

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ~ TRULY, HE IS RISEN!  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**



**Second Ecumenical Council in Constantinople – 381 AD**

**June 2, 2024**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
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Live streaming services**

**Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizio, Parish Priest**

**“CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD  
BY DEATH HAS HE TRAMPLED UPON DEATH  
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS  
HE HAS GRANTED LIFE.”**

On the Fifth Sunday of Pascha, we remember the woman at the well, St. Photini, the Samaritan Woman who conversed with Christ; Sunday after Mid-Pentecost; On the First Sunday of June we commemorate the 150 Holy and Godbearing Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council held in Constantinople in 381 A.D.; On this day we commemorate the Holy Fathers, Archbishops and Patriarchs of Constantinople; St. Nicephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Demetrios the New Martyr of Philadelphia; St. Constantine the New Martyr of the Hagarenes

Fifth Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. John 20:1-10</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Hebrews 7:26-28 &amp; 8:1-2</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. John 4:5-42</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion:** *“The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.”*

**Apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost:** *“O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, “Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink.” You are the Fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!”*

**Apolytikion of the Patriarchs:** *“O Illustrious leaders and shepherd of Byzantium, you have been regarded throughout different ages as wise hierarchs. Wherefore, the Church of Christ praises the manner of your life. Through Her, as eminent luminaries, you give light to those who cry out, ‘Glory to Her who aided you, glory to Him who crowned you, glory to Him who, through you, affirmed the Orthodox faith.”*

**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:** *“Though Thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades and as Victor, Thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the Myrrh-bearing women, saying: Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon Thy disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen.”*



## Altar Donations



**Altar Candles:** In memory of Magdalene Genakos†

**Vigil Light:** In memory of Nicholas S. Pappas†

**Large Candles:** In memory of Theodore Biniaris†

**Kandili:** In loving memory of Athanasios Stergiopoulos† and Athanasia Kontoraki†

## Sacraments and Rites

**Memorial:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Theodore Binaris†, 3 years and Louis Anderson†, 7 years. Eternal be their memories.

## 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.

## Fellowship Hour

Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored by the Biniaris family, in memory of Theodore Biniaris†.

### *Paschal Liturgical Schedule*

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

Thursday, June 13, **Holy Ascension**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 16, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Saturday, June 22, Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 23, **Holy Pentecost**, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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

# CHRIST IS RISEN!



# TRULY, HE IS RISEN!

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, John, Ketí

*Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!*

A sacred Pascha is shown to us today; a new and Holy Pascha;  
A mystic Pascha; an all-venerable Pascha;  
A Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer; a spotless Pascha;  
A great Pascha; a Pascha of the faithful;  
A Pascha which has opened to us the gates of Paradise;  
A Pascha sanctifying all the faithful.



*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
Now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.*

It is the Day of Resurrection!  
Let us shine forth in splendor for the Festival,  
And embrace one another. Let us say,  
“O brethren, even to those who hate; let us forgive all things in  
The Resurrection, and thus let us exclaim:  
‘Christ is risen from the dead, trampling Death by death, and  
Bestowing life to those in the tombs.’”

### **The Second Ecumenical Council 381 AD held in Constantinople**

The Second Ecumenical Council was convened in the Imperial City of Constantinople by Emperor Theodosios the Great with 150 bishops attending. In this Council, all the decisions of the previous Council were upheld. This Council condemned both Macedonianism and Apollinarianism which were various forms of Arianism, a heresy condemned at the First Council.

This Council stated that all forms of Arianizing doctrines are inconsistent with the faith. This is the main purpose of illustrating and proclaiming all the decisions from the First Ecumenical Council. Macedonianism preached that the Holy Spirit is not God and that it is inferior to the Father and the Son. Thus, there was no Trinity per se since the Spirit did not share in the full personhood and divinity.

Apollinarianism was a Christological controversy believing that Jesus had a human body and a sensitive human soul but instead of having a human rational mind it was overshadowed by the divine mind. The Council rejected this saying that Jesus was completely human and completely divine, having two natures - human and divine. The one did not overshadow or outcompete the other.

The Council Fathers completed the Creed (Symbol of Faith) by adding five new articles to the original seven. This is the Creed that is now read by all Orthodox Christians during every Divine Liturgy; thus, it is known as the Nicaea-Constantinopolitan Creed. Clearly the following article is the direct result

of this Council upholding and pronouncing once and for all-time proper Orthodox Theology, *“The Holy Spirit, is the Lord, the Creator of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the Prophets...”* [Notice: the Latin addition of the filioque *“proceeds from the Father and the Son”* is not a product of the Second Ecumenical Council. The Holy and God-bearing Fathers understood Holy Scripture and the emphatic words of Christ when He said, *“When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father...”* – John 15:26. The filioque is clearly missing because it was never part of the Creed. Its insertion and continued use is in direct conflict with Christ’s words and an Ecumenical Council.]

In trying to explain the Trinity, St. Athanasios of Alexandria with the three Cappadocian Fathers: Sts. Gregory the Theologian, Basil the Great and his younger brother Gregory of Nyssa emphasized different aspects. While St. Athanasios emphasized the unity of God - Father and Son are one in essence (ousia)- in the first Council; the Cappadocians stressed God's threeness during the Second Ecumenical Council - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons (hypostasis). The Second Ecumenical Council preserved a delicate balance between the threeness and the oneness in God. This is the classic summary of Trinitarian doctrine – three persons in one essence.

Lastly and of critical importance was the third Canon of the Second Ecumenical Council declaring: *“The Bishop of Constantinople shall rank next to the Bishop of Rome, because Constantinople is the New Rome.”* This canon affirmed that the Church in Constantinople, the new imperial capital called “New Rome,” would naturally assume leading importance, though the Church in Old Rome would retain its traditional position as “first among equals.” The word “next to” does not denote being later in point of time nor does it denote any abasement or diminution but rather it denotes equality of honor and an order of disposition according to which one is first and another second. The fact that it denotes equality of honor is to be seen in the fact that the 150 Holy Fathers of this Ecumenical Council gave equal priorities to the Bishop of old Rome and to the Bishop of new Rome.

### **Parish Assembly – Sunday, June 2**

Holy Trinity will hold its Spring Parish Assembly meeting on Sunday, June 2, after church services. This is an important meeting as many aspects of parish life will be discussed. Your attendance and participation at the Parish Assembly is important. Notification of this meeting has been mailed to each Steward’s home.

### **Trinity Circle – Tuesday, June 4**

Members’ end of year luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at Galloping Hill Caterers, 11:30 AM-3 PM. Kindly sign up with Kassandra Romas, Chair. Cost per member is \$20.

### **OCMC - Orthodox Christian Mission Center**

Thank you to the entire parish for your continued support of OCMC. Our parish donated \$1,500 during the recent Lenten Coin Box Drive. This is much needed in helping to spread the Gospel globally.



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 143/2024

**Archepiscopal Encyclical on the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday**

June 2, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Presvyteres and Diakonisses, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Come! See a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Christ?  
*(John 4:29)*

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

The fact that this year's National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday falls on the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman is most auspicious, indeed. For in the narrative of Saint Photini, who was ultimately martyred for her faith with her companions, we behold a wisdom-holder of the highest order, even though her beginnings were less than ideal — certainly far less than those wondrous women of our Church who are the spouses of our clergy.

The Presvyteres of our Church are wisdom-holders, ones whose contribution to the life of our parishes is truly indispensable. Many possess deep theological education, and all have the profound experiential knowledge of seeing the parish from a panoramic perspective, i.e., from the point of view of the minister and those ministered unto. The offerings of our Presvyteres to our communities are invaluable; for they manifest a perspective that is inherent in the Church through the Panagia and countless women Saints, but is sometimes diminished on account of the clergy. Together with all their sisters in the parishes, who assume roles from the Parish Council to the philanthropies of Philoptochos, our Presvyteres call the entire Body of the Faithful to see God's activities and energies in persons, places and events, as they query along with Saint Photini, "Could this be the Christ?"

Therefore, let us listen with attention and respect to our Presvyteres, and benefit from the well-gained wisdom that they hold. Let us hold them in honor on this National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday, thankful for their many and diverse contributions to the life of our Church.

With paternal love in the Risen Lord,


† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America

# Upcoming Parish Events

**June 9, 2024**

## Religious Education Graduation and Lunch, Sunday - June 9

Please join us in celebrating our Graduates and our Religious Education school students with a lunch reception in the Bouras Center on Sunday, June 9 after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to honoring our students! Please help us make this day extra special for them by volunteering. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEAD28A5FD0-49365084-religious>. If you have any questions, please contact [pmarkos12@gmail.com](mailto:pmarkos12@gmail.com).



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [pmarkos12@gmail.com](mailto:pmarkos12@gmail.com)

## 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

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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)

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# SAVE THE DATE!

**June 23-29, 2024**

## CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

The Metropolis Summer Camp program will take place in the summer of 2024 from June 23-29. Registration is now available. This is an excellent opportunity for children to meet other Greek Orthodox and to learn about the faith in a protected environment.



*Camp Good Shepherd*

*Experience the Best Week of Your Summer!*

**CGS: MARYLAND**

June 16-22, 2024  
Ages 8-18  
Camp Wo-Me-To  
1200 Knopp Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 21084  
Registration Fee: \$600 (Early Bird Discount until May 1, then \$675)

**CGS: NEW JERSEY**

June 23-29, 2024  
Ages 8-18  
Camp Linwood MacDonald  
1 Flatbrook Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826  
Registration Fee: \$625

**CGS: VIRGINIA (2 SESSIONS)**

Week 1: July 7-13 (Completed 5th Grade - 8th Grade)  
Week 2: July 14-20 (Completed 9th Grade - 12th Grade)  
Camp Piankatank  
1586 Stampers Bay Rd Box 435, Hartfield, VA 23071  
Registration Fee: \$500

**REGISTER TODAY!**



[HTTP://APP.CAMPDOC.COM/REGISTER/CGSN](http://app.campdoc.com/register/cgsn)

MORE INFORMATION [HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOARCH.ORG/CAMP-GOOD-SHEPHERD](https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd)





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ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**