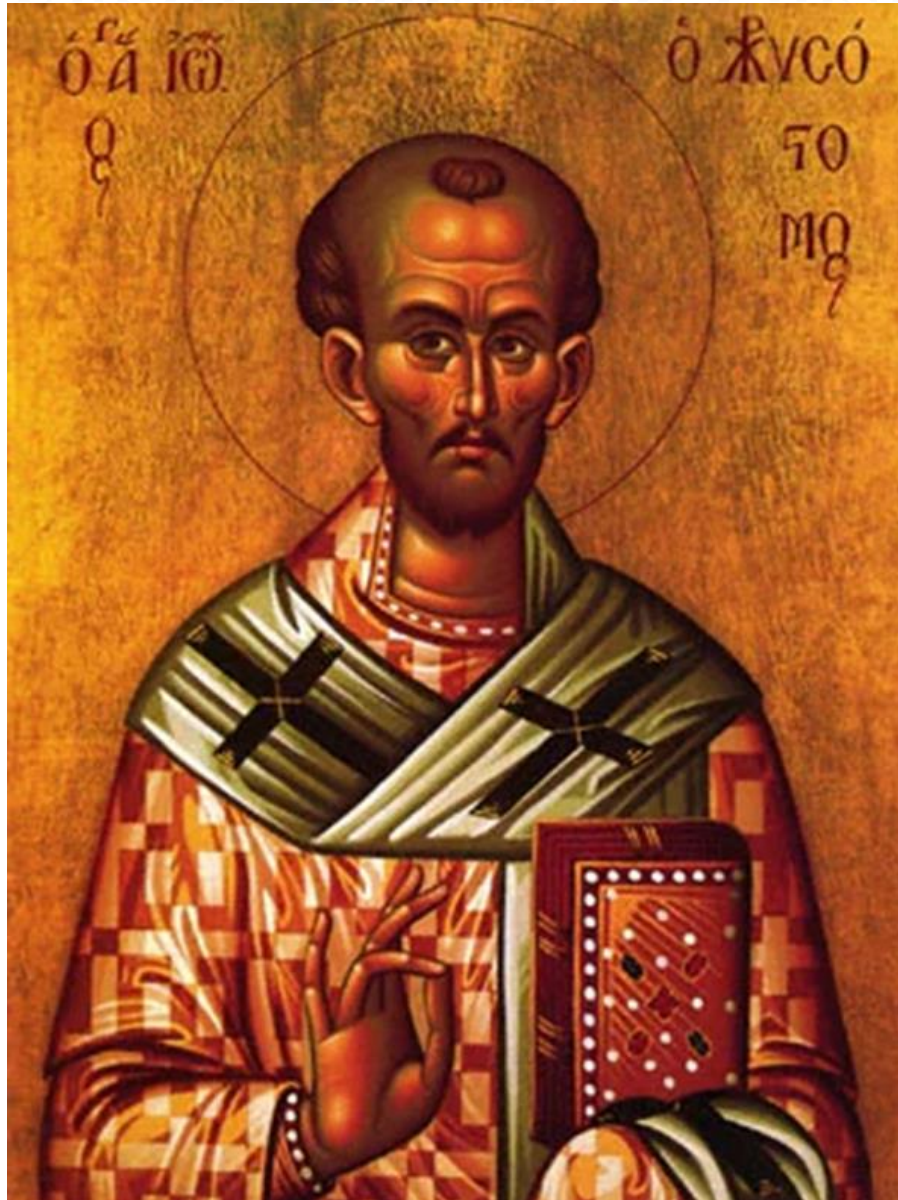


Eighth Sunday of Luke



St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Presiding Priest

On this the Thirteenth day of the month, we commemorate Our Holy Father St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople and his mother St. Anthousa; St. Damaskinos the New Martyr of Mount Athos

Plagal of the First Tone **Ηχος πλ. α'**

Click links for Scripture Readings

Eleventh Morning Gospel: [St. John 21:14-25](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Epistle Reading: [Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2](#) [Ελληνικά](#)
Gospel Reading: [St. Luke 10:25-37](#) [Ελληνικά](#)

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: *“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 Hierarch: *“The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls”*

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: *“Behold the Temple of the Savior, His precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God’s glory. Today she enters into the Temple of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.”*

Altar Donations

Vigil Light in loving memory of Mary Tamasco+



Sacraments and Rites

Wedding: On Saturday, November 12, the wedding of Brittany Egan and Justin Amen was celebrated. Koumbara is Tiffany Egan.

Welcome Visitors

Welcome all visitors to our parish. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will be part of our family. Fr. Peter would like very much 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

Sunday, November 20, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Monday, November 21, Entry of the Panagia, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

St. John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople - November 13

Perhaps the greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators, St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch in the year 344 or 347. His pious parents were called Secundus and Anthousa. After his mother was widowed at the age of twenty, she devoted herself to bringing up John and his elder sister in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John received his literary training under Anthragathios the philosopher, and Libanios the sophist, who was the greatest Greek scholar and rhetorician of his day. Libanios was a pagan, and when asked before his death whom he wished to have for his successor, he said, "John, had not the Christians stolen him from us."

With such a training, and with such gifts as he had by nature, John had before him a brilliant career as a rhetorician. But through the good example of his godly mother Anthousa and of the holy Bishop Meletius of Antioch, by whom he was ordained a reader about the year 370, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. From the years 374 to 381 he lived a monastic life in the hermitages that were near Antioch. His extreme asceticism undermined his health, compelling him to return to Antioch, where Saint Meletius ordained him deacon about the year 381. Saint Meletius was called to Constantinople later that year to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council, during which he fell asleep in the Lord. In 386 Bishop Flavian ordained John presbyter of the Church of Antioch. Upon his elevation to the priesthood his career as a public preacher began, and his exceptional oratorical gifts were made manifest through his many sermons and commentaries. They are distinguished by their eloquence and the remarkable ease with which rich imagery and scriptural allusions are multiplied; by their depth of insight into the meaning of Scripture and the workings of God's providence; and, not least of all, by their earnestness and moral force, which issue from the heart of a blameless and guileless man who lived first what he preached to others. Because of his fame, he was chosen to succeed Saint Nektarios as Archbishop of Constantinople. He was taken away by stealth, to avoid the opposition of the people, and consecrated Archbishop of Constantinople

on February 28, 398, by Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who was to prove his mortal enemy.

At that time the Emperor of the East was Arcadius. His tutor was St. Arsenios the Great. Arcadius was a man of weak character, and much under the influence of his wife Eudoxia. The zealous and upright Chrysostom's unsparing censures of the lax morals in the imperial city stung the vain Eudoxia; through Theophilus' plottings and her collaboration, Saint John was banished to Pontus in 403. The people were in an uproar, and the following night an earthquake shook the city. This so frightened the Empress Eudoxia that she begged Arcadius to call Chrysostom back. While his return was triumphant, his reconciliation with the Empress did not last long. She had a silver statue of herself erected in the forum in front of the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Saint Sophia) in September of 403, and had it dedicated with much unseemly revelry. St. John thundered against her, and she could not forgive him.

In June of 404 he was exiled to Caucasus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia. From here he exchanged letters with Pope Innocent of Rome, who sent bishops and priests to Constantinople requesting that a council be held. St. John's enemies, dreading his return, prevailed upon the Emperor to see an insult in this, and had John taken to a more remote place of banishment called Pityus near the Caucasus. The journey was filled with bitter sufferings for the aged bishop, both because of the harshness of the elements and the cruelty of one of his 310 guards. He never reached Pityus, but gave up his soul to the Lord near Comana in Pontus, at the chapel of the Martyr Basiliscus, who had appeared to him shortly before, foretelling the day of his death, which came to pass on September 14, 407. His last words were "Glory be to God for all things." His holy relics were brought from Comana to Constantinople thirty-one years later by the Emperor Theodosius the Younger and Saint Pulcheria his sister, the children of Arcadius and Eudoxia, with fervent supplications that the sin of their parents against him be forgiven; this return of his holy relics is celebrated on January 27.

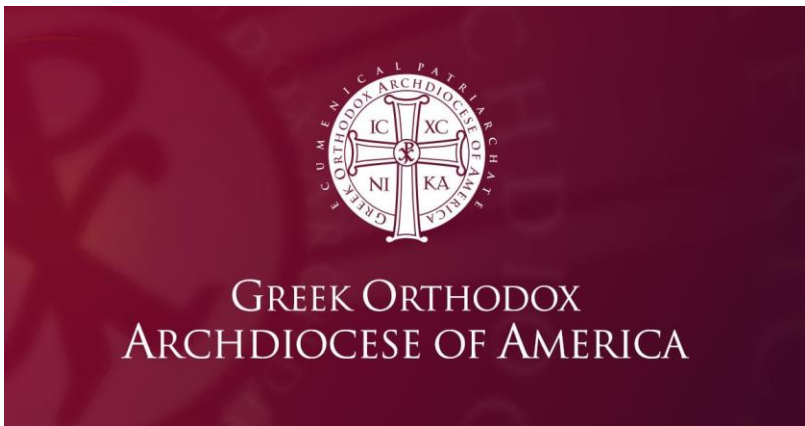
St. John was surnamed Chrysostom ("Golden-mouth") because of his eloquence of speech. He made exhaustive commentaries on the divine Scriptures and was the author of more works than any other Church Father, leaving us complete commentaries on the Book of Genesis, the Gospels of Saints Matthew and John, the Acts, and all the Epistles of Saint Paul. His extant works are 1,447 sermons and 240 epistles. Twenty-two teachers of the Church have written homilies of praise in his honor. Besides his feasts today and on January 27, he is celebrated as one of the Three Hierarchs on January 30, together with Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory the Theologian.

The Divine Liturgy that is most commonly celebrated is attributed to him. The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is used every Sunday except for the Sundays during Great Lent.

It should be noted that, because September 14 is the Exaltation of the Cross, the Saint's memory has been transferred to November 13.



John, Bill, Thomas, John, Ket, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ket, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, 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, 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, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien



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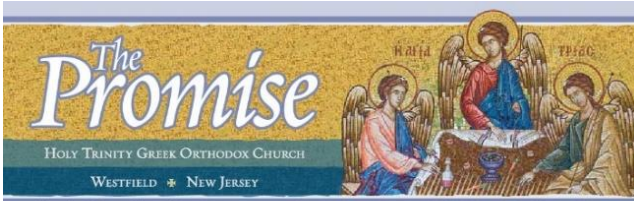
[Encyclical for National Philoptochos Sunday](#) November 13, 2022 Commemoration of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (8th Sunday of Luke)

**St. John Chrysostom Collection
Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey**


In celebration of the feast of St. John Chrysostom, Patron and Protector of the Metropolis of New Jersey, a special offering tray will be passed in the parishes of the Metropolis for the strengthening of Metropolis ministries and outreach. Your financial support helps the Metropolis sustain its mission.

Parish Assembly – Nov. 20

A Parish Assembly meeting will be held in the Bouras Center immediately following church service on Sunday, November 20, 2022. This assembly is for fellow parishioners to learn and hear about the status of Holy Trinity. We welcome and need you to attend. Discussion about the Capital Campaign progress will be offered, as well as, the work completed and still needed.




The Unknown Good




"And do you want to have such power of beautiful and eloquent speech so as to turn sinners to repentance?"
"No, for repentance is in the hands of God, not in the hands of a weak man. And how can I pray for the conversion of sinners when I myself do not convert. I am the greatest of sinners."
"Maybe you desire to draw people unto yourself by the radiance of virtue, therefore glorifying God?"
"No, by drawing people to myself I would draw them away from God."
"So, what is it that you want?" asked the Angels.

The angels were confused, but when directed by the Lord they allowed the shadow of this holy man, which he does not see, to fall upon the sick. And when it falls on them to heal them and to relieve all sorrow and suffering.
From that moment it was so wherever this saint went, his shadow brought greenery to the paths that were spiritually trampled upon, it watered many thirsty souls, beautiful flowers grew in people's hearts where before there was only sorrow, and it dried the tears of those who suffered. As the saint walked the earth, his simple presence and abiding love for the Lord spread goodness to those all around him. He was like a beautiful field of fragrant flowers spreading its scent without even being aware of it. Glory to God for the unknown good! ✠



"What more can I want? I only want that the Lord does not deprive me of His mercy. With that, I will have everything."
But the angels kept on insisting. "What do you desire, O holy man?"
The saintly man replied, "Very well, I see that you are pressing me. This I desire: to do good in such a manner that I am not aware of it myself."



Wait for the promise of the Father


[The November Promise is now available](#)

Trinity Circle - Kindly sign up with Kassandra Romas for our Annual Members Christmas Luncheon at Galloping Hill Caterers, Union - \$20 per person on Tuesday, December 6, from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

8th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive



Share your blessings and support the Ladies Philoptochos Society's 8th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive. A \$3 donation provides a complete Thanksgiving Dinner served at the Market Street Mission. The need is greater than ever before! Look for the Philoptochos donation box during coffee hour or mail your check to the church office marked "Thanksgiving Dinner". Make checks payable to "Ladies Philoptochos of HTGOC". For details, email - Debvlahakis@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

JOY-HOPE

Our next Joy Hope (youth ministry for ages 5 to 11 years old) gathering is scheduled for Friday, November 18 at 6:30 PM. We will meet at the Bouras Center for a Thanksgiving-themed gathering and create a craft that showcases what we are grateful for. Please RSVP by contacting Kathy Paone (joyhopehtgoc@yahoo.com or 201-344-4049) or to ask any questions.

2022 Christmas for CASA

The 33rd Annual Christmas Program will begin this week! This year, all gifts will benefit CASA of Union County. Visit our table during Fellowship Hour to select a tag or visit our Amazon wish list to have a gift sent

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HE9ZGYZY8OGW?ref=wl_share.

All gifts are due by December 1. Thank you for your generosity to this beloved Holy Trinity tradition!

TOTS - November 16

TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) is back for 2022/2023! It's a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our next meeting will be Wednesday (new day of the week) November 16, from 9:30-11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregiver (younger siblings welcome!). Bring water, sneakers and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli (vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608) to sign up or to ask any questions.

Greek Dance for Everyone

Holy Trinity is happy to offer Greek dance classes for all ages. Joy/Hope (grades K-6th) classes meet on Sundays at 12 noon in Rm 107; GOYA (grades 7th-12th) classes are Sundays from 1-2:30 PM. The adult Greek dance class is off to a great start! Our next adult class will be Friday, November 18 (5-6:30 PM). Please register using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/u69b83b8>. Please stop by the GOYA table after church for more information or contact Mary Carayannopoulos (carayannopoulos@comcast.net or cell# 314-623-5493).

Philoptochos Community Christmas Card – 202

We invite you to participate in this community expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Every member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will receive a copy of the Community Christmas Card imprinted with the names of those who have donated. This year we will donate the proceeds to Best Buddies International and the Cleveland Clinic's Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research. Please sign up on-line or during Fellowship Hour each week at the Philoptochos table. Please help us make this fundraiser a success! For more information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986.

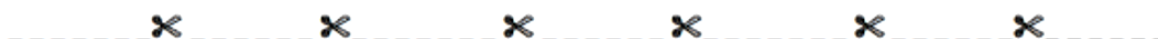


**HOLY TRINITY
2022 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD**

Our dear Holy Trinity Parishioners, we invite you to participate in this community expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Philoptochos continues its philanthropic work to assist those in need, and we are counting on your support and generosity to enable us to fulfill our mission. This year we will donate the proceeds to Best Buddies International and the Cleveland Clinic's Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research. Please join your fellow parishioners by donating to our annual Christmas Card.

- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DONATION.
- ALL DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 Gallows Hill Road Westfield, NJ 07090-1109

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME(S) CLEARLY AND AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE "COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD."



Contact Information:

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Contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908/578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917/825-5986 for more information.
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Capital Campaign Progress



Each week we inch closer to our goal. To date, we have collected \$660,448 in capital campaign donations and pledges. Considering that our campaign started only in December of 2021, this is a tremendous accomplishment of which we all should be very proud. We intend to reach our goal of \$750,000 by December 31, 2022. We are asking for your help to close the variance. Already you can see the results of your labor and donations as we refurbish our church property. Let's work together to bring this important campaign to a successful close. Please remember that we cannot close this gap without the

generosity and kindness of our parishioners. Thank you for your support as we continue to update our donor list in the Promise. Call the church office to donate or donate online by visiting holytrinitywestfield.org

Harvest Bread Sale: GOYA is selling dessert breads from the Breadsmith of Cranford. \$12 each. Order by 11/13 for pick up on 11/20. <https://tinyurl.com/2022HarvestBread>
Proceeds will benefit Goya outreach projects.

GOYA Athletics: Goya has 1 more home game this season. All are invited to attend!
2:00 PM VB and 3:00 PM BB. Nov. 27 vs Trenton. Go Westfield!



GOYA
Harvest Bread Sale

\$12.00 each

Order online and pay by Venmo @WestfieldGoya
<https://tinyurl.com/2022HarvestBread>
or complete this order form and return to church office with a
check payable to HTGOC YHT.

Order deadline: Sunday, November 13, 2022
Pickup: Sunday, November 20, 2022

Name _____

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Pumpkin _____
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip _____
Zucchini Walnut _____
Orange Cranberry _____
Double Chocolate _____

TOTAL _____
x \$12.00 = _____
Venmo or Check # _____

Mail to: GOYA Harvest Bread Sale | 250 Gallows Hill Road | Westfield, NJ 07090
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The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity
cordially invites you to a

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

7:00 pm at the Bouras Center

Brief General Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm



Dinner catered by *Marco Polo Restaurant*, Summit, NJ
Cost: \$35.00 per person



Featuring

Christmas Boutique Bake Sale

Lovely Hand Knits by *Kassandra Romas*

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Monetary donations will be taken for the YWCA of Union County.
Checks made payable to *Ladies Philoptochos Society*.

Please stop by *Philoptochos* table during *Fellowship Hour*
to make your reservation or contact *Phyllis Verenes* at 973-538-2236
or phyllis.verenes@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 2ND

You may pay with Zelle, *Yiana Leichtling* at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com
(please include RSVP info with payment)