

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church



1966 60th 2026

Anniversary

Save the Dates

October 4, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Luncheon

November 14, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Gala

June 21, 2026

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 Delvzis, Parish Priest

Third Sunday of Matthew

St. Julian the Martyr of Tarsus; St. Terentios, the Hieromartyr and Bishop of Iconium; and St. Nikitas the New Martyr of Nisyros; St. Julian the Egyptian and those witnessed with him.

Second Tone
Ηχος β'

Third Morning Gospel
[St. Mark 16:9-20](#)

Epistle Reading: [Romans 5:1-10](#)

Bible p. 980

Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 6:22-33](#)

Bible p. 840

Apolytikion: *When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"*

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."*

Liturgical Schedule

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

Sunday, July 5, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Peter Markos†

Kandili: In loving memory of Sierra Nolau†

Vigil Light: In loving memory of Constantine Kiriakatis†

Sacraments and Rites

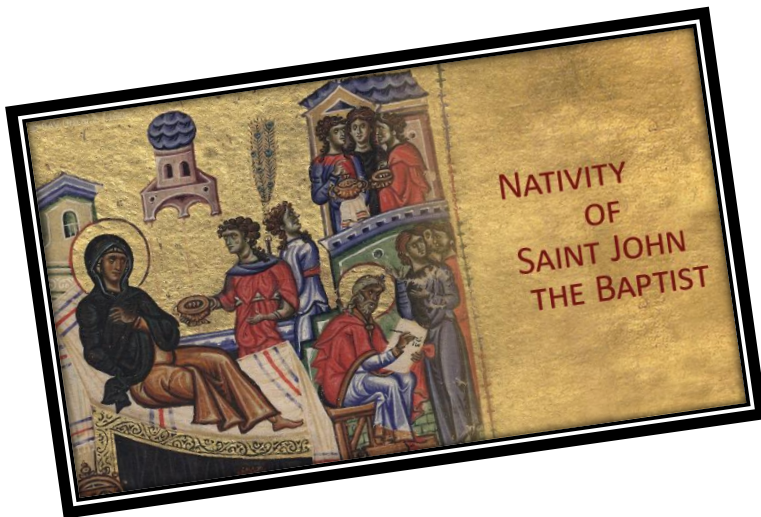
Baptism: On Saturday, June 20, the baptism of Amelia Anastasia Almonte, daughter of Stefani and Alexis Almonte was celebrated. Godmother is Angelina Mavros.

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.



Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 24



The Gospel of Luke (1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of St. John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. When Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem, he saw the Archangel Gabriel standing on the right side of the altar of incense. The Great Archangel predicted that Zachariah would father a son, who would

announce to the world the Messiah. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. Doubts flooded his mind whether it was possible to have a son in old age. He asked for a sign. The sign was given to him. He was struck speechless until the time that the Archangel's words would be fulfilled. This was a chastisement for his unbelief.

Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept this a secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. To honor Christ, St. John leaped in his mother's womb, as to salute and venerate God incarnate.

Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was named John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all the male infants. Hearing about this, Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John

and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him. This enraged the soldiers and he was killed in the most sacred spot of the Temple. Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

Matins Doxastikon

When Mary Magdalene brought the good news, that You, the Savior, had risen from the dead, and had appeared to her, the disciples did not believe her. So You upbraided them for their hardness of heart. But once they were fully equipped with the signs and miracles, You sent them out to preach the gospel. Then You, O Lord, were taken up to Your Father, the Source of Light; and they went forth and preached everywhere, and the message was confirmed by the miracles. And now we, who through them have been enlightened, glorify Your resurrection from the dead, O benevolent Lord.

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 Tenaflly. Hierarchical Vespers begin at 6:00 PM; Lecture and Complimentary Dinner at 7:30 PM.

It's our Anniversary

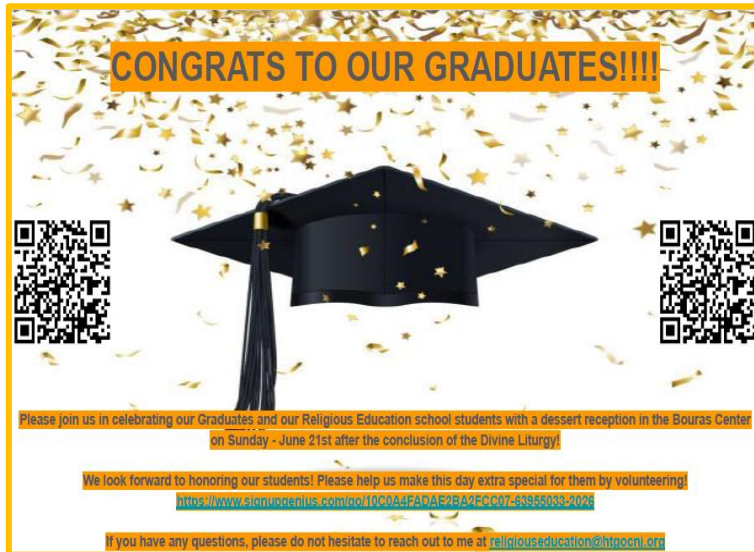
Save the Dates...

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.



Prayer
Request



Angela, 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

Trinity Circle – Thursday, July 2

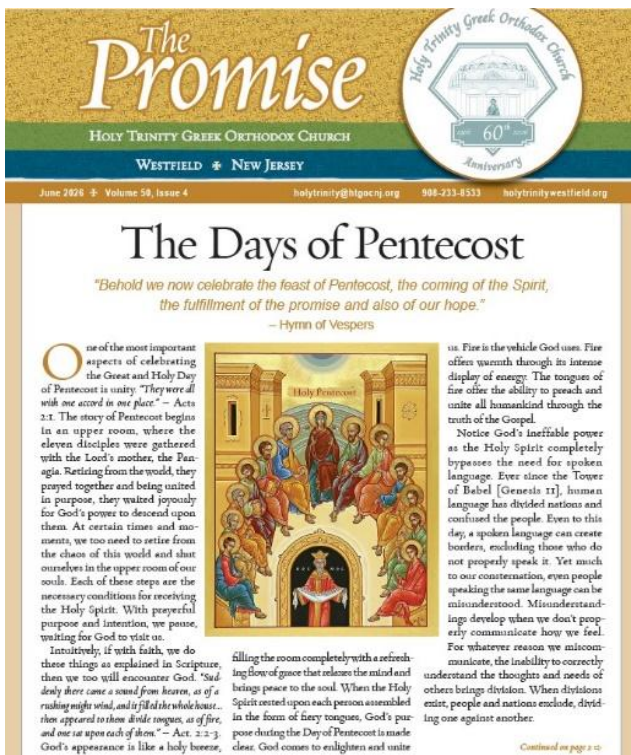
A special Fourth of July luncheon celebration will be held 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Bouras Center. The luncheon is being donated by Pagona & Leftheris Ioannou.

Holy Trinity Is Seeking An Administrative Assistant

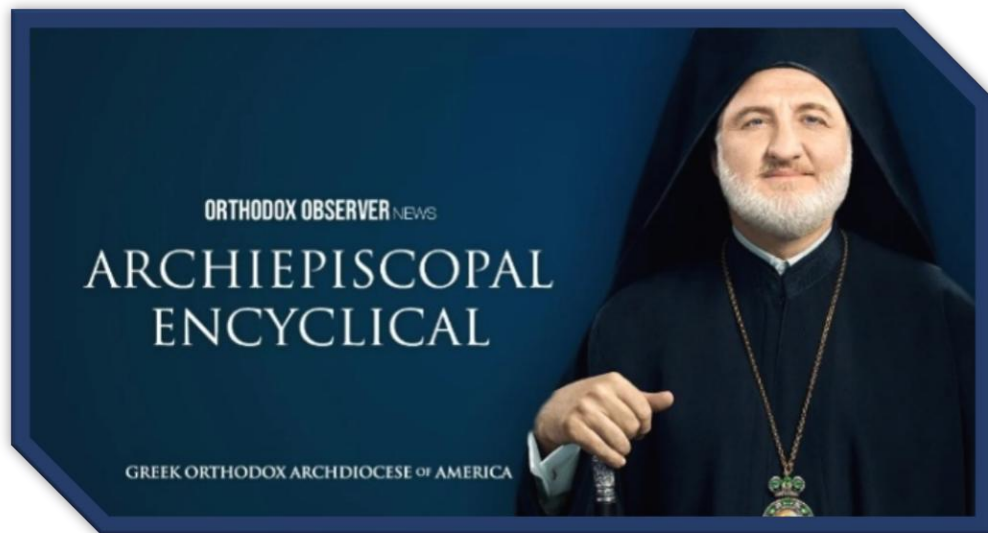
Holy Trinity has begun searching for a new Administrative Assistant to replace Kathy Genakos, who retired on June 12. This full-time position provides office support to Father Peter and Diana as well as tending to office visitors and directing phone calls. Additional duties are: communication with parishioners 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@Htgoenj.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!



Archiepiscopal Encyclical for Father's Day

June 21, 2026 - Father's Day

For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet not many fathers.
(I Corinthians 4:15a)

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is Father's Day, a day to honor the earthly fathers who gave us life, protected us, and provided for us. Each of us is someone's child, as the Gospel says, born "by blood, by the desire of the flesh, or by human desire" (cf. John 1:13). This verse reveals the many ways fatherhood is lived in our world. Yet above every paternal figure stands our Heavenly Father, to Whom we pray and upon Whom we depend for our very existence. He is our Creator and the foundation of our lives. For this reason, the Lord Jesus said, "And do not call anyone on earth your 'father,' for one is your Father, Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 23:9).

And yet, we do call our earthly parent, "father;" we call our Baptismal Sponsor, "godfather;" and we call our priest, "Father." Do we therefore violate the saying of the Lord? By no means! Rather, we honor them by recognizing how they reflect our Heavenly Father. As Saint Paul observes to the Christians of Corinth, spiritual parentage is a rare and precious gift. The Apostle did not have children of his own body, but he had a vast spiritually begotten family of sons and daughters. As he writes in the same Letter, "For in Christ Jesus, I have become a father to you through the Gospel" (4:15b).

Therefore, on this Father's Day, let us remember our clergy, who beget us through the Gospel. There are many who take the role of teacher upon themselves, but fatherhood in Christ is an extraordinary relationship, to be revered and honored (thus we refer to the clergy as "Reverend"). And let us not forget their needs, especially to sustain them in their retirements. Whatever you

can contribute to their material sustenance by means of the Clergy pension Fund will certainly be returned to you spiritually in “good measure, pressed together, shaken down, and overflowing” (Luke 6:38).

Happy Father’s Day!

With Gratitude and Fatherly Blessings in Jesus Christ,

†ELPIDOPHOROS

Archbishop of America

The Meaning Of Incense

The meaning of incense is rich and varied. It possesses not only symbolic meaning but shows us that our prayers rise heavenward. - Psalm 140:2. It donates the presence of the Holy Spirit like a sweet spiritual fragrance. It contrasts with the evil order of sin. It is a public confession of faith before God. It calls us to lift up our hearts and constantly seek the things that are above. It raises our sights from earth to heaven. When the priest turns to cense the saints on the iconostasis and the congregation, he is paying homage and respect to the image of God in each one of us, reminding us of our high calling.

When the Temple in Jerusalem was being dedicated, the glory of God descended upon the Holy of Holies in the form of a cloud. - 3 Kingdoms 8:10. At the Holy Transfiguration, a cloud overshadowed Jesus. Here we clearly see that the presence of God is regularly connected with a cloud. It was in a cloud that Moses met God. It was through a cloud that God filled the Temple when it was dedicated after Solomon built it. This is why the priest censes the entire church before the Divine Liturgy begins. The sweet smell and clouds of incense filling the church and sanctuary suggests the glory of God descending upon those who come to worship Him.

The Lord commanded, “from the rising of the sun even to its going down, My name has been glorified among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered to My name” - Malachi 1:11 One story from the desert fathers says that “whosoever enters a perfume shop, even if he does not purchase any perfume, leaves filled with fragrance.” The same thing happens to the person who enters the church. He leaves with a spiritual fragrance and the presence of God.



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."

June 25 Hierarchical Vespers & Seminar





Archons
of the Ecumenical
Patriarchate
Protecting the Future of Faith

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey
and the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
invite you to attend a joyful evening of
celebration, inspiration, and legacy
honoring

HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH

Bartholomew
35 Years
of MINISTRY

**THURSDAY
JUNE 25
2026**

**METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF
ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**
353 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670

6:00PM HIERARCHICAL VESPERS
Celebrating the Name Day of
HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS
OF NEW JERSEY



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. DEMACPOULOS, 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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Chaired by Archons Michael D. Camarinos, Esq. and George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.
Members of the National Council and Regional Commanders

July 24 - 25, 2026

Drop Off Dates to Bouras Center:

2026 Philoptochos Rummage Sale

**Drop Off Dates to Bouras Center:
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

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

July 12 - 18, 2026

**Summer Camping - 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.



CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD 2026

Virginia
July 5-11
Camp Piankatank
1586 Stampers Bay Rd
Hartfield, VA 23071
Early Bird: \$600 until May 31

Maryland
July 12-18
Camp Wo-Me-To
1200 Knopp Rd,
Jarrettsville, MD 21084
Early Bird: \$625 until May 31

New Jersey
July 12-18
Camp Linwood MacDonald
1 Flatbrook Rd,
Sandyston, NJ 07826
Early Bird: \$675 until May 31

Register here!



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