

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



**Sunday of the Blind Man**

**June 9, 2024**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090  
908.233.8533 [www.holytrinitywestfield.org](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org)  
Live streaming services**

**Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, 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 Sixth Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Blind Man healed by Christ; St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria**

Eighth Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. John 20:11-18</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Acts 16:16-34</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading:	<a href="#">St. John 9:1-38</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion:** *“To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.”*

**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 loving memory of our beloved mother Pauline Retsinas†

**Sacraments and Rites**

**Baptism:** On Saturday, June 8, the baptism of Sofia Guastella, daughter of Peter and Gerri Guastella, was celebrated. The Godfather is Evan Jim Repousis.

**Funeral:** On Tuesday, June 4, the funeral for Stella Psarianos† was held. May her memory be eternal.

**Religious Education Graduation – Sunday, June 9**

Please join us in celebrating our Religious Education Graduates with a reception in the Bouras Center on Sunday, June 9, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy!

**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.

### Liturgical Schedule

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

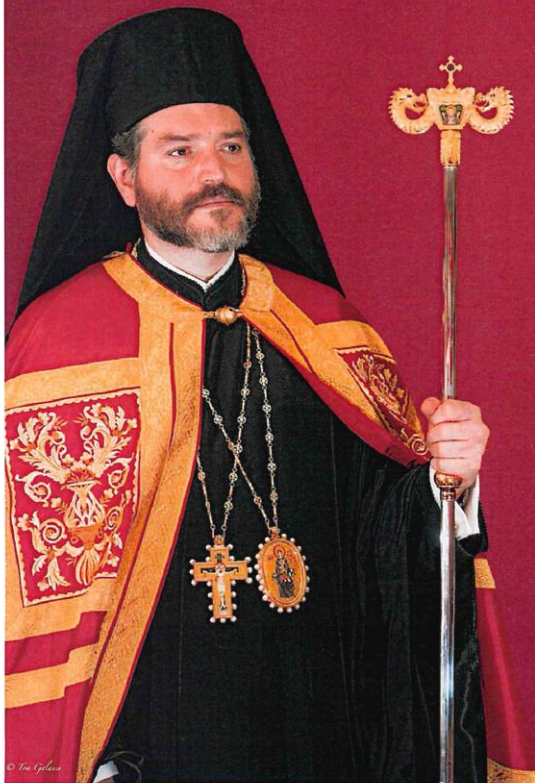
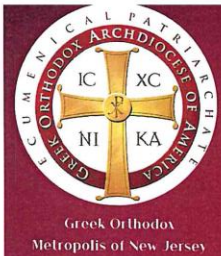
Sunday, June 23, **Holy Pentecost**, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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

### **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.



## **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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# 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

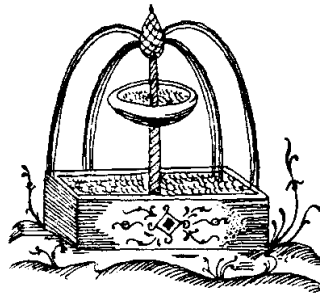
**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



**TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**

*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.’”

### **Sunday of the Blind Man**

While walking from the Temple on the Sabbath, the Lord Jesus saw the blind man referred to in today's Gospel. The man had been born sightless from his birth, that is, he had been born without eyes (Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the Second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw him, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14). Thus they wondered, if sickness were caused by sin, what sin could

have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that it was for the glory of God. Then the Lord Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam," which was a well-known spring in Jerusalem, used by the inhabitants for its restorative waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool, hence, "the Pool of Siloam."

Thereupon, the Savior sent the blind man to the pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay - not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, leaving no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked, as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and they still remembered when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom also gives a thorough and enlightening account of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

### **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!

# 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

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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 Stammers 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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**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**