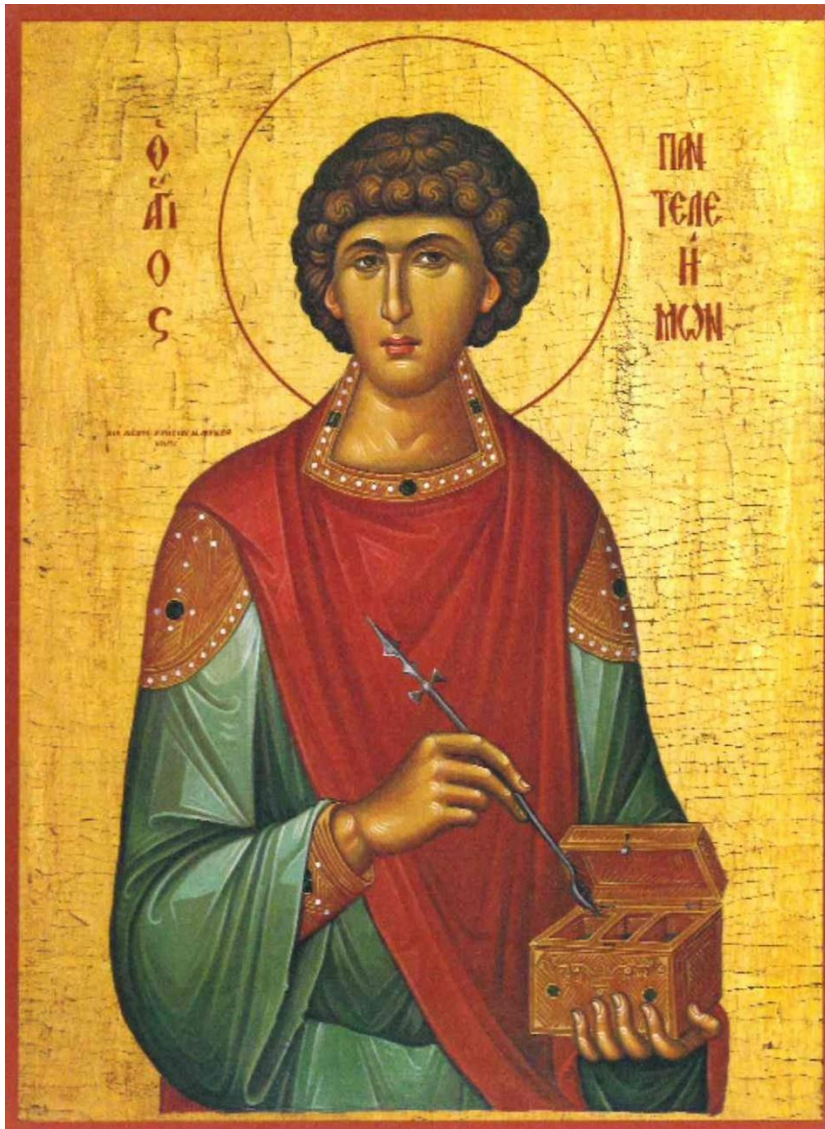


Fifth Sunday of Matthew



St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr

July 28, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzizis, Parish Priest

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:12-35	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Romans 10:1-10	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 8:28-34;9:1	Ελληνικά

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 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 of the Pre-feast of the Transfiguration: “On the mount [Tabor] Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, August 4, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Monday, August 5, **Great Vespers**, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, August 6, **Holy Transfiguration**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Thursday, August 8, **Paraklesis to the Theotokos**, 9:00 AM

Friday, August 9, **Paraklesis to the Theotokos**, 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 11, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In Loving Memory of Gabriel Athenson†

Kandili: In honor of the handmaiden of God, Helen Nicozisis. God bless you. Chronia Polla!

Sacraments and Rites

Baptisms: On Saturday, July 27, the baptism of Ellen June Shepard, daughter of Timothy and Cassandra Shepard, was celebrated. The Godmother is Ariana Anderson.

On Sunday, the baptism of Nikos Alexander Stevens, son of Kevin Stevens and Eva Evgeniou, will be celebrated. The Godmother is Eleni Evgeniou.

Wedding: On Saturday, July 27, the wedding of Elizabeth Hyde and John Byrnes was celebrated. The Koumbara is Linsey Anne Minnella.

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.

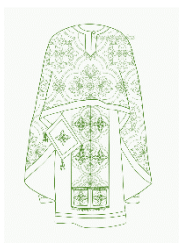


Prayer Request

Nicholas, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, John, Robert, 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, Leonedas, 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

30/20 Ordination and Assignment Anniversaries

Fr. Peter is thankful to Almighty God for the upcoming dual anniversaries of his 30-year ordination to the priesthood and completing 20-years as Proistamenos of Holy Trinity in Westfield. Joining him in the three-decade ministry is Presvytera Victoria who is the person who shares with her husband the most intimate joys and sorrows of pastoral ministry. A presvytera's support is perhaps the most essential component of a priest having a successful ministry in any parish.



30-year Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, July 31, 1994 - In accordance with the authority and power granted to the bishops by the Holy Apostles and with canonical permission of the Holy Synod represented by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, His Grace Bishop Maximos of Pittsburgh ordained Fr. Peter to the Holy and lofty degree of the priesthood by the laying on of hands, on July 31, 1994. Fr. Peter has served at the Cathedral of the Ascension in Oakland, CA; St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Diego, CA; St. George in Media, PA and Holy Trinity, Westfield, NJ.

20-year Anniversary as Proistamenos of Holy Trinity, July 25, 2004 – His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos assigned Fr. Peter to pastoral duties as Proistamenos or presiding priest of Holy Trinity in Westfield on July 25, 2004. His Eminence encouraged Fr. Peter to “remain faithful to your priestly responsibilities, by responding to the sacred role to which Christ has called you, asserting yourself with love, respect, dignity, and dedication to our Holy Orthodox Church.” Fr. Peter is honored and extremely blessed to have served the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for thirty years and the parish of Holy Trinity for the last twenty years.



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 220/2024

Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Day of Mourning for Hagia Sophia

July 24, 2024

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

Everything is clothed in beauty; everything you will perceive
with eyes full of wonder. But no words are sufficient
to describe the illumination in the evening; you might say that some
nocturnal sun filled the majestic temple with light.

Paul the Silentiary, *Description of Hagia Sophia*

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

We mark the fifth anniversary of the seizure of the Great Church of Holy Wisdom, Hagia Sophia, with further mourning; for the Chora Monastery Church has now been converted for an alien purpose. The fact that both of these monuments to the Byzantine genius have been forcibly re-converted to mosques adds to the grief that we all feel just days after the Fiftieth Anniversary of the invasion and subsequent illegal dismemberment of Cyprus. We can never forget that of the over five hundred churches in the occupied region, at least seventy-seven have been converted into mosques — another sign of cultural misappropriation and religious triumphalism unsuited to our modern, interconnected world.

But even though our spiritual monuments have been defaced and subjected to veils and wrappings that make a pretense of respecting their intended aesthetic, their spiritual brilliance cannot be diminished by such feeble efforts. As Paul the Silentiary rhapsodized of Hagia Sophia over fourteen hundred years ago, “Everything is clothed in beauty....”



Because the essence of these monuments is not found only in their physical presence, but in their intended spiritual meaning and activity — the worship of God through Divine Liturgy. Their architectural forms and interior illuminations were designed to nurture the adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Mysteries in which we partake of His Divine Presence. The spaces themselves came alive through our glorious worship; even the magnificent columns of Hagia Sophia were perceived to move, “as if they were yielding to one another in a choral dance, with a structure of crescent shape hanging above them” [ὡσπερ ἐν χορῶ ἀλλήλοις ὑπεξιστάμενοι, καὶ αὐτῶν ὑπεράνωθεν οἰκοδόμημα μηνοειδὲς ἀποκρέμαται], (Procopius of Caesarea, *On the Buildings of Justinian I.* i.35).

Our monuments now stand silent in the face of history’s exigencies, while they await their redemption. In the meantime, let us take some measure of comfort in the knowledge that a “nocturnal sun” continues to illumine them from within. This paradoxical starlight is visible in every Orthodox church building throughout the world, perceived as we worship “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24), and share in the beauty they continue to manifest, even if a harsh and misplaced ignorance has sought to cover their sacred purpose.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† Ἐλπίδοφορος Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀμερῆς

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



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”.

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.

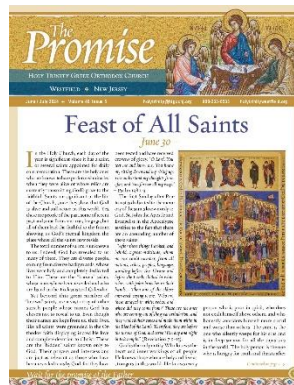
The name Panteleimon in Greek means “all-merciful,” which he has proved himself over these many centuries by his great love, first to Christ, then to many of the faithful.

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!

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>

Upcoming Parish Events

SAVE THE DATE!

September 27-29, 2024

Save the Date



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

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! [GreekFest Volunteers Sign-Up](#)

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

Follow us [@NIGreekFest](#) on Instagram and [NI GreekFest](#) on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all things GreekFest!

www.njgreekfest.com



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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