

THE CHIEF APOSTLES, ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL



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June 28, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Finding of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers St. Cyrus and St. John; Our Righteous Father St. Sergios the Magister; St. Pappias the Martyr; Our Righteous Fathers Sergius and Germanos, Founders of Valaam Monastery in 1329; Synaxis of the Icon of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos in Skiathos

Third Tone

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Fourth Morning Gospel

[St. Luke 24:1-12](#)

Epistle Reading: [Romans 6:18-23](#)

Bible pp. 981,982

Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 8:5-13](#)

Bible p. 841

Apolytikion: *“Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the 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: *“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

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

Sunday, July 12, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 19, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Constance Efthemios†

Kandili: In loving memory of Sierra Nolau†

Vigil Light: In loving memory of Constantine Kiriakatis†

Large Candles: In loving memory of Constance Spiliotis†

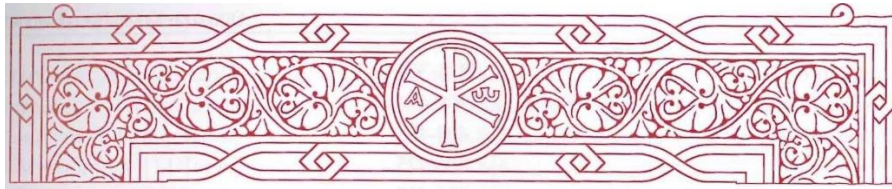
Sacraments and Rites

Baptism: On Saturday, June 27, the baptism of Helena Rose Klock, daughter of Kristina and Robert Klock, was celebrated. Godparents are Ireni and Constantine Bitsikas.

Memorials

Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for Constance Spiliotis†, 40 days; Kalomera Grigoropoulos†, 40 days; Apostolos Efstathiou†, 40 days; Constance Efthemios†, 1 year and Konstantinos Mantopoulos†, 10 years. Eternal be their memories.

Fellowship Hour: Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour sponsored by the family of Constance Efthemios in her loving memory.



The Holy, Glorious, All-Famed, and Chief Apostles

St. Peter and St. Paul – June 29

Peter was the son of Jonah and the brother of Andrew, the First-called. He was of the tribe of Simeon, from the town of Bethsaida. He was a fisherman and was at first called Simon, but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas or Peter: *And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, You are Simon the son of Jonah: you shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a rock* (John 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to clearly express faith in the Lord Jesus, saying: *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God* (Matthew 16:16). His love for the Lord was great, and his faith in the Lord became gradually stronger. When the Lord was brought to trial, Peter denied Him three times; but after only one glance into the face of the Lord, Peter's soul was filled with shame. With bitter tears, he repented. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter showed himself to be a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. Following one of his sermons in Jerusalem, three-thousand souls were converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel in Palestine, Asia Minor, Illyria and Italy. Peter worked many powerful miracles: he healed the sick and resurrected the dead, and the sick were healed even from his shadow. He had a great struggle with Simon the Magician, who proclaimed himself to be a god, but who was in reality a servant of Satan. Peter finally shamed and defeated him. By order of Simon's friend, the evil Emperor Nero, Peter was condemned to death. Having consecrated Linus, Bishop of Rome, and having counseled and comforted the flock of Christ, Peter proceeded joyfully to his death. Seeing the cross before him, he begged his executioners to crucify him upside down, for he considered himself unworthy to die as had his Lord. Thus, this great servant of the Great Lord reposed and received a wreath of eternal glory on June 29.

Paul was born in Tarsus and was of the tribe of Benjamin. At first, he was called Saul. He studied under Gamaliel and was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christianity. He was miraculously converted to the Christian Faith by the Lord, Who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, named Paul and numbered in the service of the Great Apostles. With fiery zeal Paul preached the Gospel everywhere, from

the borders of Arabia to Spain, among the Jews and among the Gentiles, and received the title "the Apostle to the Gentiles." As horrible as his sufferings were, so much greater was his superhuman patience. Having fulfilled all his days and nights with labor, suffering, and struggle for Christ, having organized the Church in many places, and having attained such a degree of perfection, he was able to say: *It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me* (Galatians 2:20). Paul was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero, at the same time as the martyrdom of the Apostle Peter on June 29.

Xronia Polla! Χρονία Πολλά! Many Years! To Our Spiritual Father!
Fr. Peter who celebrates his Name Day tomorrow



Save the Dates

October 4, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Luncheon

November 14, 2026 – 60th Anniversary Gala

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



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Office Closed – July 3

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Friday, July 3. On Sunday, July 5 a special liturgy will be held in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary Celebration. The parish will pray for our country and ask for God's continued protection as we offer a Doxology Service in commemoration of the United States of America, the world's oldest democracy.



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

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



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠