

# Holy Pentecost And the Parish Feast Day of Holy Trinity



June 23, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090  
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

On this day, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Disciples and upon all mankind.

For Holy Pentecost, June 23

Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. John 20: 19-23</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Acts: 2:1-11</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. John: 7:37-52; 8:12</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion of the Feast and 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:** *“Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.”*

## Parish Feast Day

On the Monday following Holy Pentecost, we celebrate the All-Holy, Life-Giving, and All-Powerful Holy Spirit, the same in essence and equally glorified with the Father and the Son.

For the Parish Feast Day, June 24


Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Ephesians 5:8-19</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

As is the custom in the Orthodox Church, on the day after every Great Feast, we honor those through whom it came to pass – our Lady on the day after the Lord’s Nativity, Joachim and Anna after our Lady’s Nativity, the holy Baptist the day after Theophany, and so forth. On this day, we honor our God, the All-Holy Spirit, the Comforter promised by our Saviour to His disciples (John 14:16), Who descended upon them at Holy Pentecost and guided them into all truth (John 16:13), and through them, to us.

Parish Feast Day Celebration – Monday, June 24

Metropolitan Apostolos to Preside

The Family of Holy Trinity will celebrate the parish feast day on Monday, June 24 with Orthros beginning at 9:15 AM and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. We are blessed to once again welcome our Father and Chief Shepherd, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos who will preside over the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with area clergy. We are excited about this celebration and ask that you be present both for the liturgy and parish luncheon to follow afterwards. May the All-Holy Trinity always bless and keep this parish until the ages of ages.




Greek Orthodox  
Metropolis of New Jersey

**Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey**

**Orthros and  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the  
Monday of the Holy Spirit**

**Monday, June 24, 2024  
9:00 A.M.**

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Saturday of Souls

**Memorials:** The memorial service at the Liturgy of the Saturday of Souls was offered for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Pentecost and Parish Feast Day Icon Floral Decoration

In loving memory of Frieda Anast, Godmother of Holy Trinity, Westfield †

Sacraments and Rites

**Memorial:** On Monday, June 17, a memorial service was held for Stelios Psarianos †, 40 days. May his memory be eternal.

**Funeral:** On Friday, June 21, the funeral for Penny Trezoglou † was held. May her memory be eternal.

### Liturgical Schedule

Monday, June 24, **Holy Trinity**, Parish Feast Day, Orthros, 9:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM

Saturday, June 29, Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 30, Synaxis of the Apostles, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 7, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### Welcome Visitors

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community today. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, 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 receive information about the parish.



## Prayer Request

Mary, Mason, George, Chloe, Yolanda, Luke, George, Maria, Alexander, Athena, Demetra, Stavroula, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Pamela, John, Helen, Chris, Niko, Vicky, Dino, Stephanie, James, John, Theodora, Novlet, Chrysavgi, Alexandra, Sue, Marilyn, David, Basil, Laura, Marylee, Meropi, Adina, Nicholas, Constantine, Billy, Molly, Leonedas, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Vasileos, Tina, 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, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas

### Holy Pentecost

Today we celebrate one of the most important feast days of the Christian Church - the birthday of Apostolic Teaching. All Christian denominations, Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic, observe this magnificent feast day of Pentecost. The word Pentecost is a Greek word meaning "fiftieth," the designation for fifty days after Pascha.

Just before Jesus Christ ascended into heaven on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, He promised His faithful disciples and followers that very soon the power of the Holy Spirit would be with them, giving them spiritual strength to carry the message of Christ throughout the world, which is precisely Apostolic Teaching. The followers of Christ, being simple fishermen and possessing very

little education, gathered together in the “upper room,” waiting for the promised sign from heaven.

Suddenly on the fiftieth day after Pascha, there came a great sound from heaven which was like the rushing of a mighty wind, filling the house where the disciples were. Then a miracle happened! Great tongues of fire were seen over each of the heads of the disciples. It was the power of the Holy Spirit which brought divine inspiration to all in the house. They began to speak many different languages, and they were “filled with the Holy Spirit.” This was the fulfillment of the promise which the Lord had given to them.

St. Peter delivered the first apostolic sermon in Jerusalem on this first Pentecost. Upon hearing his apostolic message, over 3,000 people believed and were baptized on that day. The disciples traveled to the far corners of the earth pronouncing the apostolic message of salvation in Jesus Christ to all peoples and nations. During the Divine Liturgy today, all Orthodox Christians take part in the beautiful service, known as “the service of kneeling.” Three meaningful prayers are read about the miracle of Pentecost. During each prayer, the entire congregation kneels and prays. In like manner as the disciples, we wait for the appearance of the Holy Spirit. As we entreat the Holy Spirit to appear and hover in our midst, God makes us worthy to participate in our own personal Pentecost. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, we become apostles of the faith!

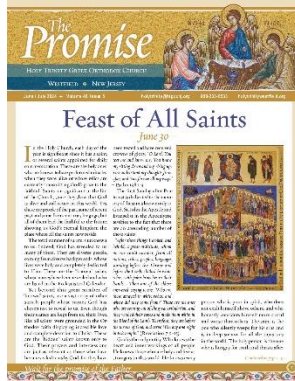
Having thus received the very gift of the Holy Spirit, we are entrusted with the same apostolic mission given to the disciples. We, too, are commissioned to go into the world and spread the apostolic message of salvation. May the Lord our God, the All-Holy Spirit, come upon each of us today.

### **2024 Stewardship Campaign Update**



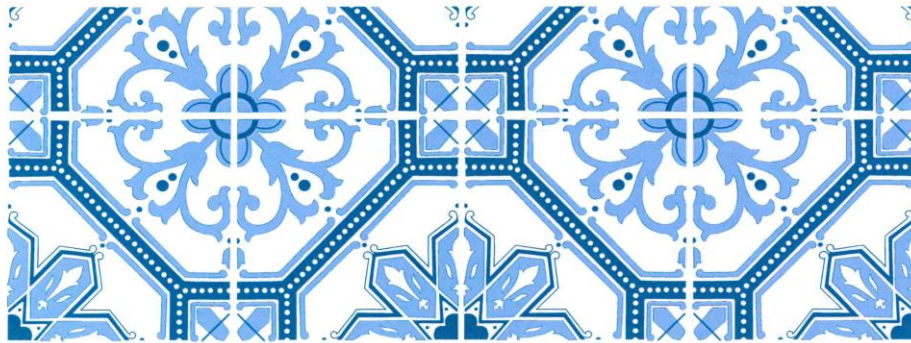
### **Currently 344 Stewards have pledged \$486,951**

Thank you to the parishioners who submitted their pledge cards and stewardship gifts. As of May, we graciously received 344 pledges in the amount of \$486,951. Please remember to submit your pledge card which will help us meet our operating budget of \$939,200. Consider inviting family and friends to come to 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 achieve 51.8% of our budget and to support our annual Archdiocesan commitment, a gift to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, and support our growing and vibrant ministries. Thank you!



The June/July Edition of  
**THE PROMISE**  
Is Now Available

OPA!! 2024 Westfield GreekFest will take place, September 27-29!! Come volunteer your talent and join the fun to make this our best festival yet. PLEASE sign-up and support OUR community!  
Contact Roula Ioannou or Keli Leunes at [HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com)



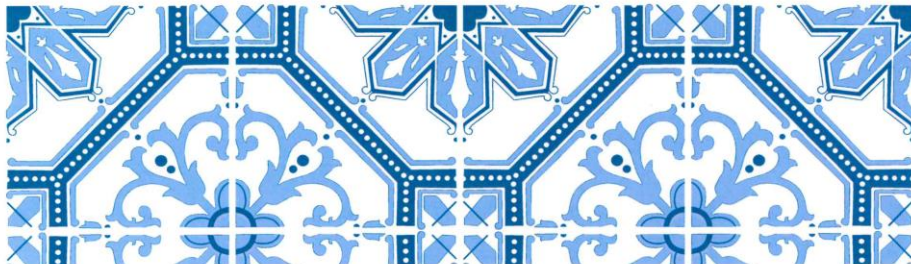
*The*  
**WESTFIELD**  
*Greek Festival*

Friday - Sunday  
September 27 - September 29

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*all are welcome*



# Upcoming Parish Events

## Ladies Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Bring Us Your Treasures!! Drop off to the Bouras Center, Sunday, July 7 through Sunday, July 14. 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 18 and 19, 9:30 AM – 6 PM; Saturday, July 20, 9:30 AM – 4 PM. Questions: Call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

## 2024 Philoptochos Rummage Sale

Drop Off Dates: (to Bouras Center)  
Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>

- Household Items
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 6:00pm

Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 6:00pm

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 4:00pm  
(everything ½ price 2pm-4pm SAT ONLY)

Questions: call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**September 23, 2024**

**42nd ANNUAL  
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**



**Monday, September 23, 2024**

**Echo Lake Country Club**  
515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

For information, please contact the Golf Committee: George Colonias [admin@htgocnj.org](mailto:admin@htgocnj.org)  
908-294-7414; George Paras [gparas@parasandparas.com](mailto:gparas@parasandparas.com) 201-681-5366



**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**