

# SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



June 22, 2025

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

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

Today we commemorate St. Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata; St. Zenon the Martyr & his servant St. Zenas of Philadelphia

## First Tone

Ἦχος Α΄

Morning Gospel: [St. Mark 16:1-8](#)

[Ελληνικά](#)

Epistle Reading: [Romans 2:10-16](#)

[Ελληνικά](#)

Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 4:18-23](#)

[Ελληνικά](#)

**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 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

Tuesday, June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 29, Sts. Peter and Paul, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 29, **Great Vespers @ Paramus**, 7:00 PM – Name Day of His Eminence

### Welcome Visitors

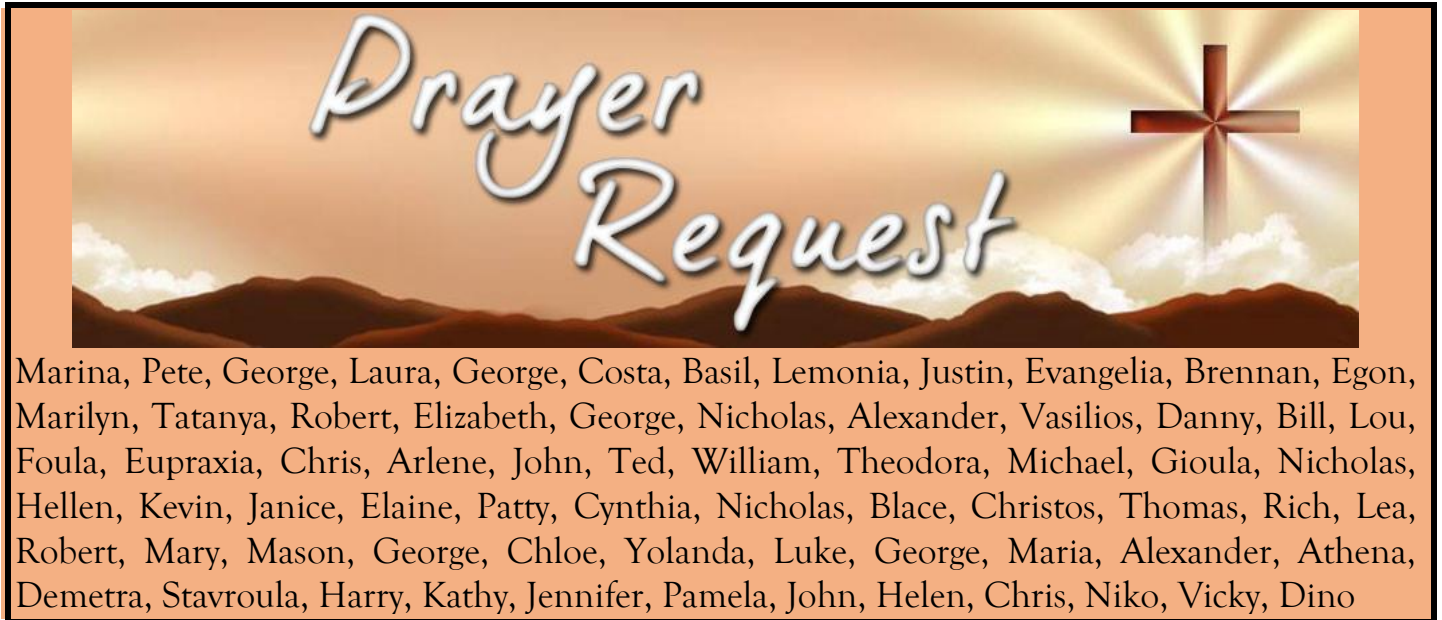
The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or wish to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, we hope that you consider becoming part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet 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 Peter Markos†

## Sacraments and Rites

**Baptism:** On Saturday, June 21, the baptism of Iris (Iritha) Elizabeth Biliouris, daughter of Konstantinos Biliouris and Yang Xu, was celebrated. The Godfather is Charalambos Tsourakakis.



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

## 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!

## 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.

## Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee would like to share upcoming locally hosted events:

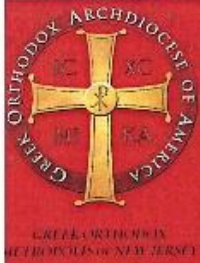
**Public Orthodoxy at Fordham University.** Event details located

at: <https://publicorthodoxy.org/events/>

### 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.



**His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey  
Invites All the Faithful to Celebrate the  
Feast of the Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles**

Hierarchical Great Vespers,  
and Dinner Reception

**Sunday, June 29, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

Orthros,  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,  
and Reception

**Monday, June 30, 2025  
9:00 A.M.**

**St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church**

**51 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652**

## 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.

# 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 [religiuoseducation@htgocnj.org](mailto:religiuoseducation@htgocnj.org)

**CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!!**

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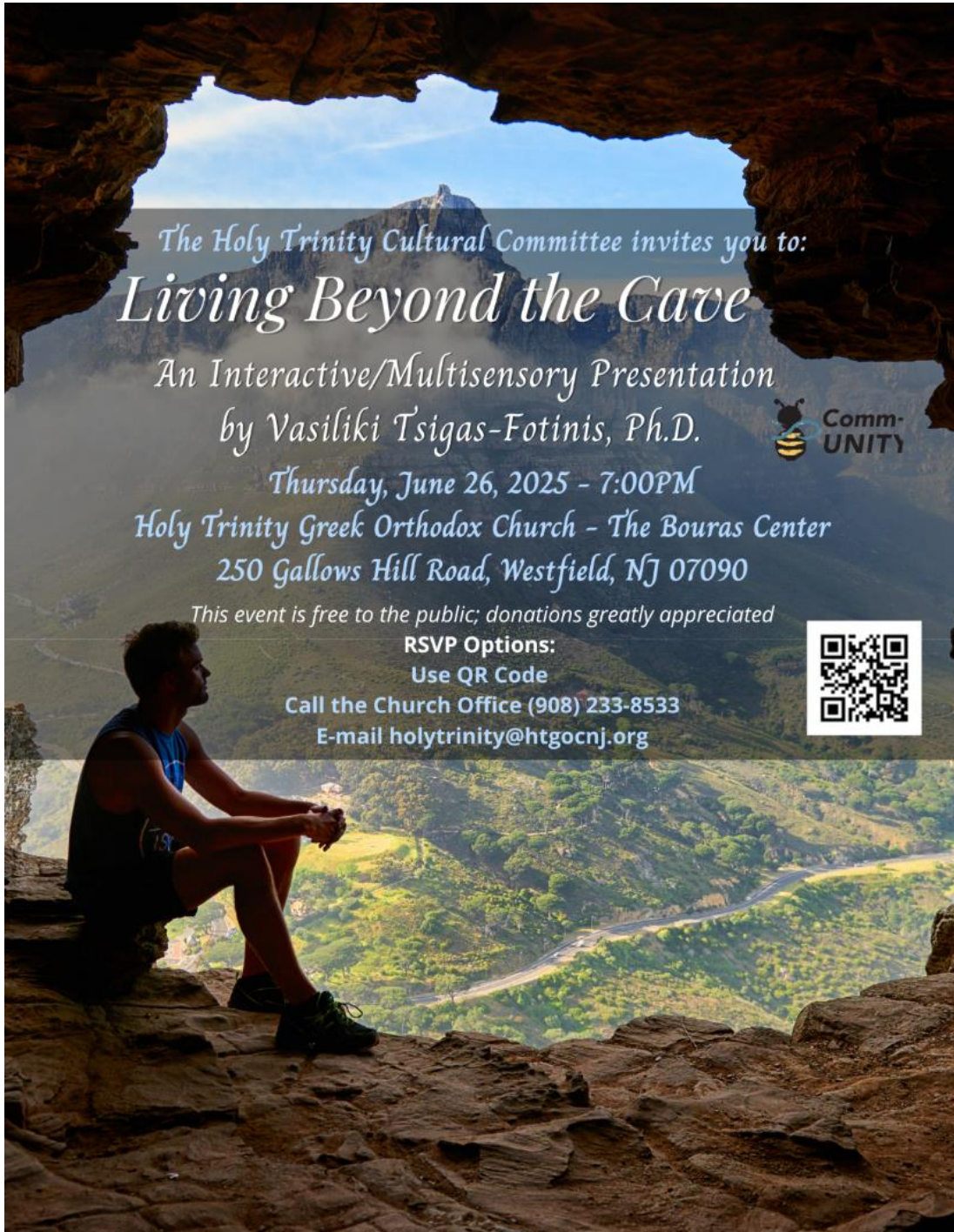
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEAD28A5FD0-56767256-2025>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [pmarkos307@gmail.com](mailto:pmarkos307@gmail.com)

# June 26, 2025

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

Feeling lost in the noise of everyday life? Step beyond the illusions that cloud our modern world and rediscover what truly matters. Join us for *Living Beyond the Cave* - a free, interactive, and multisensory experience that blends ancient wisdom with modern insight. Guided by Dr. Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis, this powerful evening will reawaken your sense of purpose and invite you to see life beyond illusion.



*The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee invites you to:*  
***Living Beyond the Cave***

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



*Thursday, June 26, 2025 - 7:00PM*

*Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church - The Bouras Center*  
*250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090*

*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](mailto: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 yellow banner with the text 'CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD NEW JERSEY' is centered. 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'.

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