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, and support our growing and vibrant ministries. Thank you!

Religious Education Classes Resume – Sunday, September 8

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. The first day of classes is Sunday, September 8. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall! Click the link to register: <https://forms.gle/RbJYgfYKXdJMfeeC9>

GreekFest 2024 - September 27 - 29

OPA!! 2024 Westfield GreekFest will take place, September 27-29!! Come volunteer your talent and join the fun to make this our best festival yet. PLEASE sign-up and support OUR community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AADAA2E5-50233737-2024>



Please join us for a GREEK FEST KICK OFF EVENT Sunday, September 8, for loukoumades and frappe in the Bouras Center immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Contact Roula Ioannou or Keli Leunes at
HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com

Save the Date

Westfield, NJ 
GREEK FEST 24
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

September 27, 28, 29

Friday
3 pm - 11pm

Saturday
11 am - 11 pm

Sunday
noon - 5 pm



Be an active part of our 2024 Greekfest! Volunteer your time, talents & treasures. Everyone is needed to make it a success! Simply scan the QR code to sign up or contact Roula Ioannou and Kelly Leunes at htgreekfestvolunteers@gmail.com

Upcoming Parish Events

Ladies Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Bring Us Your Treasures!! Drop off to the Bouras Center, Sunday, July 7 through Sunday, July 14. Household items, holiday décor, china and glassware, small furniture, small appliances, linens and dry goods, baskets, frames, toys, games, home décor, sporting goods, jewelry, purses, scarves, and hats. No clothing, shoes, books, TVs, DVDs or CDs. Sale Dates: Thursday and Friday, July 18 and 19, 9:30 AM – 6 PM; Saturday, July 20, 9:30 AM – 4 PM. Questions: Call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

2024 Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Drop Off Dates: (to Bouras Center)
Sunday July 7th – Sunday July 14th

- Household Items
- Holiday Décor
- China & Glassware
- Small Appliances
- Small Furniture
- Home Décor Items
- Purses, Scarves, Hats
- Linens & Dry Goods
- Sporting Goods
- Crafting Materials
- Baskets & Frames
- Toys & Games
- Jewelry

(NO Clothing, Shoes, Electronics or Books)

Actual Sale Days:

Thursday July 18th 9:30am – 6:00pm

Friday July 19th 9:30am – 6:00pm

Saturday July 20th 9:30am – 4:00pm
(everything ½ price 2pm-4pm SAT ONLY)

Questions: call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

SAVE THE DATE!

September 23, 2024

**42nd ANNUAL
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**



Monday, September 23, 2024

Echo Lake Country Club
515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

For information, please contact the Golf Committee: George Colonias admin@htgocnj.org
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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠