



ST. ISOES THE GREAT

July 6, 2025

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Today we commemorate our Righteous Father St. Sisoës the Great; The Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sts. Archippus, Philemon and Onesimus (see *Colossians 4:9, 17, Philemon 1:1-2*); The Synaxis of all the Saints of Crete who have shined forth.

Second Tone

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| Morning Gospel: | St. Luke 24:1-12 | Ελληνικά |
| Epistle Reading: | Romans 6:18-23 | Ελληνικά |
| Gospel Reading: | St. Matthew 8:5-13 | Ελληνικά |

Apolytikion: *“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 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: *“O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.”*

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 13, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Sunday, July 20, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Sunday, July 27, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

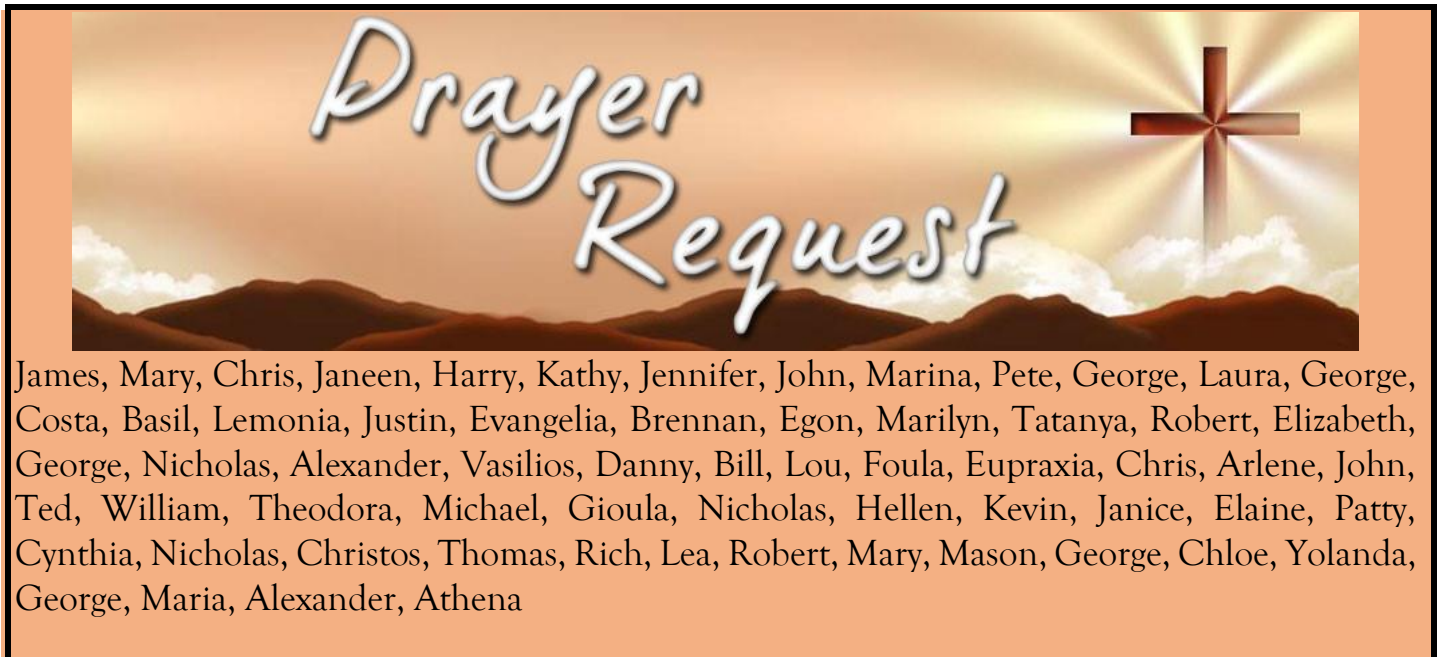
Welcome Visitors

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.

Sacraments and Rites

Churching: Today a 40-day blessing of Theodore Asfour, son of Bishara and Marissa Asfour will be held.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Thorka (Doris) Delvizi†, 3 years and Minas Perdicologos†, 10 years. Eternal be their memories.



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, Alexander, Athena

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.

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.

VENERABLE SISOES THE GREAT – July 6

Sisoës was an Egyptian by birth and a disciple of St. Anthony the Great. Following the death of his great teacher, St. Sisoës settled on a desert mountain called St. Anthony's Mount, where Anthony had earlier lived in asceticism. By imposing difficult labors on himself, he tamed himself to such an extent that he became meek and guileless as a lamb. Therefore, God endowed Sisoës with abundant grace so that he was able to heal the sick, drive out unclean spirits, and resurrect the dead. For sixty years Sisoës lived in asceticism in the wilderness. He was a source of living wisdom for all the monks and laymen who came to him for counsel. Before his death, his face shone like the sun. The monks stood around him and they were astonished at this manifestation. When the saint gave up his soul, the entire room was filled with a sweet-smelling fragrance. Sisoës died in extreme old age, in the year 429 A.D. St. Sisoës taught the monks: *"Whatever way temptation comes to man, a man should give himself over to the will of God and recognize that the temptation came because of his sins. If something good happens, it should be said that it happened according to God's providence."*

One monk asked Sisoës: *"How can I please God and be saved?"* The saint answered: *"If you wish to please God, withdraw from the world, separate yourself from the earth, put aside creation, draw near to the Creator, and unite yourself to God with prayers and tears. Then you will find rest in this age and in the age to come."*

A monk also asked Sisoës: *"How can I attain humility?"* The saint replied: *"When a person learns to acknowledge every man as being better than himself, then he has attained humility."* Ammon complained to Sisoës that he could not memorize the wise sayings that he read, to be able to repeat them in conversation with men. The saint replied to him: *"That is not necessary. It is necessary to attain purity of mind and to speak from that purity, placing your hope in God."*

Sayings of the Church Fathers...

When Abba Anthony thought about the judgment of God, he asked, *"Lord, how is it that some die when they are young, while others drag on to extreme old age? Why are there those who are poor and those who are rich? Why do wicked men prosper and why are the just in need?"* He heard a voice answering him, *"Anthony, keep your attention on yourself; these things are according to the judgment of God, and it is not to your advantage to know anything about them."*

Someone asked Abba Anthony, *"What must one do in order to please God?"* The old man replied, *"Pay attention to what I tell you: whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes, whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live, do not easily leave it. Keep these three precepts and you will be saved."*

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.

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. 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”.

Upcoming Events

July 13 – 20, 2025

Click below to Register!

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

Another exciting year of the Metropolis of New Jersey Camp Good Shepherd happens this July. Registration is now open. The camp’s aim is to enrich the lives of its participants with a living, vibrant experience of Greek Orthodox Christianity and to bond the youth to our faith. The Orthodox faith is at the heart of Camp Good Shepherd. Each day begins and ends at the chapel, with morning and evening prayers. Daily life includes many traditional summers camp activities that emphasize fun, fellowship, and learning. Campers engage in daily sessions of Arts and Crafts, Aquatics, Athletics, Music and Greek Culture, and Orthodox Life. For information, please call 908-301-0500.

