

# Second Sunday of Matthew



July 7, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzis, Parish Priest

<b>Morning Gospel:</b>	<a href="#">St. Mark 16:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
<b>Epistle Reading:</b>	<a href="#">Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
<b>Gospel Reading:</b>	<a href="#">St. Matthew 4:18-23</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion:** “The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Saviour, the third day You arose and unto all the world did You give life where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to You our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all.”

**Apolytikion of St. Kyriaki:** “Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, “O Jesus, for You, \* my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; \* and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. \* I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. \* I die for You that I may also live in You. \* Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice \* as I offer myself to You with love.” \* At her entreaties and intercessions, \* save our souls, O Merciful Lord.”

**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 14, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 21, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 28, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### Altar Donations

**Vigil Candle:** In loving memory of Konstandinos (Dean) Potouridis†

### Sacraments and Rites

**Wedding:** On Saturday, July 6, the wedding of Monica Dawson and Leontios (Leo) Stavrinou was celebrated. The Koumbaros is Franco Kyriacos Stavrinou.

**Funeral:** On Monday, July 8, the funeral for Frances Frigerio† will be held. May her memory be eternal.

### 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

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, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas

### St. Euphemia the Great Martyr - July 11

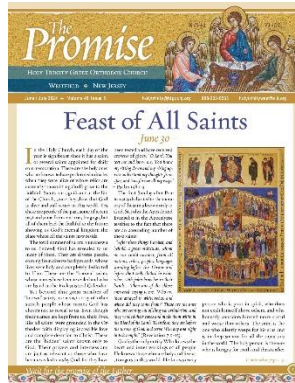
Saint Euphemia is commemorated on September 16. On this day, July 11, however, we commemorate the miracle surrounding her honorable relics, which were manifested at the time of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon in the year 451 A.D., after the death of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. The reason of this Council was the heresy of Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria and Eutyches, an Archimandrite from Constantinople, who spread the false teaching that in Christ the Lord there were not two natures, divine and human, but only one, a divine nature. Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople, and Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem played the most prominent roles. When a conclusion could not be reached through debates and testimonies, Patriarch Anatolius motioned that both the Orthodox and the heretics write down their confessions of faith and then place them in the sarcophagus where the relics of St. Euphemia reposed. Therefore, the two confessions of faith were written and placed on the bosom of the great female martyr.

The sarcophagus was closed, sealed while military guards spent three days in prayer and fasting. When they opened the sarcophagus on the fourth day, they saw the Orthodox confession of faith in the right hand of the saint and the heretical confession of faith under her feet. Thus the dispute, through the power of God, was decided in favor of Orthodoxy. During the reign of Emperor Heraclius, the relics of St. Euphemia were translated from Chalcedon to Constantinople to the church dedicated to her near the Hippodrome. The iconoclastic Emperor Leo the Isaurian ordered that these relics be tossed into the sea but, in a miraculous manner, the sarcophagus was translated to the island of Lemnos and placed in the church of the great female martyr Glyceria. Then, during the reign of the Empress Irene, the sarcophagus with the relics of St. Euphemia was again returned to Constantinople to its former place.

## St. Nicodemus the Great Martyr - July 11

Nicodemus was born in Albania where he was married and had children. Deceived by the Turks, he embraced Islam and forced his children to accept Islam also, except for one son, who fled to Holy Mount Athos where he was tonsured a monk. Nicodemus traveled to Mt. Athos to bring his son back but Mt. Athos made such an impression on him that he repented and returned to the Faith of Christ and was tonsured a monk. Because of his apostasy he wept for three years and finally decided to return to Albania to repent of his sin. Upon returning he declared before the Turks that he was a Christian and was beheaded on July 11, 1722. His miraculous working relics, even today, repose intact and uncorrupt.

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## 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!

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!  
Contact Roula Ioannou or Keli Leunes at [HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com)



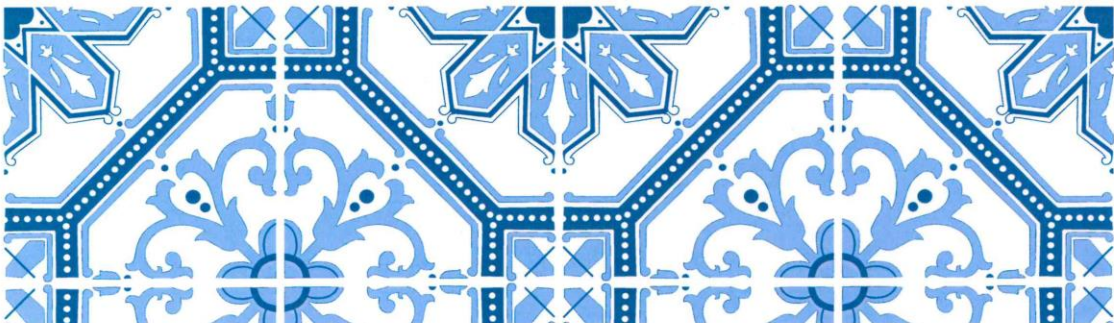
*The*  
**WESTFIELD**  
*Greek Festival*

Friday - Sunday  
September 27 - September 29

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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westfield, nj 07090

*all are welcome*



# Upcoming Parish Events

## Ladies Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Bring Us Your Treasures!! Drop off to the Bouras Center, Sunday, July 7 through Sunday, July 14. 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 18 and 19, 9:30 AM – 6 PM; Saturday, July 20, 9:30 AM – 4 PM. Questions: Call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

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Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>

- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 6:00pm

Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 6:00pm

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 4:00pm  
(everything ½ price 2pm-4pm SAT ONLY)

Questions: call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**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](mailto:admin@htgocnj.org)  
908-294-7414; George Paras [gparas@parasandparas.com](mailto:gparas@parasandparas.com) 201-681-5366



**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**