

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



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July 5, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Matthew

Our Righteous and God-bearing Fathers, St Athanasios of Mount Athos and St. Lampados the Wonderworker; St. Kyprianos the New Martyr of Koutloumousiou Monastery; The Synaxis of All Saints from Crete

Fourth Tone

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Fifth Morning Gospel

[St. Luke 24:12-35](#)

Epistle Reading: Galatians

[5:22-26;6:1-2](#)

Bible p. 1015

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew

[8:28-34;9:1](#)

Bible p. 842

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 for St. Athanasios: “Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our God, to save 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: “A protection of Christians unshamable, * Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, * please reject not * the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. * Instead, come to us for you are good; * your loving help do bring to us, * who are crying in faith to you: * hasten to intercession * and speed now to supplication, * as a protection for all time, * Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 12, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 19, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Constantine Kiriakatis†

Kandili: In loving memory of Sierra Nolau†

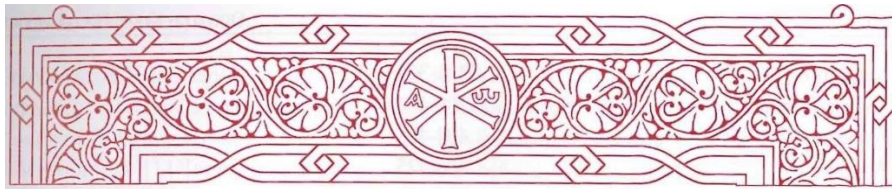


Celebrating and Praying for Our Country The 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

In observance of Independence Day, a special liturgy is held today in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. At each liturgy we pray for our country and ask God to continually watch over us. Today we will offer a Doxology Service in commemoration of the United States of America, the world's oldest democracy, and celebrate with an artoklasia.

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes those visiting our community today. Worshipping the Holy Trinity is the principal act of an Orthodox parish, especially on the Day of the Resurrection (Sunday). Our mission is to live the Holy Gospel and spread the Good News to those in our area. We are sanctified by God's grace through the holy Sacraments and glorify Him each moment of the day. We seek God's mercy, as we confess the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Freedom is NOT Negotiable – By Donald Haynes

Freedom cannot be put in a bottle, or on a stick like a popsicle, or sliced, or weighed in pounds. You cannot reduce it to print, or compress it, or define it, or spray it, or explode it. It is teasingly remote in one way, but deeply personal and prescient and immanent in another.

Freedom is a gift of God to all men, everywhere, for all time. You can try to sell it or exchange it for security. But what you get in the deal is slavery, or slow death. The other word is security. You can try to buy it. But you cannot really buy it, no matter how much security you are willing to throw into the scales, for

FREEDOM IS NOT NEGOTIABLE!

You have it, that is, whether you like it or not, whether you appreciate it or do not use it. You got it when you were born. You will have it until you die. And no man or state or dictator, no matter how tyrannical, can take it away from you.

The Declaration of Independence states with crystal clarity that all men “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” Here is the precise and exact meaning of the word “unalienable”: *freedom cannot be taken away—ever!*

We may not appreciate freedom enough to exercise it. We may not practice it. We may ignore it. We may pass laws or insensibly allow our representatives to pass laws to limit, obscure, or circumvent freedom. But with or without us freedom remains set by the hand of God, fixed in eternity.

We can stand up tall and live up to it or we can supinely lie low and let it go by without us. And freedom shall surely go by without us if that is the way we want it.



Save the Dates

October 4, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Luncheon

November 14, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Gala

It's our Anniversary

Save the Dates...

In 2026, Holy Trinity celebrates 60 years of Orthodox witness and service. As a parish we will honor this milestone and the founders who with vision and faith established our beloved parish in 1966. The parish will host a grand celebration on Sunday, October 4, and we hope that you can join us for Liturgy and an Anniversary Luncheon. This will be followed by an evening gala and parish dance on Saturday, November 14. Details will be forthcoming but mark your calendars from now



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Holy Trinity Is Seeking An Administrative Assistant

Holy Trinity has begun searching for a new Administrative Assistant to replace Kathy Genakos, who retired on June 12. This full-time position provides office support to Father Peter and Diana as well as tending to office visitors and directing phone calls. Additional duties are: communication with parishioners through parish publications, preparing and editing communication materials, and keeping of the parish calendar. If interested, please contact Fr. Peter and then email your resumé to FrPeter@Htgocnj.org

Singing the Liturgy During Summer Months

The summer months provide the faithful with a beautiful opportunity for congregational singing. With no choir, the chanters will lead the responses. You are encouraged to participate as well so that by our chanting the church may be filled with the sweet sounds of spiritual hymns.

2026 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 signup, 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".

2026 Philoptochos Rummage Sale

**Drop Off Dates to Bouras Center:
Sunday July 12th - Monday July 20th**

- Household Items
- Holiday Decor
- China & Glassware
- Small Appliances
- Small Furniture
- Home Decor 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:

Friday, July 24th 9:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday, July 25th 9:30am - 4:00pm

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

Questions: Elise Savnik (908) 337-5046

Ladies Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Bring Us Your Treasures!! Drop off to the Bouras Center, Sunday, July 12 through Monday, July 20. Household items, holiday décor, china and glassware, small furniture, small appliances, linens and dry goods, baskets, frames, toys, games, home décor, sporting goods, crafting materials, jewelry, purses, scarves, and hats. No clothing, shoes, books, electronics, TVs, DVDs or CDs. Sale Dates: Friday, July 24, 9:30 AM – 5 PM and Saturday, July 25, 9:30 AM – 4 PM. Questions: Call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠