

HOLY PENTECOST



June 8, 2025

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
908.233.8533 www.holytrinitywestfield.org
Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzizis, Parish Priest

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

Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:19-23	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Acts 2:1-11	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. John 7:37-52; 8:12	Ελληνικά

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.”*

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, June 9, **Holy Trinity**, Parish Feast Day, Orthros, 9:15 AM;
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM
Sunday, June 15, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Feast Day of Holy Pentecost

Welcome Metropolitan Apostolos

We are blessed to once again welcome our Father and Chief Shepherd, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos, who will preside over Sunday’s Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. We are honored to have him with us for the great celebration of Pentecost, as we begin our parish’s Feast Day.

Parish Feast Day – Monday, June 9

In continuation of the Pentecost celebration on Monday, June 9, we ask that you join us for the parish Feast Day Luncheon following Divine Liturgy in the Bouras Center. May the All-Holy, Consubstantial, and Undivided Trinity always bless and keep this parish until the ages of ages.

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

Vigil Light: In loving memory of Athanasios Stergiopoulos† and Athanasia Kontrovaki†

Pentecost and Parish Feast Day Icon Floral Decoration

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

Prayer Request



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



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey

Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Orthros,
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
and Great Vespers for the
Feast of Holy Pentecost

Sunday, June 8, 2025

9:00 A.M.

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Today we celebrate one of the most important feast days of the Christian Church – Holy Pentecost. Today is the birthday of Apostolic Teaching. All Christian denominations, Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic, observe this magnificent feast today. 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, as they were “filled with the Holy Spirit.” This was the fulfillment of the promise which the Lord had given to them. – *Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; Joel 3:1-3*

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 before God to pray. 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 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.

Holy Trinity Hosts Greek Festival – The National Herald
[Holy Trinity of Westfield, NJ Hosts Greek Festival - The National Herald](#)



Fr. Peter Delvizio, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Westfield, NJ with the president of the Parish Council, George Koutsaftes, the Festival Coordinator, Anthe Angelides, and volunteers, siblings Matthew and Philip Koutsaftes.

GreekFest 2025

We thank all the volunteers who helped make this year's GreekFest a huge success. Most especially we thank Jimmy and Anthe Angelidis for chairing the entire festival and all the chairs of the various committees. The festival is a huge endeavor but one achieved because of the love that we have for our parish, our Hellenic roots, and one another.

Stewardship

Thank you to all who submitted their 2025 Christian Stewardship Commitment Card, and for those who expressed an interest to get involved in our parish ministries. The respective ministry leader will contact you soon to explore ways in which you can get involved.

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee would like to share upcoming locally hosted events parishioners may be interested in attending.

Public Orthodoxy at Fordham University. Event details located

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

- **June 16** Religious Nationalism

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.

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.

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 religiouseducation@htgocnj.org

Philoptochos Rummage Sale – Canceled

Due to summer scheduling conflicts, the 2025 Philoptochos Rummage Sale is canceled.

Upcoming Events

June 22, 2025

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CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!!

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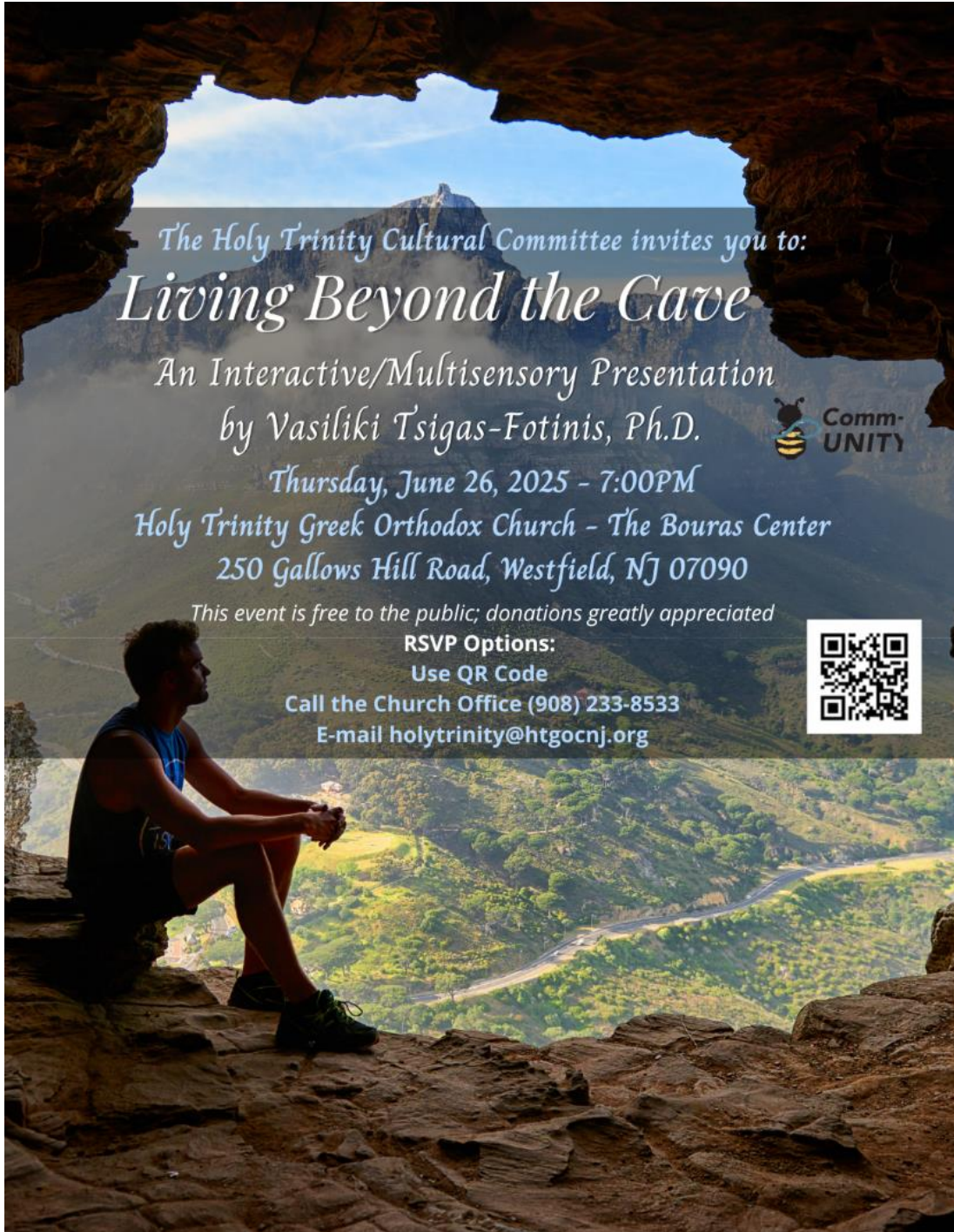
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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEAD28A5FD0-56767256-2025>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at pmarkos307@gmail.com

June 26, 2025

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

The Holy Trinity Cultural Committee invites you to an interactive/multisensory presentation by Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis, Ph.D., on "Living Beyond the Cave", to discuss the relevance of Plato's cave allegory in today's world. The presentation will take place at 7 PM on Thursday, June 26, in the Bouras Center. Everyone is welcome and the event is free to the public. Light refreshments and snacks will be available.



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

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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



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 graphic features a blue background with a white wavy pattern. At the top left are two circular logos: one with a cross and the letters IC, XC, NI, KA, and another with a shepherd and sheep. A sun and cloud are in the top right. A large green banner with white text reads 'CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD NEW JERSEY'. Below the banner are three circular photos: a boy playing a trumpet, a group of campers in blue shirts, and a boy in a canoe. At the bottom, four green arrows point to the following text:

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



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠