

THE CHIEF APOSTLES ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL



June 29, 2025

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Today we commemorate The Holy, Glorious, All-Famed, and Chief Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul

Second Tone

Ἦχος Β΄

Morning Gospel: [St. Mark 16:9-20](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Epistle Reading: [2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Gospel Reading: [St. Matthew 16:13-19](#) [Ελληνικά](#)

Apolytikion: “When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by Your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.”

Apolytikion of the Apostles: “O First-throned Apostles and teachers of the universe, intercede with the Master of all, to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.”

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 6, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, July 13, 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.

Sacraments and Rites

Wedding: Today the wedding of Alexa Xenios and Joao Pedro Santos will be celebrated. The Koumbara is Alexandra Early.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Louis Toescu†, 50 years. Eternal be his memory.

Chrismations: Today we joyfully welcome and pray for Gerardo Fernandez (Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez) and William Zeliff (Michelle Zeliff) who, through Holy Chrismation, enter into the Orthodox Faith. Their patron saints are Gerasimos and Vasilios. Sponsors are Michael and Stephanie Phillipou and Marigo Markos.



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



Office Closed

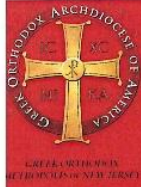
In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on
Friday, July 4.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Name Day Celebrations – June 29 & 30

Fr. Peter – 29 and His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos - 30

The great two-day celebration of the Chief Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul is completed with the celebration of all Holy Apostles. Today we celebrate the Name Day of Fr. Peter. God grant you many years as you lead our parish and to all those who have the name Peter (Πέτρος) or Paul.



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

“The Unlearned and Learned, but equal in spirit; Equal in the love of God and as strong as angels. Peter a simple man, Paul educated; both were illumined by the grace of the Spirit. Two flaming candles, unquenchable fires; Towering and beautiful, two brilliant stars. They traversed the earth and spread the Light. Nothing did they take, but to men they gave all. They were utterly poor, but the world they enriched. They were prisoners and servants but conquered the whole world. With the teaching of Christ, they enriched the world. With new weapons they conquered the whole world: With humility and peace and meekness blessed, with prayer and fasting and mercy powerful. When their stormy day passed into stormy night, bloodthirsty Nero cut short their lives. But when Nero, the ruler of the world, issued the command to suffer, giving over Peter and Paul to death; the world was theirs and no longer Nero's; By death the apostles gained the Kingdom.”

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.

Upcoming Events

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, a large group of campers in blue shirts, and two campers in a canoe. At the bottom, there is a list of details with green arrowheads.

- July 13-20, 2025
- Ages 8-18
- Camp Linwood Macdonald (Sandyston, NJ)
- Registration Fee: \$750



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠