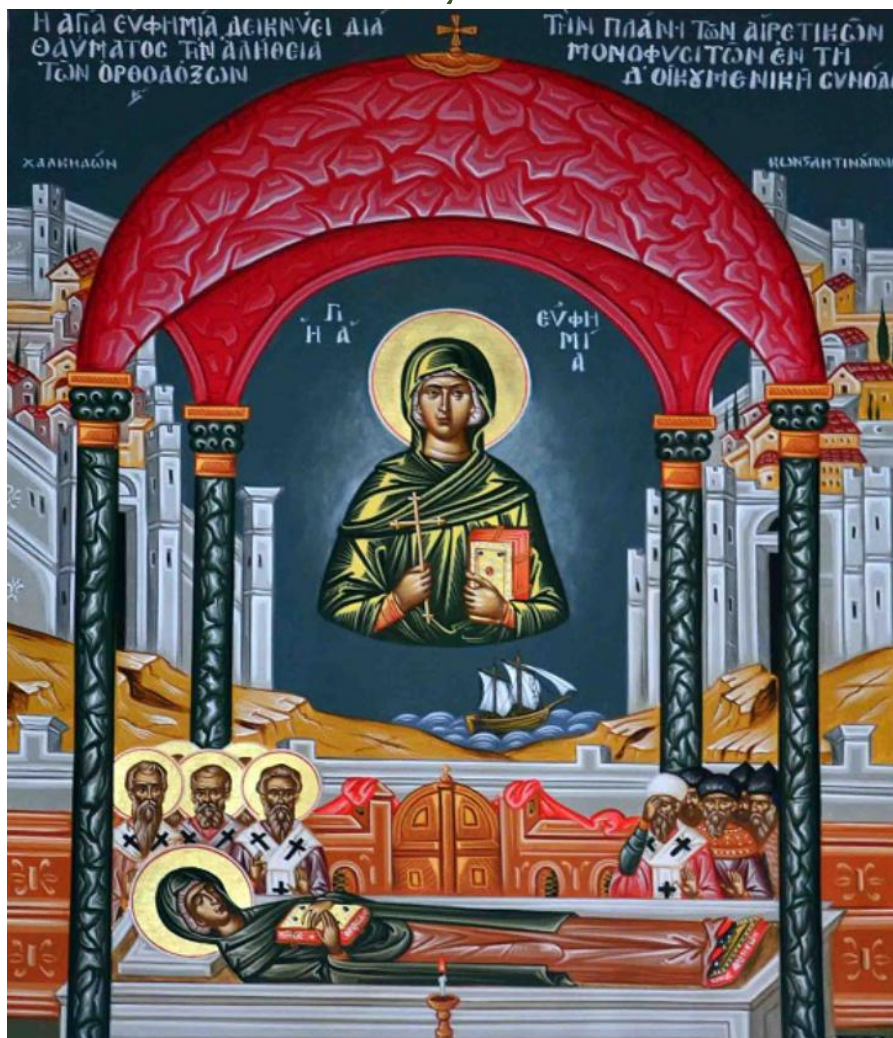


Fifth Sunday of Matthew



St. Euphemia the Great Martyr

July 9, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
908.233.8533 www.holytrinitywestfield.org
[Live streaming services](#)

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzizis, Parish Priest

On the Ninth day of the month, we commemorate: The Holy Hieromartyr St. Pancratius, Bishop of Tauromenium in Sicily; St. Dionysios the Orator; St. Metrophanes of Mount Athos; St. Methodios the Hieromartyr, Bishop of Lampis; St. Patermuthius the Monk; St. Euthymios of Karelia; St. Michael Paknanas the Gardener

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:13-35	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Romans 10:1-10	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: *“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 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.”*

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In honor of Patty, Cynthia and John

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



Liturgical Schedule

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

Sunday, July 30, 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.

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.



Prayer Request

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, Ket, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ket, 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

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


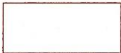
Nicodemus was born in Albania where he was married and had children. Deceived by the Turks, he embraced Islam and forced his children to accept Islam also, except for one son, who fled to Holy Mount Athos where he was tonsured a monk. Nicodemus traveled to Mt. Athos to bring his son back but Mt. Athos 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.

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 \$ _____		
<small>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@htgoenj.org (see enclosed Stock/Security Donation Form)</small>		
Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Spouse's Name _____	Email Address _____	
Names of Dependents _____	Telephone Number (_____) _____	
_____	Cell Number (_____) _____	
Address _____	<i>Please bring your Commitment Card to Stewardship Sunday Liturgy December 4, 2022</i>	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
<small>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.</small>		

Submit your Stewardship Commitment Card online: [Stewardship Commitment Card](#)

To Donate online: [Online Giving](#)

Upcoming Parish Events

Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, July 16

Ladies Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Bring Us Your Treasures!! Drop off continues Sunday, July 9 through Sunday, July 16 to the Bouras Center. 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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- 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


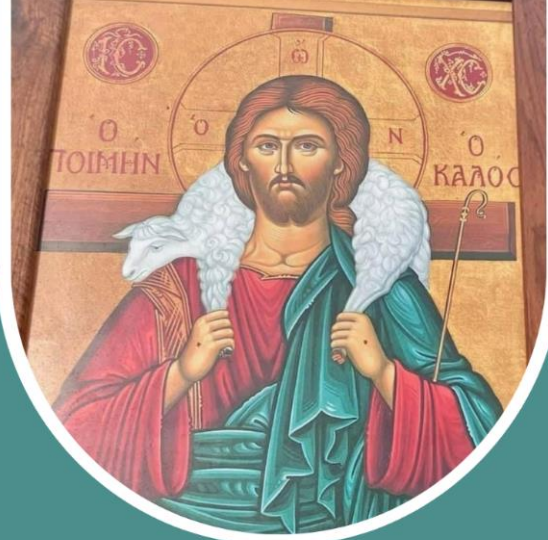
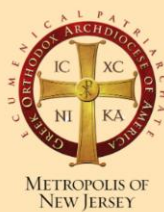
(everything ½ price 2pm-4pm SAT ONLY)

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:

George Colonias admin@htgocnj.org 908-294-7414 or
George Paras gparas@parasandparas.com
201-681-5366



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠