

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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On this thirty-first day of the month, we commemorate the transfiguration of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; the Forefeast of the Precious Cross; St. Joseph the Righteous of Arimathea; St. Eudokimos the Righteous of Cappadocia; St. Dionysios the Righteous Martyr of Vatopaidi

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Click links for Scripture Readings

Seventh Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:1-9	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Romans 15:1-7	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 9:27-35	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “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 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: “Today we observe the memory of Christ's forebears,* and also we pray that we might receive their aid,* so that all of us may be freed from tribulations, as we cry aloud,* ‘Be with us, O Lord our God,* who glorified them as You were pleased to do.’”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in memory of Nicholas Blougouras†, one year



Sacraments and Rites

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Nicholas Blougouras†, 1 year. Eternal be his memory.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, August 1, 6:00 PM, Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Wednesday, August 3, 6:00 PM, Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Friday, August 5, 6:00 PM, Great Vespers

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

Sunday, August 7, Eighth Sunday of Matthew, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

PARAKLESIS TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

The Paraklesis is a beautiful service that sings the praises of the Theotokos. Its composition is attributed to the monk Theophilos. In its essence, this service seeks the protection, guidance and comfort (paraklesis) of the Mother of God. We call upon the Panayia for intercession because she is the greatest of all the Saints.

Having dedicated her life entirely to the pursuit of holiness and by being the Mother of Jesus Christ, she has acquired the favor of God. She now continually stands in watchful prayer asking her son and our God to grant us salvation.

Her constant prayer is quite effective for our salvation because Christ is quick to listen to His mother's appeal (*see the Wedding in Cana, John 2:1-12.*) The Panayia always seeks to help those who encounter misfortune by directing them towards Christ. "Do whatever He tells you," she told the servants at the wedding in Cana.

Having run out of wine, a symbol of joy, the Theotokos brought the servants to Christ - the One Who bestows joy. The Lord said to His mother, "*my time has not yet come,*" teaching us that the fullness of God's revelation would not come until after His Resurrection.

The Theotokos, however, was eager for the attendants of this wedding banquet - who represent all people - to share in the joy that God had brought to her. By interceding to her son, thirty stone jars of water were turned into wine. Her plea was the catalyst that set into motion Christ's first miracle. We now plead to her to become, once again, the catalyst for our salvation.



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.

Retirement Announcement

With indebted gratitude and great appreciation, the Parish of Holy Trinity wishes to thank Joy Daniledes for her nine years of dedicated service to the community. Joy is retiring from her administrative assistant position to pursue personal interests. We thank her for her many years of service and will miss seeing her every day. Joy will still bring us joy as she has promised to stay on as a volunteer.

Prayer Request



Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, 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, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Phyllis, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John, Vasilias, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Thomas, Stavroula, Maroulla



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Pardon our appearance as the church installs security bollards in front of the church and in the courtyard. The security bollards will protect the church from vehicle intrusion. The construction, which is being funded by a grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, has started and will take approximately three weeks to complete. For your safety, please keep clear from the construction areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

2022 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 sign-up visit the church website 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”.

Capital Campaign

How your donation is working...

and making improvements to the church.

Parking Lot – Milling & Paving

- Paving of the church’s parking lot in front and back of the church is completed. Paving took place Monday and Tuesday of last week. You can see first-hand how your donation to the Capital Campaign was used. Thank you for your contribution to this important campaign.

Church Dome

- Work on the dome and protective membrane that covers it from the elements is the next scheduled phase in the Capital Campaign.

Donors as of May 31

- The following is a list of donors who have contributed to the Holy Trinity Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generosity and support.
- Don’t worry, there is still time to give. Offer your donation today!





GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠