

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



*Sunday of Thomas, May 1, 2022*

**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 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.”**

**Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη!**

Christ is risen!

Christos Voskrese!

Christos a înviat!

Al-Mashīh-Qām!

Christe Agsdga!

Krishti u ngjall

**Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!**

Truly, He is risen!

Voistinu Voskrese! - Russian

Adevārat a înviat! - Romanian

Haqqan Qām! - Arabic

Cheshmaritad agsdga! - Georgian

Vërtet u ngjall! - Albanian

**Simonopetra.**

*Click links for Scripture Readings*

First Morning Gospel:	<a href="#">St. Matthew 28:16-20</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Epistle Reading:	<a href="#">Acts 5:12-20</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>
Gospel Reading	<a href="#">St. John 20:19-31</a>	<a href="#">Ελληνικά</a>

**Apolytikion:** “Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.”

**Apolytikion:** “O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. Then, although the doors were shut, You came to Your Disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.”

**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 res-urrection upon those that are fallen.”



**Altar Donations**

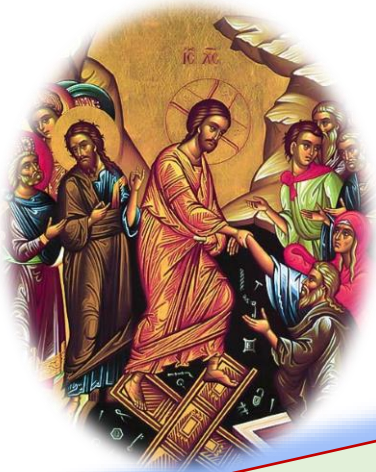
**Vigil light in memory of Peter Levas†, 10 years**

### Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 8, Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women, Orthros 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### Baptisms

On Saturday, April 30, the baptism for Konstantinos Carmine, son of Michael and Christina Juliano, was celebrated. Godparent is Stephanie Karsos. Today the baptism for Eliana, daughter of Peter and Gerri Repousis, will be celebrated. Godparent is Vivian Repousis.



*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.*

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

**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.’”

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



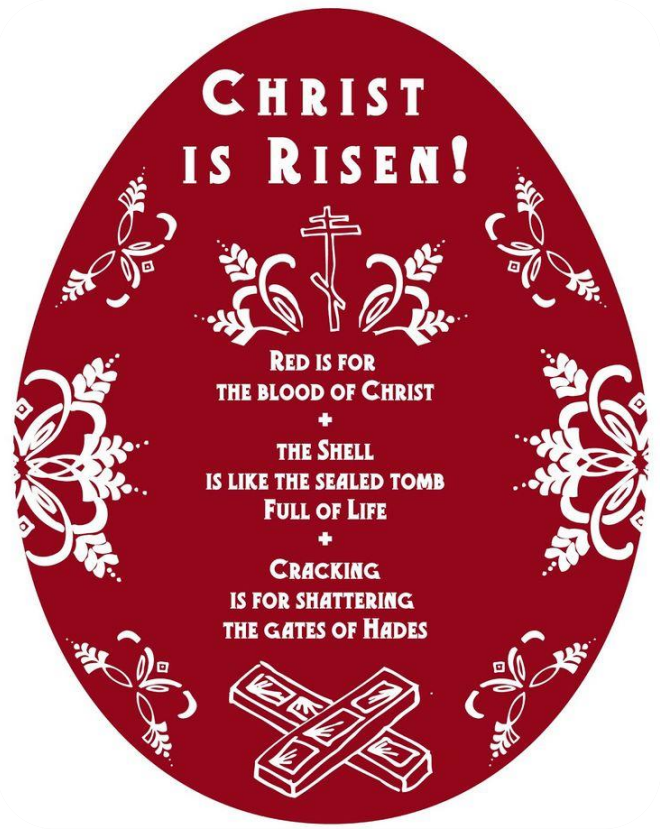
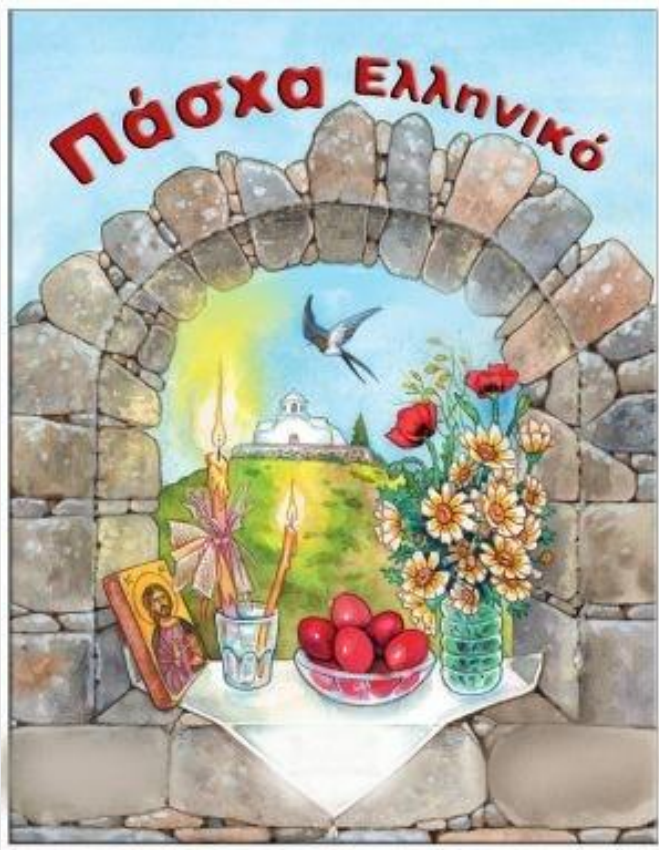
**TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**



*Prayer  
Request*



John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Guerline, Phyllis, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Angela, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John, Vasilia, Hellen, Natalia, Katherine, Patricia, Lily, Thomas, Brennan, Elvira, Bill, Alicia, Diane, Michael, Dorka, Stavroula, Maroulla



### Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Progress

Holy Trinity is still accepting donations for the 2022 Capital Campaign. We thank all who have donated thus far. Holy Trinity is blessed having received pledges for over half our goal but we still need your help to achieve our fundraising objectives. With your help and generosity, we can meet our goal and help maintain our facility pristine.

*\*In the May edition of The Promise, the names of our donors will be published. Only names will appear to thank you for your extraordinary donation towards the Capital Campaign.*

Call the church office to donate or donate online by clicking here: [Donate Now](#)

### Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Donation

#### How your donation will be spent

Holy Trinity Capital Campaign	
Refurbishment of church dome	\$220,000
Replacement of boiler, condenser, coils	\$260,000
Repaving of parking lot	\$120,000
Rooftop air conditioning	\$75,000
Church air conditioning	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

### Capital Campaign Progress



Metropolis of New Jersey Summer Camp  
July 17-23



Greek Orthodox  
Metropolis of New Jersey

# CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD IS BACK AGAIN IN 2022!

July 17-23, 2022

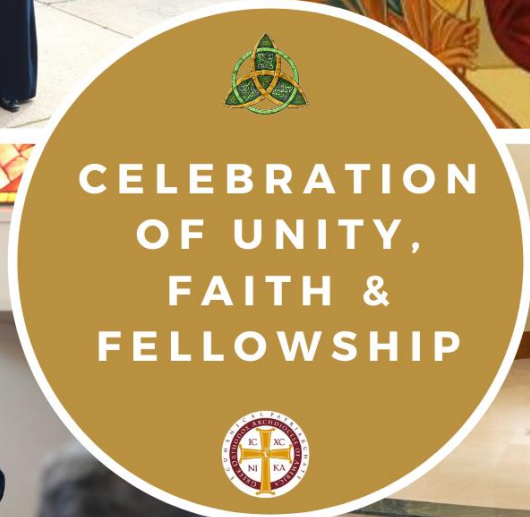
CAMP Linwood MacDonald in Sandyston, NJ



**WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD NJ IS  
RETURNING FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR.....  
AND OFFICIAL REGISTRATION IS OPENING SOON!**

- **Have Fun and Make New Friends!**
- **Registration Cost \$600**
- **For More Information or to Volunteer Email Fr. John Theodosion at [CGSNewJersey@gmail.com](mailto:CGSNewJersey@gmail.com)**
- **Taking Place at YMCA Camp Linwood MacDonald in Sandyston, NJ 07826,**
- **Check us out at [facebook.com/campgoodshepherdNewJersey](https://www.facebook.com/campgoodshepherdNewJersey)**

Join the celebration of  
Unity Day  
With Holy Trinity G.O.C. and R.C.  
Saturday, May 14 with



JOIN FATHER ANTHONY & FATHER PETER  
*Teaching Christ in Church Through Eastern & Western Christianity*  
Saturday, May 14th

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS at HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH:**  
**Prayer Service - Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church - 10:00 am**  
**Catechist Presentation/Small Group Sharing**  
**Parents & Children - Parish Center - 10:30 am**  
**Greek Circle Dance Experience - Holy Trinity School Gym - 11:30 pm**  
**Foods of the West & Foods of the East Tasting Experience - 12:30 pm**  
**Final Prayer Service in the Holy Trinity School Gym - 1:00 pm**

Registration Required - Form available at [htrcc.org](http://htrcc.org);  
Contact [communications@htrcc.org](mailto:communications@htrcc.org) for more information

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church - 506 Westfield Ave - Westfield, NJ 07090

EASTERN AND WESTERN CHRISTIANITY -  
TWO LUNGS BEATING AS ONE CHRISTIAN HEART





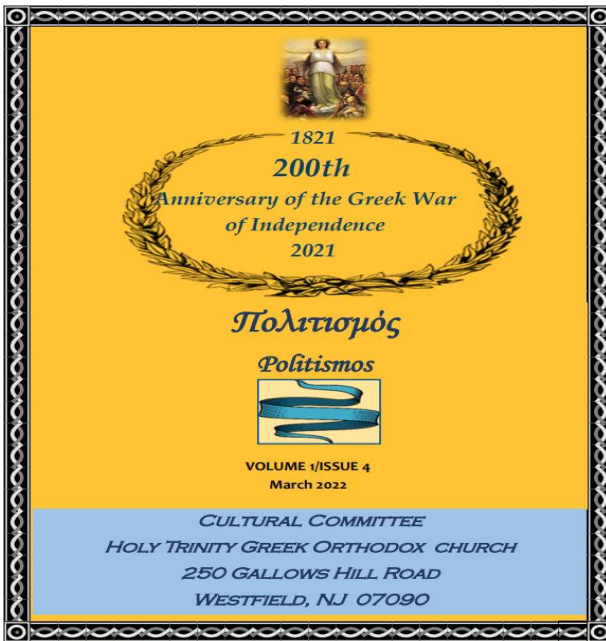
## The Greek Revolution (1821-1829) Through American Eyes

This bicentennial exhibition explores common themes binding Greece and the United States in Greece's pursuit of universal freedom and liberty by focusing on the myriad connections between the Greek revolutionaries and individual Americans. It also allows viewers to consider the formation of U.S. identity in the first fifty years of the nation's existence, as U.S. foreign policy was taking shape and slavery was leading America to its own war.

[Enter Online Exhibition](#)

Last Sunday, Holy Trinity hosted an exhibition, "The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes". Many people commented on the beautiful and informative panels. If you were not here or would like to revisit the presentation, you can link to the webpage to view the panels online.

### [The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes](#)



Holy Trinity Cultural Committee is happy to announce the publication of the fourth edition of Politismos, a newsletter commemorating the bicentennial of the 1821 Greek War of Independence. This beautiful and informative newsletter is the collaborative work of the Cultural Committee of Holy Trinity. This special edition, released during the celebration of Evangelismos or the Annunciation on March 25 is dedicated to all heroines who declare independence from tyranny and oppression.

[Click to view the newsletter](#)

[Politismos](#)

### Metropolis of New Jersey to Honor Holy Trinity Parishioners

On Monday, May 9, at the honorees Grand Banquet, parishioners from Holy Trinity will be honored by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. We thank this year's honorees who give selflessly of themselves to help benefit parish ministries: Avi Kiriakatis-Steward of the Community; Stephen A. Ladas-Parish Council; Elise Savnik-Philoptochos; Maggie Vasilopoulos-GOYA; Rel. Ed. Teacher-Elias Grivoyannis; Dr. Lauren Koniaris-Essential Medical Worker; Christina Colonias-Youth Worker; Maria Grafas-senior parish member. The event will be held at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ, beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$125. RSVP April 22, for more info. call the church office.

# BLOOM!

A celebration of every woman's journey towards greater inner strength and beauty.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield cordially invites you to their Spring Fling!



JOIN US

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

for an evening of cocktails at 6:00, followed by dinner and fashion show at 7:30!

Brooklake Country Club  
139 Brooklake Road  
Florham Park, New Jersey

Fashions by



## LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER...

This evening benefits two empowering organizations for women and many of our other causes throughout the year.



Transforming lives of disadvantaged women in New Jersey with training and employment in the arts.

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS®

A global movement with strong roots in New Jersey that helps women break the cycle of poverty by providing a network of support, professional attire and leadership tools.

## ...BY MAKING THE NIGHT A SUCCESS!

Come enjoy an evening with friends, while viewing the latest fashions and engaging in our exciting silent auction and many prize raffles, such as...

### BLOOM! GRAND RAFFLE

Win up to \$1,000, while helping MudGirls Studios and Dress for Success.

### BLOOM! V.I.P. RAFFLE

Enjoy the event like a V.I.P.! Be our guest and enjoy the show in the front row. Plus more!

## Philoptochos

Join us for our largest fundraiser, BLOOM! Tuesday, May 17 at Brooklake Country Club, Florham Park, NJ. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Make your reservation as soon as possible! RSVP Debra Vlahakis at [debvlahakis@gmail.com](mailto:debvlahakis@gmail.com). Co-Chairs: Elise Daniledes and Alexandra Mavridis

## GOYA

Clothing Drive, Saturday, April 30. Please bring your gently used clothes, shoes (in a clear plastic bag), bedding, blankets, sheets, towels, and toys under 2 feet that will go to people in need. Spread the word to friends and family outside the community. We will receive money per pound that we deliver, which then will be used to support our charitable initiatives. All items need to be dropped off in the church parking lot between 9 AM-10 AM on the day of the drive. Thank you again so much for your support.

## Trinity Circle

Kindly join us on Tuesday, May 3 for our monthly meeting. Lunch in memory of our beloved friend Theresa Kotsolios †, donated by her loving husband, Notis. May her memory be eternal.

## **Y2AM - 6th Annual Holy Trinity Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Save the Date: 2022 Y2AM Career and Mentoring Day, Sunday, May 22, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, Bouras Center, for high school and college students and grads to meet parish career mentors. RSVP at HTNJyoungadults@gmail.com. College students bring your resume and internship questions to talk to a mentor. Any questions or to become a mentor at this event, contact Ken or Jeannie Arida jeanniarida@gmail.com or Peter Tarhanidis ptarhanidis@gmail.com. Please register by email in advance. Spend 30 minutes and learn a lot! Visit us on Instagram at HTNJYoungAdults and Facebook group: Holy Trinity Young Adult Ministry (Westfield, NJ).

### **Rummage Sale**

The Rummage Sale is back!! Sale dates are July 15 and July 16. Drop off dates TBD. Save your treasures for us!!

### **Special Gratitude**

The deepest thanks and gratitude is offered to those who made Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha a magnificent celebration. Many thanks are extended to our priest and visiting clergy, psaltes, choir members, acolytes, Parish Council, and Ladies Philoptochos; also to those anonymous donors who quietly spread the message of love through charitable acts; to those who prepared and made the Palm Crosses; to those who contributed at the Palm Sunday Fellowship Hour; to those who decorated the Kouvouklion and the interior of the church; to those who brought red Paschal eggs; the Holy Week readers; the Myrofores and their coordinators; the office staff; the many volunteers; the caretakers; and to the parishioners who work to assure that the week of Holy Week and Pascha is meaningful and spiritually uplifting.

### **Paschal Donations**

A deep and profound thanks is offered to those who donated towards Holy Week flowers, Epitaphios flowers, palms, altar items, and other items used throughout Great Lent and Holy Week. The fresh arrangement of red roses that decorated the Bridegroom icon during Holy Week; the roses that were distributed following the Lamentation Service at the Epitaphios on Holy Friday evening; and the beautiful flowers decorating both the Paschal Banner and the icon of the Resurrection were all generously donated anonymously.



## Κυριακή του Θωμά

**Εἰ νηδύος κλείς, ἢ τάφου μὴ κωλύει,  
Σὴν Σῶτερ ὄρμῆν, κλείς θυρῶν πῶς κωλύσει;**

Ο Απόστολος Θωμάς απουσίαζε όταν ο Χριστός, μετά την Ανάστασή Του, επισκέφθηκε τους Μαθητές Του στο υπερῶν όπου ήταν συνηγμένοι. Όταν πληροφορήθηκε τα σχετικά με την επίσκεψη του Χριστού, ζήτησε να Τον δει και να ψηλαφήσει τις πληγές του Σταυρού στα χέρια και την πλευρά Του. Ο Χριστός όταν επισκέφθηκε και πάλι τους Μαθητές Του μετά από οκτώ ημέρες, κάλεσε τον Απόστολο Θωμά να ψηλαφήσει τα σημάδια των πληγών στο Σώμα Του. Τότε ο Απόστολος Θωμάς Τον ανεγνώρισε και Τον ομολόγησε Κύριο και Θεό του. Τον ανεγνώρισε από τις πληγές του Σταυρού, οι οποίες αποτελούν σημάδι της αγάπης Του, αλλά και της δυνάμεώς Του. Την ομολογία του Θωμά οι άγιοι Πατέρες την ονομάζουν σωτήριο. Και πραγματικά οδηγεί στην σωτηρία όλους εκείνους που την απευθύνουν στον Χριστό εκζητώντας ταπεινά το έλεός Του.

Το γεγονός ότι ο Απόστολος Θωμάς αρχικά απουσίαζε κατά την εμφάνιση του Χριστού στους Μαθητές Του, φαίνεται ότι ήταν οικονομία Θεού, για να γίνη πιστευτό το θαύμα της Αναστάσεως και να διαλυθή κάθε είδους αμφιβολία.

Ο Απόστολος Θωμάς, μετά την Πεντηκοστή, κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο στους Πάρθους, τους Πέρσες, τους Μήδους και τους Ινδούς και είχε μαρτυρικό τέλος.