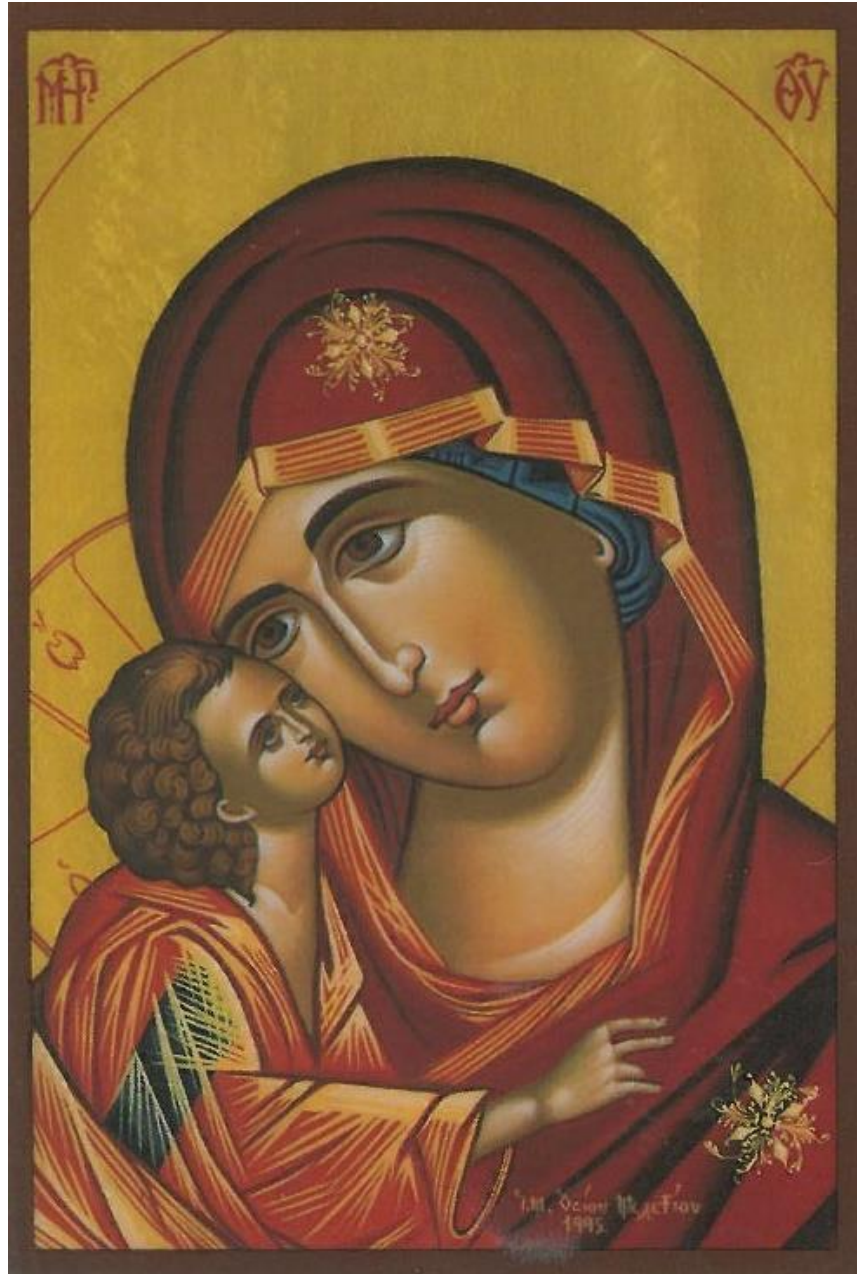


Fourth Sunday of Matthew



Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae

July 2, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Parish Priest

On the Second day of the month we commemorate: Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae; Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of the Orphan; St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:1-12	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Hebrews 9:1-7	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 8:5-13	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.”

Apolytikion: “Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to 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 have bestowed your sacred Garment, O Lady, to be a robe of incorruption, O pure one, for all the faithful, O divine protection of mankind; for with it you had arrayed your most pure sacred body. Now with longing we observe the feast of its bestowal, and in a loud voice we cry out with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, the boast of Christians everywhere.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Doris (Thorka) Delvizis†

Kandili: In memory of Theodore Skiadas†



Sacraments and Rites

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Doris (Thorka) Delvizis†, 1 year. Eternal be her memory.

Funerals: On Thursday, June 29, the funerals for George Niotis† and Hope Skaperdas† were held. Eternal be their memories. On Friday, June 30, the funeral for George Bavas† was held. Eternal be his memory. On Thursday, July 6, the funeral for Dr. Peter M. Kallelis† will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Eternal be his memory.

Liturgical Schedule

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

Tuesday, July 11, **St. Euphemia**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 16, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 23, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Welcome Visitors

We welcome you to the parish of Holy Trinity in Westfield. 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 very much like to meet you.

Office Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

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. There is no better way to learn, experience and have the Liturgy inscribed in the heart than to awaken the soul and to open the lips in praising God. In a few short weeks, you will be singing the hymns of the church even at home.

The Deposition of the Precious Raiment of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos in Blachernae

In the time of Emperor Leo the Great (457-474 A.D.) and Empress Verina and Patriarch Gennadius, two noblemen from Constantinople, Galibus and Candidus, were traveling in the Holy Land to venerate the holy places. They stopped in Nazareth for a while, at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the robe of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing of their sufferings through prayer and by touching the robe. Galibus and Candidus brought this holy object to Constantinople and reported it to the emperor and patriarch. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The robe was solemnly placed in the Church of Blachernae. (This church had been built by Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria on the shore of an inlet, and was called Blachernae after Blacheran, a commander from Scetis, who had been slain there.) This feast was instituted in remembrance of the placing of the robe of the All-Holy Birth-giver of God in the Church of Blachernae.

St. Juvenal, Patriarch Of Jerusalem

St. Juvenal was a contemporary of the great illuminators of the Orthodox Church: Sts. Euthymius, Theodosius, Gerasimus, Simeon the Stylite, and others. He participated in two Ecumenical Councils: the Third Council in Ephesus [431 A.D.] and the Fourth Council in Chalcedon [451 A.D.]. With great power and zeal, he fought against the blasphemous heresies: in Ephesus, against Nestorius, who called the Birth-giver of God (Theotokos) the Birth-giver (Mother) of Christ and refused to call her the Mother of God, over-emphasizing Christ's human nature; and in Chalcedon against Eutyches and Dioscorus, who taught that there was only one nature in Christ, a Divine Nature, without a human nature. Following the victory of Orthodoxy at both these councils, St. Juvenal returned to his throne in Jerusalem. But even though the heresies had been condemned, the heretics had not been eliminated. Through the intrigue and violence of one Theodosius, a friend of Dioscorus, St. Juvenal was banished from the patriarchal throne, and Theodosius elevated himself in St. Juvenal's place. At first this heretic Theodosius was supported by Empress Eudocia, the widow of Theodosius the Younger, who had settled in Jerusalem. The indecisive and restless Eudocia finally went to see St. Simeon the Stylite, to ask him wherein lay the truth. This saint of God unmasked all the heretical teachings and instructed the empress to adhere to the teachings of Orthodoxy as confirmed at the councils. The empress obeyed him, repented of her former actions, and denounced the false Patriarch Theodosius, whereupon Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria, then reigning in Constantinople, sent a letter to the commander Athanasius [Eparch of Jerusalem], ordering him to banish Theodosius and reinstate St. Juvenal to his throne, which the commander quickly did. St. Juvenal guided the Church in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years as its hierarch. In great old age he reposed in the Lord, in the year 458 A.D. to receive from Him the reward for the great suffering and misery which he had endured for the truth. During the reign of St. Juvenal, the celebration of Christ's Nativity was established on December 25.




Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, His All-Holiness Bartholomew and Ecumenical Patriarch, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Peter, Constantine, Vasileos, Tina, Gabby, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, 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

2023 Stewardship Campaign Update



Currently 357 Stewards have pledged \$463,853 to attain 52% of the Parish budget. Thank you to the parishioners who submitted their pledge cards and stewardship gifts. Please remember to submit your pledge card if you have not done so. Our annual average stewardship pledge is \$1,284 or \$25 per week. Please consider increasing your stewardship-giving level which will help us meet our operating budget of \$885,000. Invite family and friends to come 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 support our annual Archdiocesan commitment, a gift to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and fund our growing and vibrant ministries. Thank you!

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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:		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,200 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults (25-30) \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____		
<i>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@hlgocnj.org (see enclosed Stock/Security Donation Form)</i>		
Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Spouse's Name _____	Email Address _____	
Names of Dependents _____	Telephone Number (____) _____	
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Address _____	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><i>Please bring your Commitment Card to Stewardship Sunday Liturgy December 4, 2022</i></div>	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
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.		

Submit your Stewardship Commitment Card online: [Stewardship Commitment Card](#)
To Donate online: [Online Giving](#)



GOD BLESS AMERICA



God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her

Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

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Happy 4th of July

Upcoming Parish Events

Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, July 16

Ladies Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Bring Us Your Treasures!! Drop off to the Bouras Center, Saturday, July 8 through Sunday, July 16. 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 20 and 21, 9:30 AM – 6 PM; Saturday, July 22, 9:30 AM – 4 PM

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- 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 20th 9:30am – 6:00pm

Friday July 21st 9:30am – 6:00pm

Saturday July 22nd 9:30am – 4:00pm


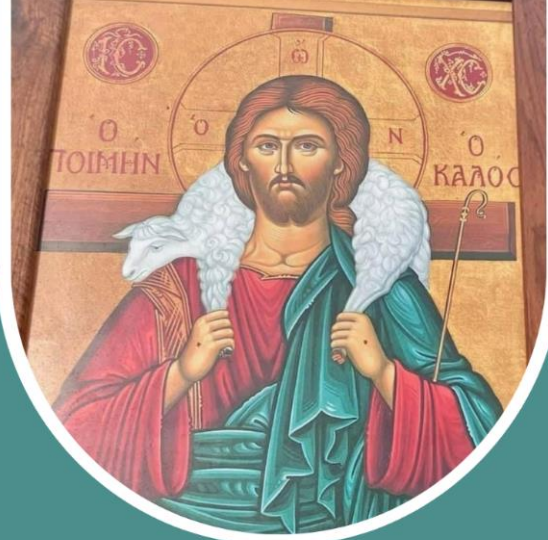
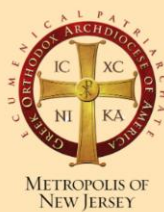
(everything ½ price 2pm-4pm SAT ONLY)

Questions: call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046


July 16-22

CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

Registration now open: Register here




CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD



Chesapeake (Maryland) July 3-7
Ages 8-18
Location: Camp Wo-Me-To, Jarrettsville, MD

Virginia July 9-15
Ages 10-18
Location: Camp Piankatank, Hartfield, VA

New Jersey July 16-22
Ages 8-18
Location: Camp Linwood Macdonald, Sandyston, NJ

 **Register here**
<http://app.campdoc.com/register/cgsn>

More Information <https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd>

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1



GreekFest is back!

Enjoy Food, Fun and Fellowship while celebrating our Greek Culture

September 29, 30 and October 1, 2023

Friday: 3PM -11PM

Saturday 12PM - 11PM

Sunday-Parish Only Picnic after Liturgy

We need your time, talent, and treasure to make it a great success

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

How can you help?

**Please consider being a sponsor or seeking business sponsorships
(contact Penny Mavridis Sales Pmavridis21@gmail.com)**

**Join a committee (contact lkaranikolas@msn.com and
Sign up to volunteer (sign up genius link coming soon)**

**Spread the word to family, friends, businesses through social media, flyers
etc.**

**Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Kefi while supporting Holy Trinity's
Ministries**

Thursday, October 5

Save The Date!

**41st ANNUAL
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**

Echo Lake Country Club
515 Springfield Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090



Sponsorships, scheduling, and fees will soon be provided.

For information, please contact the Golf Committee:

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201-681-5366

