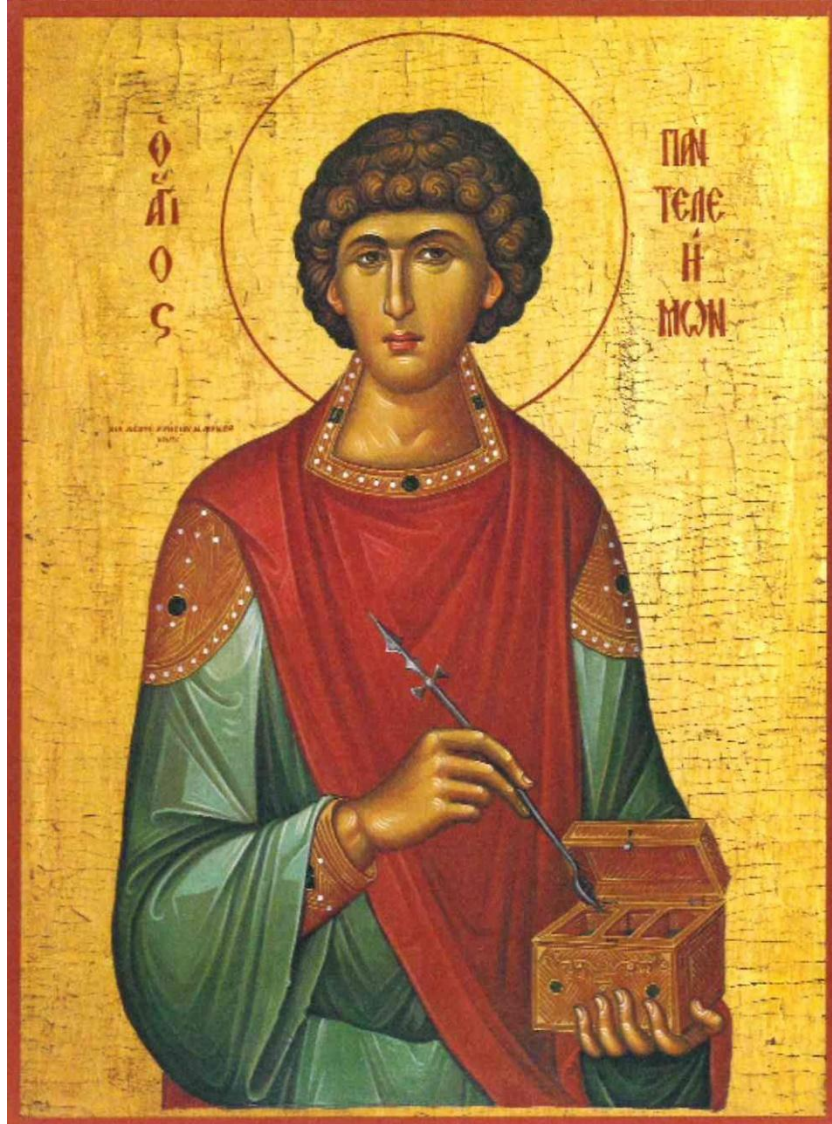


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



ST. PANTELEIMON THE GREAT MARTYR

July 27, 2025

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

On this day we commemorate St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer; We also commemorate the blind man who was healed by St. Panteleimon who was killed by the sword; The Righteous St. Anthousa the Confessor; 153 Martyrs of Thrace who were drowned in the sea; The Holy Neomartyr St. Christodoulos from Kassandra who died by hanging in Thessaloniki in 1777

Plagal Second Tone

Ηχος Πλ. Β

Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:1-10	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Timothy 2:1-10	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 9:27-35	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.”

Apolytikion of St. Panteleimon: “Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.”

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: “Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father’s radiance.”

Liturgical Schedule

Friday, August 1, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6:30 PM
Sunday, August 3, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, August 6, Holy Transfiguration, Orthros, 8:30 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 and Large Candles: In Memory of Vasiliki Vardas†

Sacraments and Rites

Wedding: Today the wedding of Samantha Afendoulis and Jordan Mc Hugh will be celebrated. The Koumbara is Alexandra Panagiota Afendoulis.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Vasiliki Vardas†, 90 days. Eternal be her memory.

Pita: A special cake or *pita* dedicated to St. Xenia is offered today for the health and wellbeing of Nicholas John and the John's family.



Joseph, Adina, 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

Singing the Liturgy During Summer Months

During the summer months, we have a beautiful opportunity to sing the hymns of the Divine Liturgy. Congregational singing adds to the service with your beautiful voices. Please use the blue Divine Liturgy books found in the pews for music.

The July/August 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

Communion Prayers

To help prepare yourself before receiving Holy Communion, Fr. Peter asks that you read the Communion Prayers silently as he reads them aloud. The prayers are found on pages 60-63. By following along and contemplating the words, you will gain awareness of the Eucharist and be lead to repentance.

The first two prayers are about confessing the divinity of Christ and asking for forgiveness. We also affirm the physical realities of the Eucharist, namely that these gifts are truly the Body and Blood of Christ. The third prayer is the Communion Hymn for Holy Thursday, expressing faith and humility. The fourth and fifth prayers are petitions for cleansing the soul. The last two prayers express feelings of unworthiness and indicate the benefits of receiving the Holy Mysteries which consist of cleansing and purification. There is also reference to a “vesture” or our baptismal garment that we should endeavor to keep it clean or else we risk losing our intimate relationship with Christ. The bridal chamber is a metaphor of an inner sanctification and state of intimacy that we are called to share with Christ.

St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr – July 27

St. Panteleimon is one of the great healing saints of the Church. He came from Nicomedia and was the son of Eustorgios and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety. Later in life, he studied medicine as a young man, and was instructed and baptized into Christ by the holy priest Hermolaos (July 26). After baptism, St. Panteleimon began to heal others, not just by earthly medicine, but also by Divine Providence and mercy. Being proficient in his vocation, he practiced medicine in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Although his parents named him Pantoleon (“in all things a lion”) because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning “all-merciful” in Greek. Jealous doctors denounced him to the Emperor Maximian as a Christian, before whom St. Panteleimon freely confessed his faith, even healing a paralytic before the whole court of the Emperor. Unmoved by this, Maximian handed St. Panteleimon and his mentor St. Hermolaos over to be tortured with two other Christians, Hermippos and Hermocrates. The latter were beheaded, but the sword of the executioner broke over St. Panteleimon’s neck when it was his turn while the saint prayed out loud. When he was done praying, and he gave the executioner his permission, St. Panteleimon went to the Lord joyously giving his head and life to Christ. He has continued to prove himself worthy of the name Panteleimon over these many centuries by his great love, first to Christ, then to many of the faithful.

REFLECTION

If you give alms to the poor, know that inasmuch as you do good works for your neighbor, so much more do you do for yourself. St. Anthony says: “Both life and death come to us from our neighbor.” St. Peter Damascene writes: “As the poor should give thanks to God and love the rich who do them good, even more should the rich give thanks to God and love the poor; for they are saved by the providence of God, both now and in the future age, because of their alms. For without the poor, they not only cannot attain the salvation of their souls, but they also cannot avoid the temptations of wealth.” Alms which are given out of vanity or with disdain are of no benefit. In earlier times, the wealthy would bring gold to the hermits and beg them to accept it. It was a rare occurrence for the hermits to accept alms gladly, and when they did, it was out of compassion for the rich. The most destitute of men received alms out of compassion!

Holy Trinity Choir Director – Kathryn Athanasoulas

After decades of dedicated service, our beloved choir director Kathryn Athanasoulas has offered her resignation. Accepting her decision, Fr. Peter states that “one can find no greater advocate for church music than Kathryn. Her devotion has promoted, strengthened, steered, and sustained our liturgical tradition while always maintaining an intensely prayerful atmosphere. Her passion for this ministry is unparalleled.” Holy Trinity will celebrate her years of service in the coming months. We thank Kathryn for her love and eagerness to elevate church music.

Appointment of new Choir Director

Fr. Peter is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Kernoski as the new choir director at Holy Trinity. Anne, an accomplished musician with many years of experience, holds a music degree from Kean University. She has dedicated her entire life pursuing excellence in music. She has directed the Holy Trinity choir since the beginning of the year, and we are blessed that she brings with her much enthusiasm and expertise. We look forward to September when the liturgical choir will be under her supervision.

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 religiouseducation@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. Visit: www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org and click on “Online Giving”, then “Stewardship”.

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

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515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090



Schedule

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

<i>Platinum Benefactor</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
<i>Gold Benefactor</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>
<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>
<i>Halfway House Beverage Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,000</i>
<i>Range Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Hole Sponsors (18) & Tee Sponsors (18)</i>	<i>\$ 150 (each)</i>

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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠