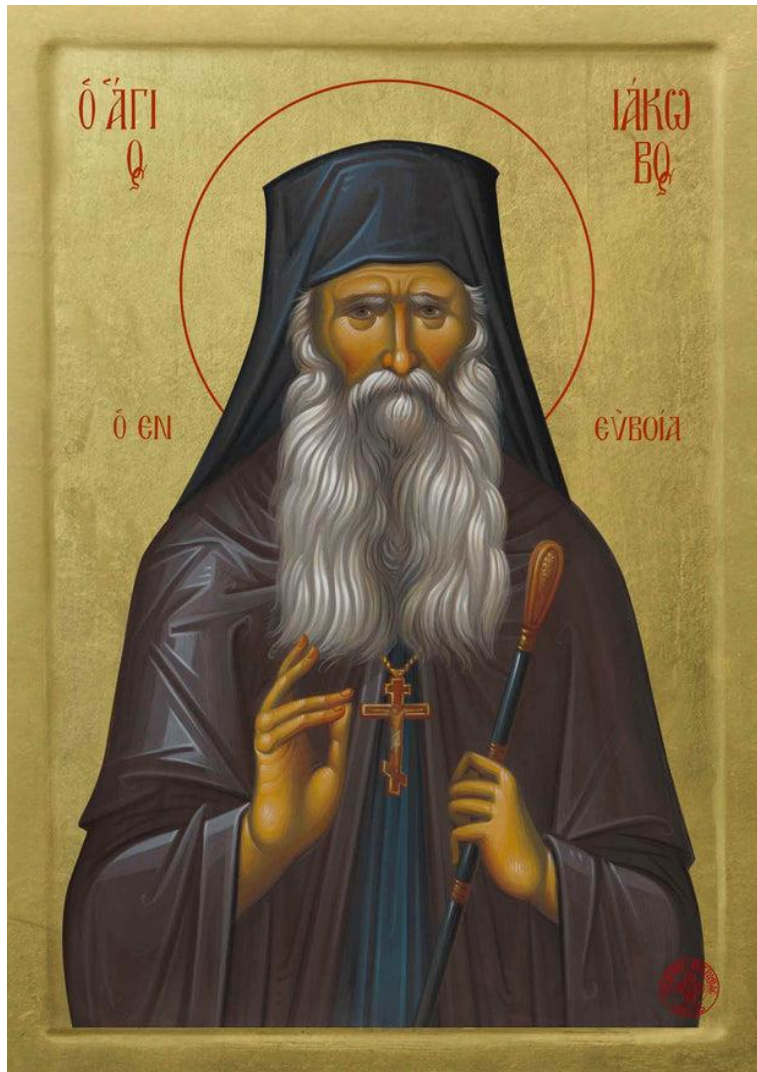


Ninth Sunday of Luke



St. Iakovos of Evia

Patron of the Metropolis of New Jersey

November 17, 2024

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 Delvizis, Parish Priest

**St. Gregory the Wonderworker and Bishop of Neo-Caesarea;
Our Holy Fathers St. Gennadios I and St. Maximos, Patriarchs of Constantinople**

Fourth Tone

Ἦχος Δ´

Morning Gospel:	St. John 21:1-14	<u>Ελληνικά</u>
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 2:16-20	<u>Ελληνικά</u>
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 12:16-21	<u>Ελληνικά</u>

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 of St. Gregory: “By your accomplishments, you earned the name that you bore, for you were vigilant in prayer and diligent in working miracles. Therefore, holy father Gregory, intercede with Christ our God, that He illumine our souls, lest we fall asleep in sin unto death.”

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.”

Liturgical Schedule

Thursday, November 21, **Entrance of the Theotokos**, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Thursday, November 21, **Great Vespers for St. Iakovos of Evia**, 6:00 PM

Friday, November 22, Divine Liturgy at Metropolis of NJ for **St. Iakovos of Evia**, 9:00 AM

Sunday, November 24, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Monday, November 25, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Peter Markos†; **Vigil Light:** In loving memory of Mary Tamasco†;

Large Candles: In loving memory of James N. Rentas†; **Prothesis Candles:** In loving memory of Anagnostis (Notis) Kotsolios†

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism: On Saturday, November 16, the baptism of Evelyn Harmony Rose, daughter of Andrew and Caitlin Rose, was celebrated. The Godfather is George Rose.

Funeral: On Friday, November 15, the funeral service for Anagnostis (Notis) Kotsolios † was held. Eternal be his memory.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for Stavros (Steve) Liakas †, 50 years; and Elizabeth Liakas †, 10 years. Eternal be their memories.

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 enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

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The November Edition of The Promise is Now Available Online!

www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise

Great Hierarchical Vespers at Holy Trinity - Thursday, November 21

It is with great honor that Holy Trinity will host for the first time the Feastday of the new patron saint of the Metropolis of NJ, St. Iakovos of Evia. Great Vespers, presided by His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos with area clergy, will begin at 6:00 PM. Altar boys from around the area also will be in attendance to be given a special cross to wear at all services. All Holy Trinity parishioners with the faithful from the area are invited. A celebratory reception will follow in the Bouras Center. Make plans from now to mark your calendar for this beautiful feast of St. Iakovos.

St. Iakovos of Evia – November 22

The Holy Elder Iakovos was born in 1920 in Asia Minor to a pious Greek Orthodox family. He grew up in a world in which the Orthodox people lived under the oppression of the Turkish government. The family later settled on the Greek island of Evia. From a young age, Iakovos' life was centered on his village church. It was said that by the time he was seven years old he knew the Divine Liturgy from memory. At the age of 13 he completed elementary school but due to the family's poverty he was unable to continue his studies and joined his father at work. His mother died in 1942. He was drafted into the army in 1947. Upon his return from the army in 1949, his father died leaving him to care for his sister Anastasia until her marriage in 1952.

Fulfilling his life-long desire, he entered the Monastery of St. David as a novice and was ordained to the priesthood in 1952. He devoted himself to prayer, fasting and manual labor. This monastery was quite dilapidated on his arrival and Father Iakovos lived in great poverty, which affected his health. It was reported that he conversed personally with saints such as St. Paraskevi, St. John the Russian, and St. David of Evia, the patron saint of the monastery. The Elder did not live for himself but from the fruit of his prayer and fasting he gave counsel and help to the people who began flocking to him. Despite many illnesses he always made time for the faithful who came to the monastery not only simple village people but patriarchs, bishops, priests, monks, political leaders, and university professors. He said: *The world is not in need of something to eat or something to drink – it is in need of our love. If we give as much as we can, then we will blossom as monks in this life.*

Beginning in 1990 his health began to decline and on November 21, 1991, he attended the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion, and heard the confessions of several people. He died peacefully later that day. The thousands of people attending his funeral began shouting “A saint! A saint!” The Monastery of St. David has recorded over 300 testimonies of miraculous help connected with the prayers of the Elder Iakovos.



On Monday, November 27, 2017, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, along with the Holy Synod of Bishops, added to the calendar of saints the Elder Iakovos Tsalikis who fell asleep in the Lord in 1991. His feastday is November 22. Elder Iakovos, from his relationship with God, became a source of help and healing to the people who came to him during his life and which continue now after his falling asleep in the Lord!

A Hierarchical Great Vespers will be held at Holy Trinity this Thursday at 6:00 PM in honor of this new-found saint of the holy Church of Christ. The celebration continues on Friday, November 22, with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Metropolis Center in Westfield beginning at 9:00 AM.

Standing in Christ's Presence

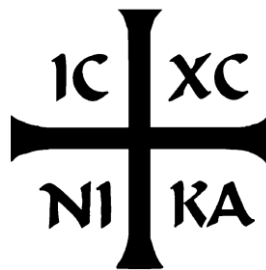
The most sacred part of the Divine Liturgy is when Christ is among us. The most clear and visible display of this is when the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Christ) is present on the solea during the distribution of Holy Communion. Orthodox Tradition teaches us to remain standing during this sacred moment. Moving forward, you are asked to remain standing when the Holy Chalice is presented to the faithful for Eucharistic Communion. As always, exceptions apply to those unable to physically stand during this time.

Prayer Request



William, Theodora, Michael, Gioula, Nicholas, Hellen, Luba, Kevin, Janice, Elaine, Patty, Cynthia, Nicholas, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Robert, Phyllis, 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, 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

Christian Stewardship



Stewardship Sunday is November 24

**Remember to bring your completed Stewardship Card
as an offering on this day.**

Stewardship Sunday and Parish Assembly - Sunday, November 24

Sunday, November 24, is Stewardship Sunday and the date of the annual fall Parish Assembly meeting. Please bring your completed 2025 Stewardship Card as they will be collected for a special blessing on that day. Also plan to attend the Parish Assembly that will follow church services.

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Event – Sunday, November 17

Holy Trinity is partnering with the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH) to support families in Orange Public School systems for food insecurity. We need your help to provide 300 Thanksgiving meals by donating the following: canned yams or sweet potatoes (15 oz), canned cranberry sauce (14 oz whole or jellied), boxed stuffing (6 oz or larger - chicken/turkey/cornbread to name a few types), boxed mash potatoes (15.3 oz). The last day for donations is this Sunday, November 17. Any questions, please call Christine Skalkotos (Outreach GOYA Advisor) 847-830-1530.

Ladies Philoptochos Society's 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

Share your blessings and support the Ladies Philoptochos Society's 10th 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 our Fellowship 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

Fourth Annual Philoptochos Bread Sale

Homemade Vasilopita from Agia Skepi Bakehouse!

\$25 per loaf. All proceeds to benefit Saint Basil's Academy. Visit the Philoptochos table during the Fellowship Hour to place your order by December 8. Call or text Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938 with any questions.

Greek School Registration is Now Open

Greek School registration is now open for all classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 PM - 6 PM. Classes began Tuesday, September 10, grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and 1st Advanced and Thursday, September 12, grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. To register [click here](#).

Trinity Circle

Members Christmas Luncheon at Galloping Hills Caterers - \$20 on Tuesday, December 3, 11:30 AM – 3 PM. Kindly make your reservations with Kassandra Romas, Chair, kromas22409@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Holy Trinity Winter Wonderland Dance - January 18, 2025

Join us for a night of food, dancing, family, friends, and fun! There will be an open bar and a delicious buffet to enjoy. We will also have a performance by our Greek dancers and activities for kids throughout the night. Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ, 6 - 10 PM.

Tickets: Adults \$100, Teens 12-18 \$60, Kids under 12 \$40. To purchase please Venmo [@westfieldgreeksschool](https://www.venmo.com/westfieldgreeksschool) and include your first and last name and ticket quantity.

****Donations Needed**** We kindly ask for raffle prize donations. All proceeds from the raffle will support the Greek School. If you are interested in donating an item, please email asfourmarissa@gmail.com

Religious Education Classes Have Begun

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall! Click the link to register: [Religious Education Registration](#) We have opportunities available to make a difference in the lives of our youth through our faith! You do not need to be an expert on Orthodoxy but hold an interest to teach and learn by being a part of the Religious Education team! We are looking for Assistant Teachers and Substitutes! If interested, please contact Pete Markos at pmarkos307@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
TEACHER AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS		
2024-25		
GRADE	ROOM	TEACHERS
PreK	105	Anna Darity
Kdg	107	Alexandra Mavridis Ariadne Monfalcone
1 & 2	102	Anna Decavalles Melissa Krikos
3 & 4	101	Felicia Karsos
5 & 6	207	Maria Tarhanidis Beth Grivoyannis
7 & 8	202	Leon Carayannopoulos Elias Grivoyannis
9 & 10	204	Tony Drivas
11&12	Boardroom	Peter Tarhanidis Nik Karsos

TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social)

It is a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregivers (younger siblings welcome!). Bring water, sneakers, and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608 to sign up or with any questions.

Sights and Sounds – Vocal Coach Needed

The GOYA is looking for a vocal coach for the Religious, Greek, and English singing groups in preparation for Sights and Sounds on March 1, 2025. Please reach out to Sophia Saketos 908-247-6048 if you are interested or if you know of anyone who could assist the GOYA.

Philoptochos Community Christmas Card - 2024

We invite you to participate in this community expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Every member of HTGOC will receive the Community Christmas Card imprinted with the names of those who have donated. This year we will donate the proceeds to Mary's Place by the Sea, a place for women with cancer to heal: mind, body & soul. You can sign up on-line or during our Fellowship Hour each week at the Philoptochos table. The due date is December 1. Please help make this a success! For information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986. Thank you!



HOLY TRINITY 2024 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. Please join your fellow parishioners by donating to our annual Christmas Card. All proceeds to benefit Mary's Place by the Sea, a place for women with cancer to heal: mind, body, and soul.

- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DONATION THAT IS 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." If it is the same from last year, please indicate by writing "same as last year".



Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Cash: _____ Check #: _____

- If you would like your contact information added to our HTGOC Community on-line Directory, please check this box.

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2024

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY HTGOC*

For convenience in handling, you can make your payment by check, credit card, Apple Pay, Google pay or PayPal.



Include your information with the payment and how your family name(s) should appear.
Contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908/578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917/825-5986 for more information.
The Ladies Philoptochos Society – HTGOC is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Annual GOYA Wreath and Grave Pillow Fundraiser

Our GOYA will again be selling Christmas wreaths and Cemetery Grave pillows as a fundraiser during the Christmas Season. Please stop by the GOYA table during Fellowship Hour for details. We appreciate your support in advance! Any questions, please contact Christine Skalkotos 847-830-1530.

GOYA Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Fundraiser!



Fresh Balsam Fir Holiday Wreaths with Pine Cones, Berries and Red Velvet Bow

- 16-18" Wreath \$30 each
- 24" Wreaths \$35 each
- 1 Bow Grave Pillow \$30 each
- 2 Bow Grave Pillow \$35 each



Order online <https://tinyurl.com/47y97uzt>

Payment Options:

1. Venmo @WestfieldGoya
2. Payment at Sunday Coffee Hour - GOYA table. Checks can be made payable to HTGOC YHT

Orders due by Sunday, December 1, 2024 and will be available for pick up on Thursday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 8 directly from the church courtyard.

NAME _____

EMAIL/CELLPHONE _____

Quantity	Item	Price	Total Cost
	16-18" Wreath	\$20.00	
	24" Wreath	\$35.00	
	1 Bow 16" Grave Blanket	\$30.00	
	2 Bow 24" Grave Blanket	\$35.00	

Total Pieces Ordered _____ TOTAL DUE \$ _____
 Check # _____/Cash/Venmo

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Trinity Circle

Annual Members Christmas Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd

Time: 11:30-3:00 pm

\$20 per person

Menu

Salad, Penne Pasta

Choice of: Chicken Marsala, Salmon or Prime Rib

Coffee, Tea and Cake with Ice Cream

Open Bar

Galloping Hill Caterers

1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union NJ 07083

Tel. 908-686-2683

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

No. of People: _____

Meal Choice: _____

\$20.00 per person -

Cash _____

Check _____ # _____

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner/General Meeting

Please join us for our annual Christmas Dinner/General Meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 PM, in the Bouras Center. Reservations may be made during Fellowship Hour at the Philoptochos table or by contacting Marina LoAlbo 908-272-4341 or Phyllis Verenes 973-538-2236.



MERRY
Christmas

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity
cordially invites you to a

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY & "BOUTIQUES"

Thursday, December 12, 2024 | 6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres & Shopping in the Bouras Center
(Brief General Meeting will follow)



Dinner catered by *Five Star Catering by Thomas*, Westfield, NJ
Cost: \$45.00 per person



Featuring

Christmas Boutique Bake Sale
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Lovely Hand Knits by *Kassandra Romas*
•
Matijewels.com by *MEM Designs - Melissa Martakis*
•
Byzanthea - Helene Palatianos Quinn
•
Gina's Traveling Boutique - Gina Martin
•
George Psomas, Author of Children's book, "Manoli, The Greek Mouse"
•
Handmade Clay and All Things Sparkly by Dolores Chiara Phillips



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

*Please stop by Philoptochos table during Fellowship Hour to make your reservation
or contact Yiana Leichtling at 908-413-6213 or treasurer@htphiloptochos.com*

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 8TH

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

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity is selling
AGIA SKEPI BAKEHOUSE Vasilopita for the 2025 New Year
Large 2 lb freshly baked bread packaged in a beautiful box \$25
All proceeds go to Saint Basil Academy



\$25 per loaf
order by Dec. 8 - pick up Dec. 15 at church

PLACE YOUR ORDER with this form at the
Philoptochos table on Sundays
or mail to:

The Ladies Philoptochos HTGOC
250 Gallows Hill Rd, Westfield, NJ 07090

IF YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC
ORDER/PAYMENT OPTION by check, credit
card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or PayPal, Venmo



Questions - call/text Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How many do you want? _____

Total Order Price - \$25 per loaf: _____

I will pay by:

Cash - Amount Enclosed: _____

Check # _____ Payable to *Ladies Philoptochos Society HTGOC*

Venmo @Denise-Eliopoulos

December 2024 Vasilopita Bread Sale

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

Greek School Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that we will be working with Charleston Wrap again this year to raise funds for our beloved school. Last year, we were able to raise over \$600. Our goal this year is to surpass \$1000 to support our various school activities. Supporting this fundraiser is easy; people just log-in and shop!! Charleston Wrap offers high-quality gift wrap and beautiful gifts that are perfect for the holiday season. By participating in this fundraiser, not only will you be able to find great gifts for your loved ones, but you will also be supporting the Greek School.

HTOGOC Greek School PTO



REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,
our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID:

27610



1. REGISTER

REGISTER now as a participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

2. SHARE

INVITE 10 + friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using the **TEXT & EMAIL** invitation tools. Don't forget to share on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

3. SHOP

SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!





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

2024

September 25

October 9, 23

November 6, 20

December 11

2025

January 8, 22

February 12, 26

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.



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

Upcoming Parish Events

November 21 & 22, 2024



**His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos
of New Jersey**



**Invites All the Faithful to the
First Celebration of the Feast of St. Iakovos of Evia
Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey**



Hierarchical Great Vespers,
Acolyte Blessing,
and Dinner Reception

**Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road
Westfield, NJ 07090

Orthros,
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
and Reception

**Friday, November 22, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey
215 E. Grove Street
Westfield, NJ 07090

January 18, 2025

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

*Holy Trinity
Winter Wonderland
Family Dance*

**GALLOPING HILL CATERERS
1085 GALLOPING HILL ROAD, UNION NJ
THE CRYSTAL ROOM**

JANUARY

**SATURDAY | 18 | AT 6 PM
2025**

TICKETS

ADULTS \$100, TEENS 13-18 \$60, KIDS 2-12 \$40

*Thank you for supporting the
Holy Trinity Greek School*

