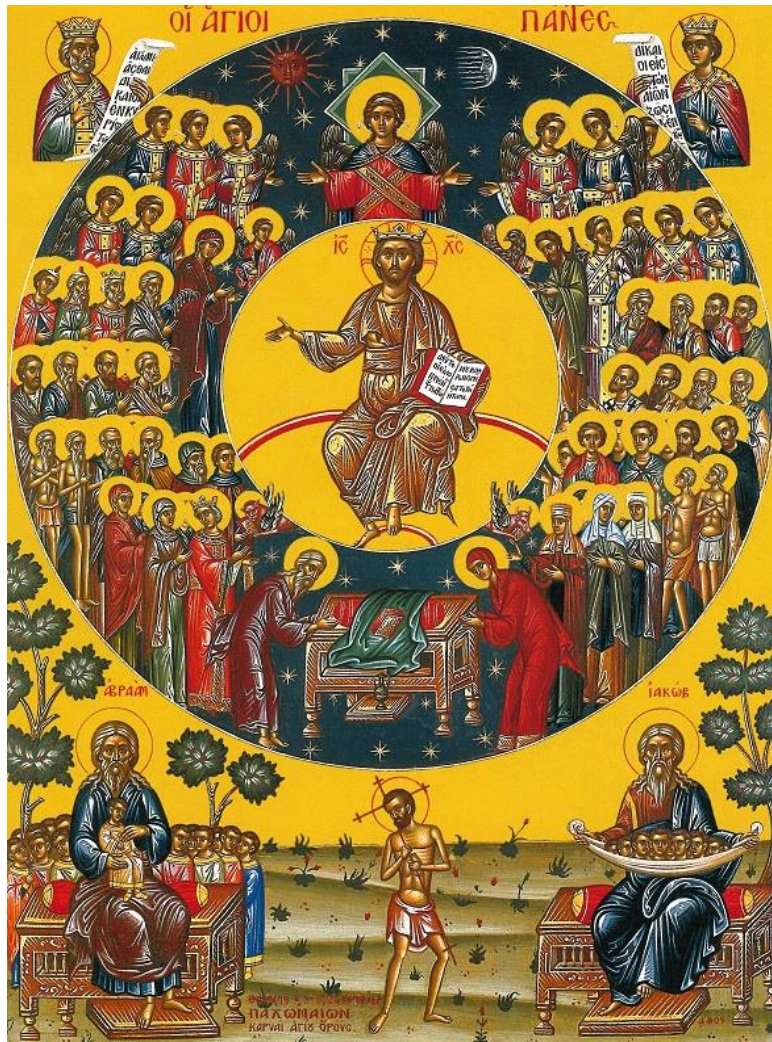


SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



June 15, 2025

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

Today we commemorate St. Amos the Prophet; Our Righteous Father St. Hieronimus; St. Augustine the Blessed, Bishop of Hippo; St. Jerome the Righteous; Sts. Achikos, Stephanas, & Fortuanatos the Apostles

Plagal Fourth Tone

Ἦχος Πλ. Δ'

Morning Gospel: [St. Matthew 28:16-20](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Epistle Reading: [Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30](#) [Ελληνικά](#)

Apolytikion: “From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the Cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our Life and Resurrection, Glory to You, O Lord.”

Apolytikion of All Saints: “Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, “Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your 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: “As the first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, June 22, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 29, Sts. Peter and Paul, 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. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Lainie (Eleni) Afendoulis†

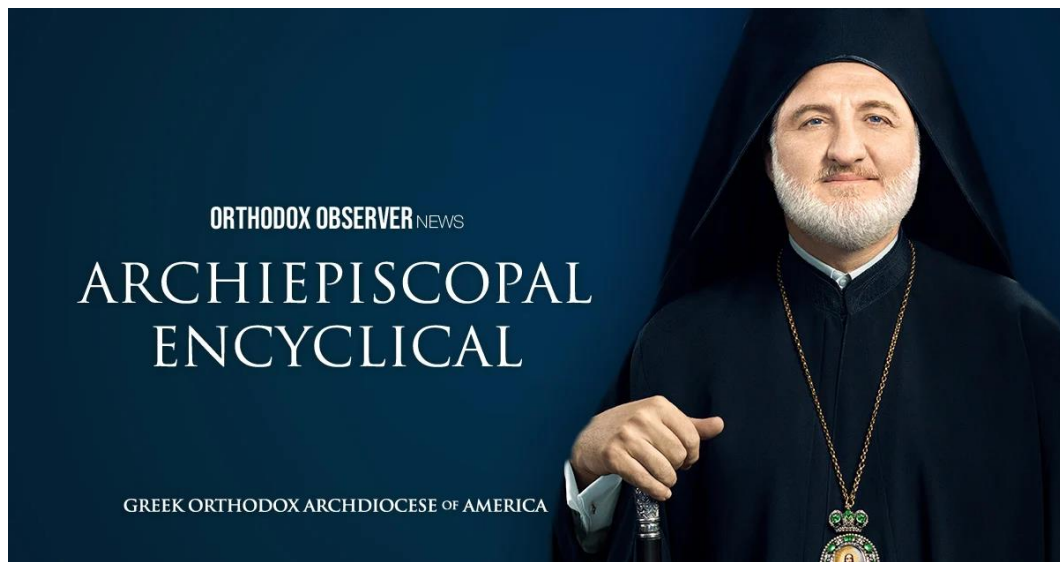
Sacraments and Rites

Wedding: On Thursday, June 12, the wedding of Laurelle McInerney and Brett Anton was celebrated. The Koumbara is Anne Hyde.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Lainie (Eleni) Afendoulis†, 25 years. Eternal be her memory.



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, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Lea, Robert, Mary, Mason, George, Chloe, Yolanda, Luke, George, Maria, Alexander, Athena, Demetra, Stavroula, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Pamela, John, Helen, Chris, Niko, Vicky, Dino



Archepiscopal Encyclical on the
Sunday of Father's Day (the Sunday of All Saints)
June 15, 2025

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι. (κατὰ Ματθαῖον 19:30)

But many who are first shall be last, and the last first. (Matthew 19:30)

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the observance of Father's Day on this Sunday of All Saints, we also take an opportunity to remember the spiritual fathers of our parishes across the country. The clergy who lead our communities, more often than not, put themselves last, as they endeavor to serve every member of the community and to ensure that everyone feels valued. But as the Lord says in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, the "last shall be first."

Therefore, with encouragement and with boldness, I offer this exhortation to every community and every member of our Sacred Archdiocese, to be generous to the special collection of this Sunday. For all the funds gathered are to be dedicated to augment and champion the Clergy Pension Fund, which is a vital element of our clergy support system, and a sign that their sacrifices of material goods for the spiritual benefit of their flocks are duly and truly recognized. Clergy rarely put themselves first, even when their parishioners insist. So here is a way that every member of our Church can demonstrate their appreciation for their spiritual fathers on Father's Day. Every donation is valuable and welcomed with thankfulness.

On this Sunday of All Saints, let us celebrate those who teach us about the Saints and strive to lead us in their ways of holiness. Let us remember our clergy, and take an interest in sustaining them in their sunset years. In this way, the first and the last will be joined together in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God!

With much paternal love in Christ,



† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

Sunday of All Saints

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all the Saints, the Righteous, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown. They have been added to the choirs of the Saints and others shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world for they have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And in recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, to emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

Guided by the teaching of Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own days of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers). All the saints, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our Most Holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-Virgin Theotokos Mary, are honored on this day, setting their lives before us as examples of virtue, and entreating them to intercede on our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all.

Congratulations to the Fathers of Holy Trinity. May God's blessing be upon you always.



A Psalm for Father's Day

"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments. The generation of the upright man shall be blessed. Glory and riches shall be in his house. For he is merciful, compassionate, and righteous. A good man is compassionate and lends; he will manage his words with judgment. A righteous man shall be in everlasting

remembrance. His heart is prepared to hope in the Lord. His heart is established; he is not afraid as he surveys his enemies. He disperses to the poor and his glory is exalted. Those who hate him will be angry at his reward, they shall gnash their teeth and be consumed.”

Religious Education Graduation Ceremony, Sunday - June 22

Please join us in celebrating our Graduates and our Religious Education school students with a lunch reception in the Bouras Center. Philoptochos Scholarships will be given out to the high school seniors. We look forward to honoring our students! Please help us make this day extra special for them by volunteering. Click [Religious Education Graduation Volunteers](#) or scan either QR code in the below flyer to go to the sign-up genius link. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Markos at religioueducation@htgocnj.org

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee would like to share upcoming locally hosted events parishioners may be interested in attending.

Public Orthodoxy at Fordham University. Event details located at: <https://publicorthodoxy.org/events/>

- **June 16** Religious Nationalism

Hellenic Film Festival

- Online via Youtube:
- Family Member <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVYhv4KYp3I&t=15s>
- **June 26** An interactive multisensory presentation by Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis, Ph.D., on "Living Beyond the Cave" in our Bouras Center. See the flyer in the Upcoming Events section below in this bulletin for more information.

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 next school year. No prior experience is required! Please contact the church office for more details if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

June 22, 2025

Religious Education Graduation Ceremony, Sunday - June 22

Please join us in celebrating our Graduates and our Religious Education school students with a lunch reception in the Bouras Center on Sunday, June 22 after the conclusion of Divine Liturgy. We look forward to honoring our students! Please help us make this day extra special for them by volunteering. Click [Religious Education Graduation Volunteers](#) or scan either QR code in the below flyer to go to the sign-up genius link. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Markos at religionseducation@htgocnj.org

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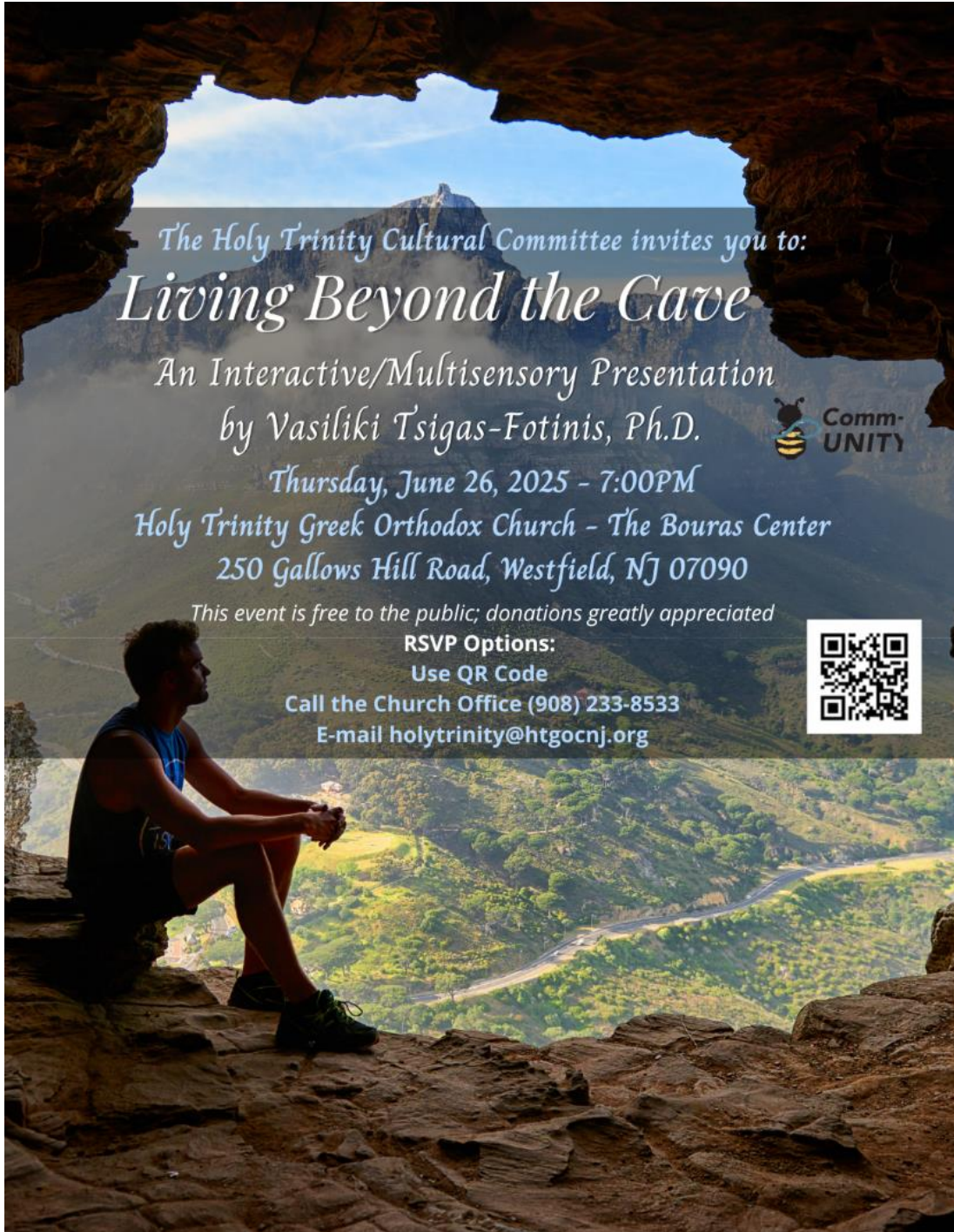
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at pmarkos307@gmail.com

June 26, 2025

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee invites you to an interactive/multisensory presentation by Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis, Ph.D., on "Living Beyond the Cave", to discuss the relevance of Plato's cave allegory in today's world. The presentation will take place at 7 PM on Thursday, June 26, in the Bouras Center. Everyone is welcome and the event is free to the public. Light refreshments and snacks will be available.



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Living Beyond the Cave

An Interactive/Multisensory Presentation
by Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis, Ph.D.



Thursday, June 26, 2025 - 7:00PM

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This event is free to the public; donations greatly appreciated

RSVP Options:

Use QR Code

Call the Church Office (908) 233-8533

E-mail holytrinity@htgocnj.org



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.



The poster features a blue background with a white wavy pattern. At the top left, there are two circular logos: one with a cross and the letters 'IC XC NI KA' and another with a shepherd and sheep. A sun and cloud are in the top right. A large green banner with white text reads 'CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD NEW JERSEY'. Below the banner are three circular photos: a group of campers playing instruments, a large group photo of campers in blue shirts, and campers in a canoe. At the bottom, there are four green arrows pointing right, each followed by text: 'July 13-20, 2025', 'Ages 8-18', 'Camp Linwood Macdonald (Sandyston, NJ)', and 'Registration Fee: \$750'.

➤ July 13-20, 2025
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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠