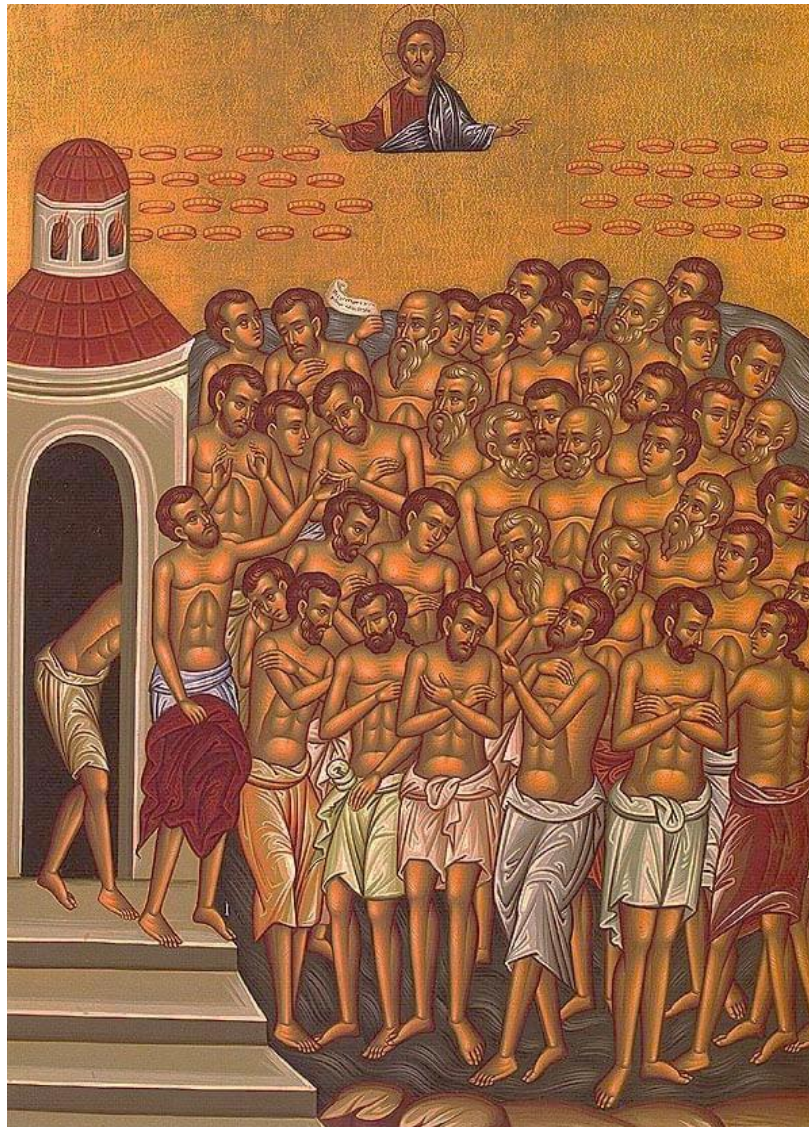


Sunday of Orthodoxy



The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebastia
March 9, 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 Delvizio, Parish Priest

On the First Sunday of Lent we commemorate the Triumph and Restoration of the Holy Icons into the Church of Christ; On this day, we commemorate The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia; St. Caesarios the Righteous

Fourth Tone

Ἦχος Δ΄

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:1-12	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Hebrews 12:1-10	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. John 1:43-51	Ελληνικά

Resurrectional 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 for the Icons: *“We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore, we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.”*

Apolytikion For the Saints: *“The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.”*

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: *“To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I and your City [Constantinople], dedicate the victory festival as a thanksgiving offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may cry out to you: ‘Hail, Unwedded Bride!’”*

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, March 12, Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 PM; Theosis, 8:00 PM

Friday, March 14, Akathist Hymn, 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 16, St. Gregory Palamas, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles and Vigil Light: In memory of James, Harry, Laurence, Harry and Eva Chororos†

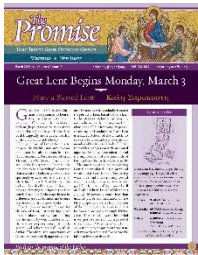
Large Candles: In memory of Demetrios Zamanis† and Stella Priovolos†

Sacraments and Rites

Funerals: On Tuesday, March 4, the funeral for Eraklis (Herk) Polihros† was held. On Wednesday, March 5, the funeral for Anastasios (Tom) Markos† was held. Eternal be their memories.

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, 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. Subscribe to Holy Trinity weekly emails providing news updates and announcements. Request at: HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org



The March Edition of The Promise is Now Available Online!

www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise

Salutations to the Theotokos – Friday Nights

The Salutations or Akathist Hymn is celebrated every Friday night throughout Great Lent. Service begins at 6:30 PM. In this service, we call upon the protection and aid of the Mother of God. She is the one who is “Quick to Hear” and the “Port and Harbor” of those tossed about upon the waves of this world.

Salutation and Potluck Dinner

Fridays – March 14, 21 and 28

Each Friday night during Great Lent a Lenten potluck dinner will be served after the celebration of the Akathist Hymn or Salutation Services. Friday nights are a perfect way to practice the three pillars of Lent: a) prayer; b) fasting; c) almsgiving. Each parishioner is asked to bring a Lenten covered dish. (*Meat, cheese, dairy, eggs, fish are not permitted. Shellfish and oil are permitted.*) This year the following ministries will participate and help prepare the Bouras Center: March 14 – Philoptochos; March 21 – GOYA; March 28 – Trinity Circle and Choir. In past years, this fellowship event has proven to be spiritually uplifting and well-received. Since we practice the complete rule of the Lenten fast, please do not bring items with meat, cheese, dairy, eggs, or fish. Shellfish and oil are permitted.

Theosis Program – Bible Study – Wednesday Evenings During Lent
The Screwtape Letters – join by Zoom

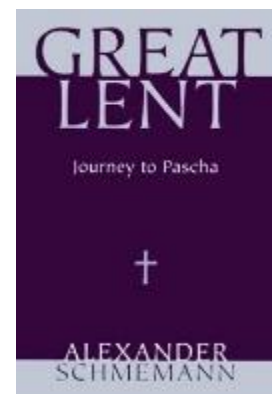
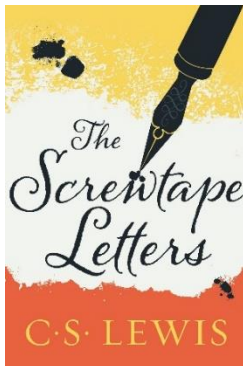
After the Wednesday night Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, you are invited to attend the Theosis Program in Room 101 or by Zoom. This year *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis will be read. It is now on sale in the parish bookstore. This book is a satirical novel presenting a series of letters from the demon Screwtape to an apprentice imp. It provides insights into demonic strategies to corrupt and damn the human soul. During Lent, Orthodox Christians seek to overcome temptations and personal inadequacies that the devil playfully uses against us. *Class will begin between 7:50 and 8:05 PM (after service).*

ZOOM Login - Join the discussion of *The Screwtape Letters* by logging onto **ZOOM.us**
Meeting ID – 846 9216 1519 (start time between 7:50 – 8:05 PM)

Readings - March 12 (Letters 3 - 8); March 19 (Letters 9 - 14); March 26 (Letters 15 - 19); April 2 (Letters 20 - 25); April 9 (Letters 26 - 31)

Suggested Lenten Readings

Here are a couple of amazing and spiritually uplifting books to read during Great Lent. Both “The Screwtape Letters” and “Great Lent” are books that give the reader insight into Lent and the subtle suggestions used by the devil to slip us up. These, and other titles, are available at the Holy Trinity Bookstore.




Religious Education – Teachers and Substitutes

Are you interested in learning more about our Orthodox faith while helping our children? We are looking for Assistant Religious Education Teachers and Substitutes! You do not need to be an experienced teacher or an expert in Orthodoxy. Curriculums are available! Also, we will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Thursday, March 27, at 7 PM and an in-person meeting on Sunday, April 6, Room 101, after all classes are done at 12 PM. If you are interested, please contact Pete Markos at pmarkos307@gmail.com

The Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

This quintessential Lenten prayer is said every day throughout Great Lent. Incorporate this prayer into your own daily Lenten devotions. It is simple and allows us to become more aware of our Lord and the many virtues we need to acquire and the vices that need to end.

**The Prayer
of Saint Ephraim
the Syrian**



*O Lord and Master of my life, take from
me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness,
lust of power, and idle talk.*

*But give rather the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.*

*Yea, Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins
and not to judge my brother,
for Thou art blessed unto the ages of ages.
Amen.*

*Prayer
Request*



Vasilios, Danny, Bill, Lou, Foula, Eupraxia, Chris, Arlene, John, Ted, William, Theodora, Michael, Gioula, Nicholas, Hellen, Luba, Kevin, Janice, Elaine, Patty, Cynthia, Nicholas, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Robert, Lea, 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, Adina, Nicholas, Constantine, Molly, Leonedas, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John

The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia – March 9

In the year 313, St. Constantine the Great issued an edict granting Christians religious freedom and officially recognizing Christianity as equal with paganism under the law. But his co-ruler Licinius was a pagan, and he decided to stamp out Christianity in his part of the Empire. As Licinius prepared his army to fight Constantine, he decided to remove Christians from his army, fearing mutiny. One of the military commanders of that time in the Armenian city of Sebastia was Agricola, a zealous champion of idolatry. Under his command was a company of forty Cappadocians, brave soldiers who had distinguished themselves in battle. When these Christian soldiers refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, Agricola locked them in prison.

The soldiers were again taken to Agricola. This time the pagan tried flattery. He began to praise their valor, their youth and strength, and once more he urged them to renounce Christ and thereby win themselves the respect and favor of their emperor. Seven days later, the renowned judge Licius arrived at Sebastia and put the soldiers on trial. The saints steadfastly answered, "Take not only our military insignia, but also our lives, since nothing is more precious to us than Christ God." Licius then ordered his servants to stone them. But the stones missed the saints and returned to strike those who had thrown them. In prison, the soldiers spent the night in prayer and again they heard the voice of the Lord comforting them: "He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live (John 11:25). Be brave and fear not, for you shall obtain imperishable crowns."

It was winter, and there was severe frost. They lined up the holy soldiers, threw them into a lake near the city, and set a guard to prevent them from coming out of the water. To break the will of the martyrs, a warm bath was set up on the shore. During the first hour of the night, when the cold had become unbearable, one of the soldiers made a dash for the bath. No sooner had he stepped over the threshold than he fell down dead. During the third hour of the night, the Lord sent consolation to the martyrs. Suddenly there was light, the ice melted away, and the water in the lake became warm. All the guards were asleep, except for Aglaius, who was keeping watch. Looking at the lake he saw that a radiant crown had appeared over the head of each martyr. But Aglaius counted forty crowns and realized that the soldier who fled had lost his crown. Aglaius then said, "I too am a Christian," and he joined the martyrs. Standing in the water he prayed, "Lord God, I believe in You, in Whom these soldiers believe. Add me to their number and make me worthy to suffer with Your servants." Then the fortieth crown appeared over his head. In the morning, the torturers saw with surprise that the martyrs were still alive, and their guard Aglaius was glorifying Christ together with them. They led the soldiers out of the water and broke their legs. They put the bodies of the martyrs on a cart and threw them into the lake. Three days later the martyrs appeared in a dream to St. Peter, Bishop of Sebastia, and commanded their bodies to be taken from the lake. At night, pious Christians searched for the bodies. They could not be found until a glow from the bottom of the lake showed them where the bodies lay. The bishop together with several clergy gathered up the relics of the glorious martyrs by night and buried them with honor.

Sights & Sounds Showcase – Sunday, March 9

All are invited to watch the Sights & Sounds Showcase today in the Bouras Center after Fellowship Hour. GOYANs will be performing their group sounds. Light refreshments will be served.

Parish Lenten Mission Project – OCMC Coin Boxes

OCMC Coin Boxes have been distributed to the entire parish to help us focus on increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent. You are welcome to pick up a coin box at the foyer table. With boxes in hand, you are asked to joyfully and prayerfully fill them with coins and bills during Lent. All Coin Boxes will be collected on April 6 (the week before Palm Sunday). All money raised will be sent to OCMC.

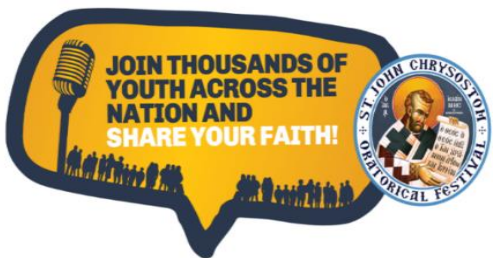
SAVE THE DATE - 2025 Ladies Philoptochos Annual Dinner Fashion Show

This year's fashion show will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. Fashions will be provided by Fashions by Leslie Patrizio. Invitations to this wonderful event will be forthcoming soon. For information, please contact Kassandra Romas, 2025 Fashion Show Chair, kromas22409@gmail.com

Stewardship Update

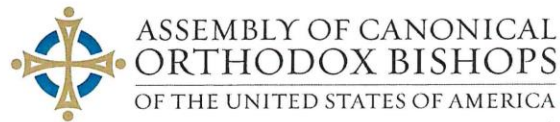
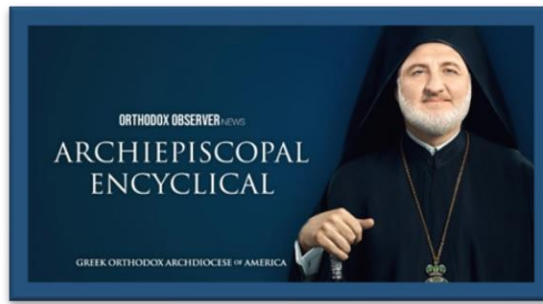
We are deeply appreciative of the 277 Stewards who have pledged their gifts as we work toward our 2025 budget goal of \$600,000. Our devotion and service to God and His Church are crucial to maintaining our spiritual home and continued support of our growing and vibrant ministries. If you haven't pledged yet, we invite you to join us! The suggested commitment is \$2,200 per steward and \$500 for young adults. Commitment cards are available at the Pangari and can be completed today! To complete your pledge online, visit the church website www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org, click on Online Giving, Stewardship. To those who have already submitted a 2025 Stewardship Commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to our parish!

St. John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival - Sunday, March 16



Holy Trinity will host its annual St. John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival on Sunday, March 16, directly after Church. All are invited to attend and support our youth and celebrate afterward with a luncheon. Students of Religious Education are encouraged to participate in the festival. This event, which gives our young people an

opportunity to speak about their faith in a loving and friendly environment, has proven a very rewarding experience for participants through the years. Junior and Senior Division Participants will need to register online as well as access this year's topics, guides, and tips on the Archdiocese website at: https://religioused.formstack.com/forms/sjcof_participant_1 or by contacting our Parish Chairperson, Peter Tarhanidis at ptarhanidis@gmail.com



Sunday of Orthodoxy 2025

Encyclical

Dearly beloved faithful in Christ,

Each year on the first Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, we lift our voices and our hearts in joyful remembrance of the restoration of the holy icons to their rightful place in the life of the Church. Today, we celebrate triumphally and with humility the resulting Unity of the Orthodox Church manifested through this decision of the 7th Ecumenical Council that met in Nicaea in 787, under the aegis of Byzantine Empress Irene and, subsequently, the definitive Restoration of Holy Icons in Constantinople on the First Sunday of Great and Holy Lent in 843, henceforth known as Orthodoxy Sunday, under the patronage of the Byzantine Regent, Saint Theodora, and, the Ecumenical Patriarch, Saint Methodios the Confessor. Now, here in the United States of America, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops is tasked with preserving, manifesting, and promoting this same mystery of Unity exemplified and confessed with courage by the Saints so long ago. Thus, inspired by the same sense of joy, witness and responsibility “Assembly of Bishops Sunday” is now recognized throughout the country in conjunction with the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul cries out across the ages with a message that still speaks to our hearts today: “I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). This powerful pericope crossed with the example of restoration celebrated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy inspires us to always rise above division and to stand together in the unshakable love of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. Indeed, the restoration of the holy icons is the restoration of unity through the victory of faith over fear, of salvation over condemnation, of a God incarnate over an unknown deity. Unity prevails when we all open up our hearts and minds in selfless love, transformed by grace in the mystery of Christ. Just as we venerate icons, we too become icons to one another, united in one body, that is the Church, just as the Saints of the 8th and 9th Centuries chose to stand firm, witnessing God’s glory. Thus, let us be challenged by Saint Paul’s words by being “united in the same mind and the same judgement.” Let us not harden our differences but rather embrace what unites us in Christ.

As we celebrate Assembly of Bishops Sunday – along with the Sunday of Orthodoxy – we encourage you all to learn about the Ministries of the Assembly as well as to support our sincere efforts for Orthodox Christian Unity through the steadfast and generous gifts of your time, talent, and treasure.

With Paternal love in Christ and prayers for a blessed Lenten journey, on the 9th of March, 2025.

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America
Chair

and the members of the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops
of the United States of America

53rd Annual Sights and Sounds Festival
Saturday, March 1, 2025



Youth of Holy Trinity
7th Place

SIGHTS AWARDS

Literature:

Senior Essay	Catie Carayannopoulos	3rd Place
Junior Short Story	Zachary Saketos	3rd Place
Junior Short Story	Antigone Kyriacou	Honorable Mention

Art:

Posters	Kalliope Koutzoulis	3rd Place
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SOUNDS AWARDS

Theater:

Sr. Monologue – Greek	Ava Savvis	2 nd Place
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Choral Speaking

	Maria Tarhanidis, Director	4 th Place
Kalliope Koutzoulis, Marina Skalkotos, Sophia Skalkotos, Zachary Skalkotos, Leonidas Stellakis, Neo Yatromanolakis		

English Play

	Penny Mavridis Sales & Ariadne Monfalcone, Directors	2 nd Place
“Carpe Diem”		

Best Actor - Alexandre Sulton

Melina Colonias	Minas Saketos	Zachary Skalkotos
Kalliope Koutzoulis	Marina Skalkotos	Alexandre Sulton
Antonios Saketos	Sophia Skalkotos	Conor West
		Neo Yatromanolakis

Music:

Sr. Singing Solo	Melina Colonias	5 th Place
Sr. Instrument Solo	Antoni Manousos	1 st Place
Sr. Instrument Solo	Harrison Manousos	4 th Place
Jr. Instrument Solo	Alexandra Kostsinis	1 st Place

Instrument Group

	Christina Colonias & Taylor Mandel, Directors	2 nd Place
“JUMP” by Van Halen		
Catie Carayannopoulos	Harrison Manousos	Alexandre Sulton
Nick Kelly	Dimitrie Milea	Conor West
Antoni Manousos	Grigorie Milea	

English Singing Group

	Elena Zazanis - Director	5 th Place
Melina Colonias	Antonios Saketos	Marina Skalkotos
Kalliope Koutzoulis	Minas Saketos	Sophia Skalkotos
		Zachary Skalkotos

Greek Singing Group

	Christine Skalkotos & Sophia Saketos - Directors	4 th Place
Kalliope Koutzoulis	Minas Saketos	Sophia Skalkotos
Antonios Saketos	Marina Skalkotos	Zachary Skalkotos

Religious Singing Group

	Catherine Kelly – Director	2 nd Place
Nick Kelly	Grigorie Milea	Marina Skalkotos
Kalliope Koutzoulis	Antonios Saketos	Sophia Skalkotos
Dimitrie Milea	Minas Saketos	Zachary Skalkotos

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Holy Trinity's signature youth event, Sights and Sounds, celebrated its 53rd Anniversary of this wonderful event! We had much to celebrate as this year's festival brought together our youth from the Northern Metropolis of New Jersey. This year our day was filled with over 200 performances and throughout the Bouras Center over 1200 sights were displayed! It was a bright and crisp day; nervous excitement filled the air. We hosted approximately 600 Goyans, advisors, chaperones, judges, priests, presvyteres, and volunteers who joined us to celebrate and witness the amazing talents of our youth. It was a fantastic event for all who were involved! All of the youth performers and participants should be congratulated for their dedication, passion, and efforts which made this event so enjoyable and worthwhile. It is inspirational to see our collective youth members share their God-given talents with each other in Christian unity.

With any event of such magnitude, the efforts of many were necessary to ensure all details, logistics, and challenges were met. As chairmen, we are blessed to have Host Committee members who give freely of themselves without hesitation and work diligently to recruit and train volunteers, set up and break down the venue repeatedly, coordinate judges, and provide meals, snacks, security and supervision so that the day runs smoothly for all. Our host committee works endlessly and collaboratively. They exemplify the principles of our Christian beliefs. We pray that God will bless them.

Please also allow us to share with you the following recognitions:

Our incredible mentors, steadfast advisors and tireless supporters: Eugene and Pam Gentile

Our wonderful Host Committee: Marigo Markos, Ellen Manos-Athenson, Yiana Leichtling, Maria Kanaras, Roula Ioannou, Keli Leunes, Ron and Andrea Cerini, George Colonias, Ellen Conti, Stephen Ladas, Debbie Vlahakis, and Sophia Saketos.

Our Special Helpers: Diana Waltsak and Kathy Genakos

Our Masters of Ceremony: Peter Koniaris

Our Videographers: Christina Colonias and Taylor Pieroni

Our caretakers: David and Beatrice Ramirez who spent many hours helping to keep our facility operational and clean and then stayed all night to make certain we were ready for services and religious education the following day.

Special thank you's: We express our deep appreciation to Father Peter for his leadership, love and support throughout the months leading up to and including the day of Sights and Sounds; to our fabulous kitchen crew led by Stephen Ladas, who worked so hard to prepare breakfast, lunch and a delicious pasta and meatball dinner; to the youth of Holy Trinity and their parents who assisted in both set-up as well as restoration of all classrooms, bathrooms and the Bouras Center; to the many special volunteers from our parish who assisted throughout the day; and to all the former chairmen of the Sights and Sounds Festival whose vision and talents have contributed to making this successful.

We thank you, our fellow parishioners, for entrusting the Sights & Sounds Festival to us. Holy Trinity is a unique and special community. It is truly an honor for us to begin our chapter in serving in the capacity of chairmen of this parish's signature event as we work in the glory of God to nurture and challenge our youth in developing their love, faith, hope and fulfillment of dreams. Truly, Christ is among us.

Peter and Sandy Boutsikaris - March, 2025

Sights and Sounds Chairmen 1972-present

Angelika and Lou Anderson; Angelica and Louis Mouras: 1972-1977

Elaine and Peter Markos: 1978-1986

Eupraxia Gianakis and Irene Panagakos: 1987-1989

Anita and Stamati Kartalopoulos: 1990-2009

Eugene and Pamela Gentile: 2010 – 2015

Eugene and Pamela Gentile, Marigo Markos, George and Alison Youlios 2016

Eugene and Pamela Gentile 2017-2019

Peter and Alexandra Boutsikaris 2020 -

The Holy Trinity GOYA
proudly presents the
Sights & Sounds Showcase



Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 12 noon

Join us for a light lenten lunch and a show as we showcase our GOYA's individual and group sound performances from the 2025 Sights & Sounds Festival.

Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 per family (no charge for S & S participants)

Venmo @westfieldgoya

Cash or Check payable to HTGOC YHT at the door

PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN GET AN ESTIMATED HEADCOUNT: <https://tinyurl.com/postshow2025>

MISSION SUNDAY

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)

On Sunday, March 2, the parish of Holy Trinity once again observed Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday reminds us that we too, like the Apostles, are sent to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people!

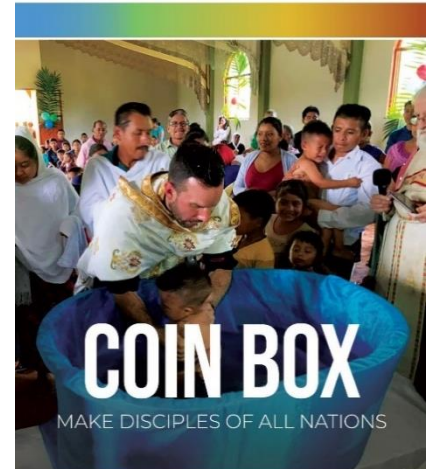
We have supported the following efforts over the past 8 years, giving almost \$8,000 through our annual Mission Sunday Coin Box collections!

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America that coordinates our missionary efforts by:

- Sending Missionaries and Mission Specialists – Currently, 20 OCMC missionary personnel and their families have been sent to bring people into the *fullness of life found in Jesus Christ* in Albania, Brazil, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Romania, Tanzania, Tonga, and Uganda.
- Supporting Mission Priests – Almost 500 local priests, mostly in Africa, receive monthly financial assistance so that they might help their local people to *hear about Jesus Christ*.
- Supporting seminaries and training Church Leaders and Clergy – In Albania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Kenya, Tanzania, and elsewhere where the Mission Center sends missionaries and/or funds to help train future clergy and church leaders.
- Funding Missions Grants – Last fiscal year, approximately \$1.3 million in grants was approved for projects around the world so that the Church could bring the Good News to unevangelized people, support local Diocesan institutions and projects, especially with income generation, and share Christ’s love through projects that tend to the whole person.

Everyone is asked to participate in this year’s Mission Sunday by:

- Making sure you (or your children) take a Mission Coin Box and put spare change into the boxes during Great Lent in support of mission efforts around the world.
- Make a donation in support of Mission Sunday.
- *Pray for the missionaries serving throughout the world as they work to bring people into fullness of life found in Jesus Christ.*



Upcoming Parish Events

March 15, 2025

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Westfield

Annual Lenten Project

Volunteers Needed!

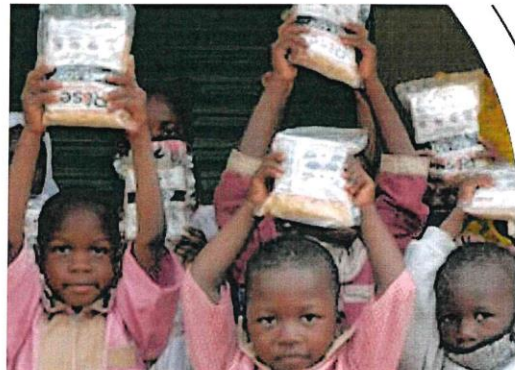
**Join us
in our
meal-packing
event!**

Support us:

- **Volunteer: Sign up @ Philoptochos Table**
- **Donate any amount to help offset costs**

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/HolyTrinity2025>

**Saturday, March 15, 2025
10-12pm
250 Gallows Hill Road
Westfield, NJ**



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

We need your help!

No cooking needed!

**For more information, please stop by Philoptochos table
or contact Maria Kanaras**

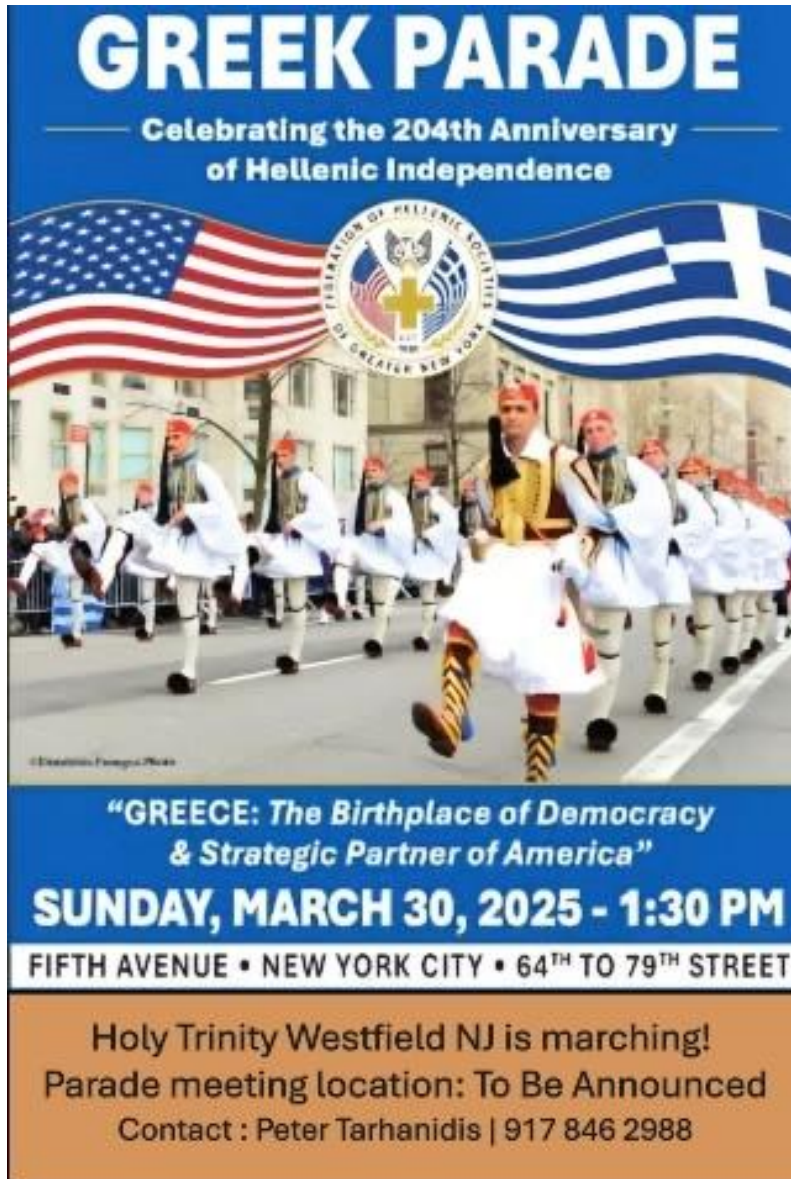
Save the Date

March 30, 2025

Support & March in the Greek Independence Day Parade!

Join us in celebrating our Hellenic heritage and Orthodox faith as we proudly march in the Annual New York Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, March 30! This is a special opportunity to honor our ancestors' fight for freedom, showcase our vibrant community, and stand together in unity. We encourage all parishioners (families, youth, and organizations) to participate. Dress Code: Blue & white or traditional Greek attire. Let's make a strong showing for Holy Trinity and proudly represent our faith and culture. More information please contact Peter Tarhanidis 917-846-2988.

Ζήτω η Ελλάδα! Ζήτω η Ελευθερία!



GREEK PARADE
Celebrating the 204th Anniversary
of Hellenic Independence

FEDERATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES
OF GREATER NEW YORK

*"GREECE: The Birthplace of Democracy
& Strategic Partner of America"*

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 - 1:30 PM
FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK CITY • 64TH TO 79TH STREET

Holy Trinity Westfield NJ is marching!
Parade meeting location: To Be Announced
Contact : Peter Tarhanidis | 917 846 2988

March 29, 2025

*Holy Trinity Supports
The Light of the Cross*

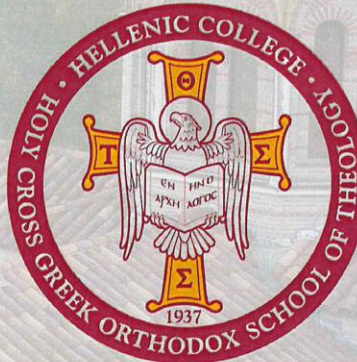
Help the Metropolis of NJ ensure the financial stability of Hellenic College/Holy Cross. The Parish Council together with Philoptochos will donate \$3,000 to this important Benefit Luncheon. If you would like to attend, please see Father Peter and peruse the flyer. Tickets are \$125/person.



THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

*His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
cordially invites you to the*

*Hellenic College and
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Benefit Luncheon*



St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1200 Klockner Road, Trenton (Hamilton), New Jersey, 08619

March 29, 2025 | 11:00am | \$125
per ticket



Scan or Click for Ticket and
Sponsorship Information

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April 6, 2025



EASTER PALM CROSSES



Place your order for Cemetery Palm Crosses

Cost: \$11 each

Pick-up on Sunday, **April 6th**

During Fellowship Hour

Contact Trinity Circle

Marina LoAlbo or Avi Kirakatis

marinaloalbo@hotmail.com

avikiriakatis@gmail.com

908-272-4341

908-276-1536

Name _____ Telephone _____

of Crosses _____ x \$11.00 each = Total _____

Paid _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Please make checks payable to Trinity Circle

Greekfest 2025

May 30 - June 1

The GreekFest planning committee is excited to announce that we have decided to move up the dates of our annual Greek Festival to May 30 - June 1, 2025. This was decided for many reasons that we believe will increase attendance and overall success for our major church fundraiser.

Planning is already underway, and we are actively seeking volunteers for all areas of the festival! Please stop by our booth in the Bouras Center after church to learn more about how you can get involved. We invite you to bring all your talents and expertise to make this the best GreekFest yet!

Save the Date



May 30, 31 & June 1

Fri., May 30
5 pm - 11pm

Sat., May 31
noon - 11 pm

Sun., June 1
noon - 6 pm

Be an active part of our 2025 GreekFest! Volunteer your time, talents & treasures. Everyone is needed to make it a success!

To volunteer, please contact the church office or Roula Ioannou at htgreekfestvolunteers@gmail.com



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Adult Choir for ages 18 to senior citizens



Angel Choir for boys and girls ages 8-12



Byzan "teens" for boys and girls

Ages 13-17

Email the Choir Director

kathanasoulas@hotmail.com



T.O.T.S.- (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social (T.O.T.S.) of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is to provide an environment fostering fellowship and prayer for children aged 18 months to 4 years of age and their mother, father and/or caregiver. Children are encouraged to develop a sense of comfort and security in God's house while experimenting in independent and cooperative age-appropriate play under their caregiver's supervision. Concurrently, the toddler social enables these adults the opportunity to meet, pray, and socialize.

TOTS meetings: Wednesdays, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Pre-K Room

2025

March 12 (Wed.), 28 (Fri.)

April 11, 25 (Fridays)

May 9, 23 (Fridays)

Bring water, sneakers and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli (vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608) to sign up or to ask any questions.

