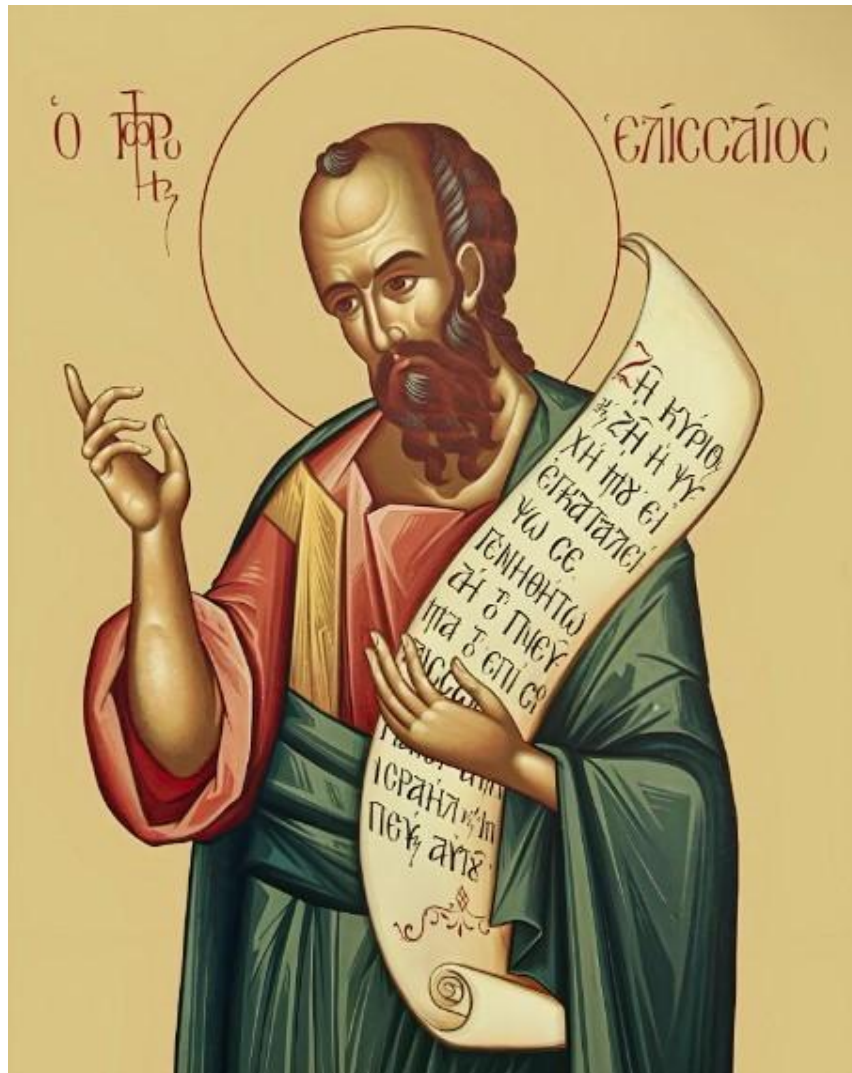


THE HOLY PROPHET ELISSEUS [ELISHA]



June 14, 2026

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvизis, Parish Priest



Second Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Prophet St. Elisseus (Elisha); St. Methodios the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople; St. Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna of Crete; The Holy Martyrs of Estonia: St. Basil the Protopresbyter; Sts. John, John, Artemios, and Nicholas, the Presbyters; Sts. Basil and Peter, the Deacons; St. Martha the Presvytera; and St. John, St. Theodore, and St. Anna

First Tone

Ηχος Α΄

Second Morning Gospel

St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle Reading:

Romans 2:10-16

Bible pp. 1051-1052

Gospel Reading:

St. Matthew 4:18-23

Bible pp. 844, 854

Apolytikion: “Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.”

Apolytikion of the Prophet: “The angel incarnate and the Prophets’ pedestal,* the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious,* sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven.* He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers.* Therefore, he pours out healings to those who honor him.”
Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Apolytikion of the Hierarch: “An example of the Faith and a life of humility, as a teacher of abstinence. You did inspire and lead your flock and through the truthfulness of your deeds were exalted by greatness through your humility, uplifting all and by poverty gaining wealth, Father Methodios, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.”

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: “Protection of Christians that never fails, 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, June 21, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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

Altar Donations

Kandili: In loving memory of Sierra Nolau†

Sacraments and Rites

Weddings: On Saturday, June 13, the wedding of Bridget Boskovich and Justin Quaglia was celebrated. The Koumbara is Jennifer Zeremenko.

Funeral: On Thursday, June 11, the funeral for Constantine Kiriakatis† was held. May his memory be eternal.

Welcome Visitors

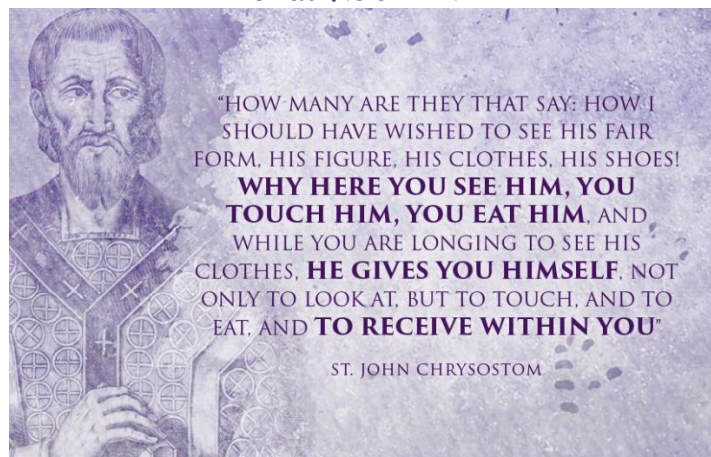
Our parish welcomes those visiting our community. Worshipping the Holy Trinity is the principal act of an Orthodox parish, especially on the Day of the Resurrection (Sunday). Our mission is to live the Holy Gospel and spread the Good News to those in our area. We are sanctified by God's grace through 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.

Honoring 35 Years of Sacred Ministry as Ecumenical Patriarch

Thursday, June 25



In recognition of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's 35 years of sacred ministry as Chief Shepherd of our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople, His Eminence, Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, in collaboration with the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has organized a symposium on His All-Holiness' long and fruitful tenure as Patriarch. Additionally, the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, will gather at this event to celebrate the Forefeast of His Eminence's Name Day in a Hierarchical Vespers service at St. John the Theologian Cathedral in Tenafly. Hierarchical Vespers begin at 6:00 PM; Lecture and Complimentary Dinner at 7:30 PM.





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.

Religious Education Graduation Ceremony, Sunday - June 21



Please join us in celebrating our graduates and our Religious Education students with a dessert reception in the Bouras Center on Sunday, June 21 after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to honoring our students! Please help us make this day extra special for them by volunteering to help or bring a dessert via the QR code or link provided [Volunteers Sign Up for Religious Education Graduation Celebration!](#) Philoptochos Scholarships will be presented immediately after the Religious Education Awards.

Summer Camping Experience - Camp Good Shepherd - July 12-18

Register now by visiting <http://app.campdoc.com/register/cgsn> For more information visit the updated Camp Good Shepherd (CGS) website <https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd> including videos from CGS 2025. The overall goal of CGS is to give our campers a taste of actively living their Orthodox Christian faith, to connect them to Christ and His Church, and to offer them the chance to develop lasting relationships with their peers.

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



Joanne, Nicholas, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Constance, Jeremy, John, Gregory, Gus, Thomas, Sean, Betty, Keela, Florence, Sandy, James, John, Athena, Stavroula, Dimetra, Donny, Dominique, Daniel, Elizabeth, John, Robert, Erin, Kevin, Sabrina, Luke, Bill, James, Ria, Eric, Eupraxia, Joanne, Alexandra, Sophia, Nicholas, James, Mary, Chris, Janeen, Harry, Kathy



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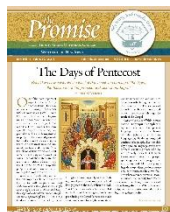
Holy Trinity Is Seeking An Administrative Assistant

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

The Orthodox Study Bible

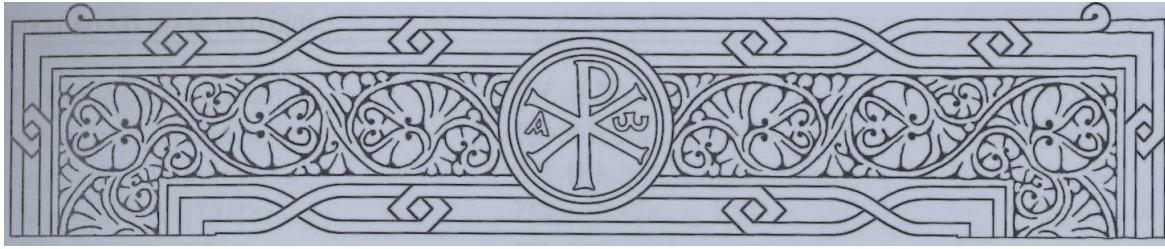
Available in the Holy Trinity Bookstore

The FIRST EVER *Orthodox Study Bible* presents both the Bible of the early church and the church of the early Bible. Orthodox Christianity is the face of ancient Christianity to the modern world and embraces the second largest body of Christians in the world. In this first-of-its-kind study Bible, the Bible is presented with commentary from the ancient Christian perspective that speaks to those Christians who seek a deeper experience of the roots of their faith. Features include: Old Testament newly-translated from the Greek text of the Septuagint, including the entire canon of Old Testament; New Testament from the New King James Version; Easy to locate liturgical readings to align with what passages are read on a feast day; Full color Icons; Full color maps.



The June Edition of *The Promise* is Now Available Online!

www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise Subscribe to Holy Trinity weekly emails providing news updates and announcements. Request at: HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org



The Holy Prophet Elisseus [Elisha] – June 17



The Holy Prophet Elisha lived in the ninth century before the Birth of Christ, and was a native of the village of Abelmaum, near Jordan. By the command of the Lord, he was called to prophetic service by the holy Prophet Elias [Elijah] (July 20).

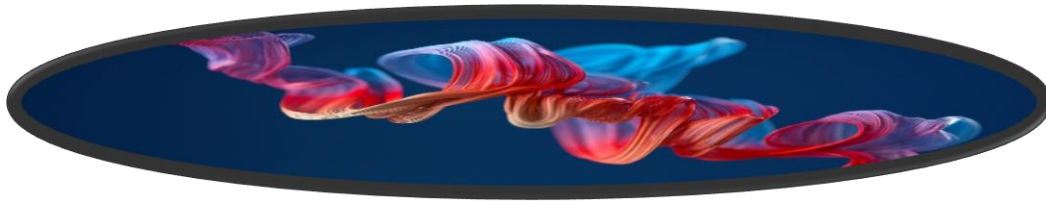
When it became time for the Prophet Elias to be taken up to Heaven, he said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha boldly asked for a double portion of the grace of God: “Let there be a double portion of your spirit upon me.” The Prophet Elias said, “You have asked a hard thing; if you see me when I am taken from you, then so shall it be for you; but if you do not see me, it will not be so” (4 [2] Kings 2:10). As they went along the way talking, there appeared a fiery chariot and horses and separated them both. Elisha cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” (4 Kings 2:12). Picking up the mantle of his teacher which fell from the sky, Elisha received the power and prophetic gift of Elias. He spent more than 65 years in prophetic service, under six Israelite kings (from Ahab to Joash). While Elisha lived, he did not tremble before any prince, and no word could overcome him. – Wisdom of Sirach 48:13.

The holy prophet worked numerous miracles. He divided the waters of the Jordan, having struck it with the mantle of the Prophet Elias; he made the waters of a Jericho spring fit for drinking; he saved the armies of the kings of Israel and Judah that stood in an arid wilderness by bringing forth abundant water by his prayer; he delivered a poor widow from death by starvation through a miraculous increase of oil in a vessel. This Shunamite woman showing hospitality to the prophet was gladdened by the birth of a son through his prayer, and when the child died, he was raised back to life by the prophet. The Syrian military-commander Namaan was healed from leprosy, but the prophet’s servant Gehazi was afflicted since he disobeyed the prophet and took money from Namaan.

Elisha predicted to the Israelite king Joash the victory over his enemies, and by the power of his prayer he worked many other miracles - 4 Kings 3-13. The holy Prophet Elisha died in old age at Samaria. “In his life he worked miracles, and at death his works were marvelous” – Wisdom of Sirach 48:14-15). A year after his death, a corpse was thrown into the prophet’s grave. As soon as the dead man touched Elisha’s bones, he came to life and stood up (4 Kings 13:20-

21). Prophet Elisha and his teacher, the Prophet Elias, left no books behind them, since their prophetic preaching was oral.

John of Damascus composed a canon in honor of the Prophet Elisha, and at Constantinople a church was built in his honor. Julian the Apostate (361-363) gave orders to burn the relics of the Prophet Elisha, Abdia (Obadiah) and John the Forerunner, but the holy relics were preserved by believers, and part of them were transferred to Alexandria.



The Movement Toward Perfection

Do you think of yourself as being perfect? Then your mind thinks foolishly, your eyes have been blinded, and your heart is grossly tarnished. To be perfect is impossible for humans. There is only one perfect and He is God! Imperfection is not an excuse to abandon spiritual growth, however. For even if we can never be fully perfect, we can certainly keep moving towards perfection.

In Orthodox spirituality, salvation is not a state of being or the end of some long arduous journey, it is a motion toward theosis, toward becoming more like God, which can never be fully achieved. It is growth in perfection. It is moving from sin to Christ, from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth. And once we have accomplished this movement, then it becomes a movement from truth to greater truth, from wisdom to greater wisdom, from joy to greater joy, from understanding to deeper understanding, from embracing love to all-embracing love, and in the end these movements lead us to a deep inner silence as we stand in awe at the presence of God. And this process goes on eternally. We can never reach the point where we can honestly say, "Now, I've made it! I have achieved perfection!" As the faithful, let us keep moving towards perfection, to a deeper understanding of the Triune God.



Stewardship

In the life of the Church, Stewardship is a sacred response to God's abundant blessings. It is how we actively participate in the life of the parish, offering our time in service, our talents in ministry, and our treasure in support of Christ's mission.

Holy Trinity is our spiritual and cultural center, a place like no other, rooted in faith. It nurtures joy and a deep sense of purpose in giving. Our parish remains a vibrant spiritual home thanks to your faithfulness. Stewardship directly impacts:

- Meaningful outreach ministries, serving those in need in our local community and beyond
- It sustains and grows our youth and young adult programs, forming the next generation in the Orthodox faith
- It preserves and expands our liturgical life, education, and parish ministries, ensuring that the fullness of Orthodoxy is lived and experienced

Each of these expressions brings our faith to life, not only within our walls, but in the world. Each year, we prayerfully establish a Stewardship goal that reflects both our needs and our mission.

For 2026, our parish Stewardship goal is \$650,000.

To date, the faithful have committed approximately \$466,000, while in previous years at this point, we were closer to \$490,000. Historically, by May we have 81% of Stewardship Cards received. Currently, we have collected 71%.

This leaves a sizable gap as we seek to fully fund the ministries and mission entrusted to us.

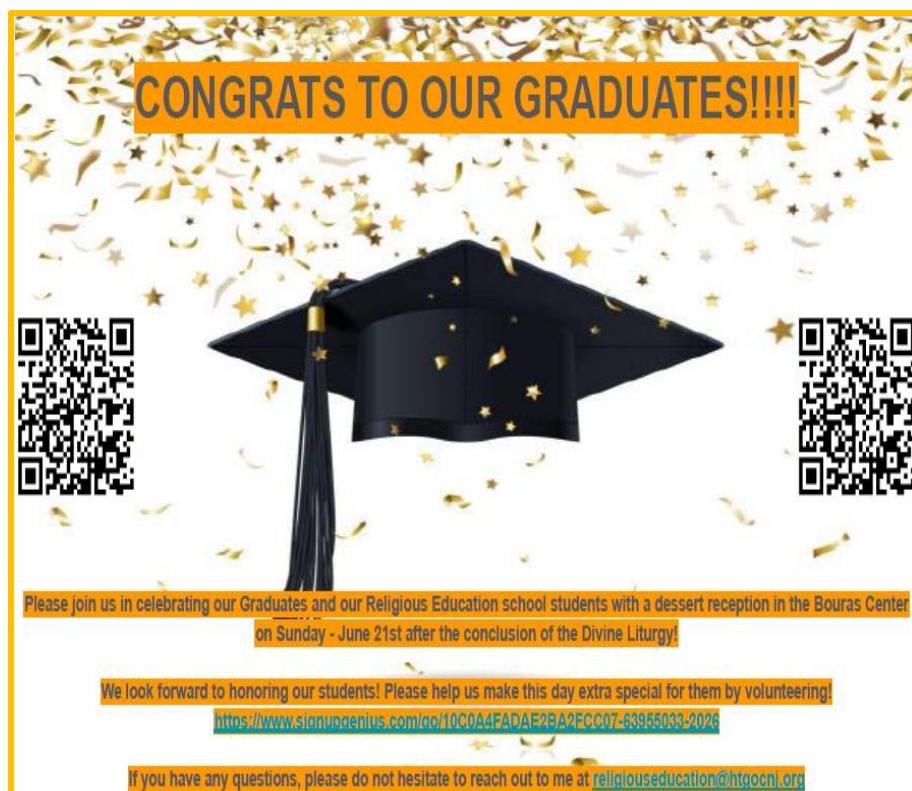
Holy Trinity is a family of believers. As the faithful, we put our personal trust and financial resources in God's hands. Take a leap of faith to move forward. Please offer Holy Trinity as much as possible for God's glory.



Upcoming Events

June 21, 2026

Religious Education Graduation Ceremony

A celebratory graphic for a graduation ceremony. It features a black graduation cap with a gold tassel in the center. The background is white with a shower of gold confetti and stars. At the top, an orange banner reads "CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!!". Two QR codes are positioned on either side of the cap. Below the cap, an orange banner provides details about the event. Further down, another orange banner encourages volunteering, followed by a blue URL. At the bottom, a final orange banner provides contact information.

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!!

Please join us in celebrating our Graduates and our Religious Education school students with a dessert reception in the Bouras Center on Sunday - June 21st after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy!

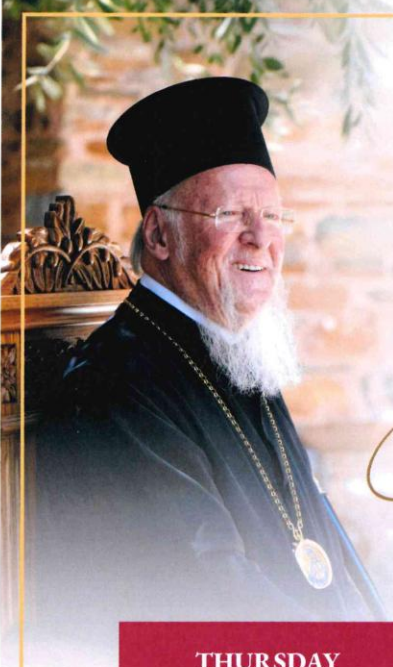
We look forward to honoring our students! Please help us make this day extra special for them by volunteering!

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at religiouseducation@htgoeni.org

June 25

Hierarchical Vespers



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2026**

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6:00PM HIERARCHICAL VESPERS
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7:30PM LECTURE and COMPLIMENTARY DINNER
Special Remarks by
DR. ANTHONY J. LIMBERAKIS
Archon Grand Aktouarios, National Commander
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
Chair, EPBF Board of Trustees
Speaking on the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

Featured Presentation by
ARCHON GEORGE E. DEMACOPOULOS, PhD
Historian and National Council Member, Archons of the
Ecumenical Patriarchate, Presenting on the many historic
initiatives and accomplishments of His All-Holiness during
his remarkable tenure as Ecumenical Patriarch



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July 24 - 25, 2026

Drop Off Dates to Bouras Center:

Sunday, July 12 – Monday, July 20

2026 Philoptochos Rummage Sale

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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

July 12 - 18, 2026

Camp Good Shepherd – July 12 - 18

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The poster features a blue sky with a sun and clouds at the top. On the left is the Camp Good Shepherd logo, and on the right is the Orthodox Archdiocese of New Jersey logo. The title "CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD 2026" is written in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline. Below the title are three circular photos: two children with bows, a large group of campers in blue shirts, and two people in a canoe. At the bottom, there are three colored boxes for Virginia, Maryland, and New Jersey, each with dates, location, and early bird pricing. A green tent and a green tree are at the bottom corners. A central green button says "Register here!" with a QR code below it. The website URL is at the very bottom.

CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD 2026

Virginia	Maryland	New Jersey
July 5-11 Camp Piankatank 1586 Stampers Bay Rd Hartfield, VA 23071 Early Bird: \$600 until May 31	July 12-18 Camp Wo-Me-To 1200 Knopp Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 21084 Early Bird: \$625 until May 31	July 12-18 Camp Linwood MacDonald 1 Flatbrook Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826 Early Bird: \$675 until May 31

Register here!

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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠