

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke



St. James the Great Martyr of Persia

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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[Live streaming services](#)

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Presiding Priest

On this the Twenty-seventh day of the month, we commemorate, Our Righteous Father St. James the Great Martyr of Persia; Our Righteous Father St. Nathanael; Our Righteous Fathers Gregory of Sinai and his disciple St. Gerasimos; Our Righteous Father Arsenios of Raxos

Grave Tone Βαρύς

Click links for Scripture Readings

Second Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:1-8	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Ephesians 2:14-22	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	Luke 18:18-27	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers’ sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.”

Apolytikion of the Great Martyr: “Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, 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: “On this day the Virgin * comes to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in memory of Theodore Skiadas †

Vigil Light in memory of Fotini Mavros †

Large Candles in memory of George Christou †



Sacraments and Rites



Baptism: Today the baptism for Athena Koniarelis, daughter of Maria and Stelios Koniarelis, will be celebrated. Sponsor is Panagiotis Trikilas.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for George Christou†, 40 days, and Fotini Mavros†, 3 years. Eternal be their memories.

Fellowship Hour: Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored by Helen Biniaris and family, in loving memory of Fotini Mavros.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, November 30, St. Andrew the First Called, Orthros, 8:30 AM;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, December 4, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Tuesday, December 6, St. Nicholas of Myra, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

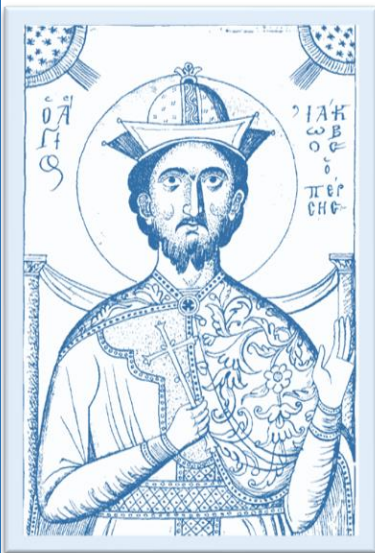
Welcome Visitors

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.

St. James of Persia the Great Martyr – November 27

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James



realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers one by one, and then his toes. Afterwards, they cut off his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. In all, this saint of God was cut into twenty-eight pieces. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body that had been sawn apart like some magnificent tree and buried them with great reverence. The memory of this Great Martyr is celebrated on Nov. 27.

Kontakion of Great Martyr James of Persia

“Thou didst listen to thy wife and consider the judgment O courageous James. Thou didst spurn the threats and commands of the Persians and thy body was pruned like a vine. We praise thee; O noble Martyr.”



Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Paul, Bill, Thomas, John, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, 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

Eligibility to Vote

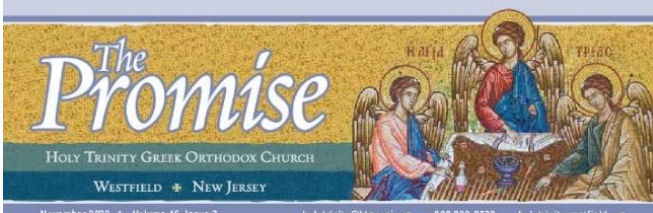
Are you eligible to vote? If you are a steward of Holy Trinity, you can verify your eligibility by ensuring that your name is on the list. A member of the Board of Electors will be in the Bouras Center on November 27 to help you check before the election. Look for the sign on a table near the entrance. Alternatively, call the church office to confirm.

Parish Council Elections – December 4

Parish Council Elections will be held on December 4 after church services in the Bouras Center. Here is the list of candidates: James Angelides, Peter Arbes, Stefanos Arethas, Peter Boutsikaris, George Colonias, Theodore Exarhakos, AJ Karanikolas, Felicia Karsos, Notis Kotsolios, Peter Markos, and Peter Tarhanidis.


Stewardship Sunday – December 4

Please look in the mail for the 2023 Stewardship Commitment Cards. Next Sunday, December 4, after the Divine Liturgy the Stewardship Cards will be collected and then presented for a blessing. Please give prayerful consideration to next year's pledge. We are counting on all our parishioners to support the church and its ministries. Thank you for your continued dedication to the parish and Christ's work at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.




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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](#)




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

GOYA Athletics

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

Trinity Circle

Kindly sign up with Cassandra 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.

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! 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).

“Smyrna”

The Six-time Hellenic Academy Award-winning epic war drama



**Holy Trinity Private Viewing
Sunday, December 11, 2:30 PM
Cinemark in Watchung (1670 US-22)**

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee, in commemoration of the Centennial observance of the Smyrna catastrophe in Asia Minor, invites you to a private screening of *Smyrna*. Based on the truly catastrophic events that changed the course of Greek history. Two-time Academy Award Nominated Director Atom Egoyan says *Smyrna* is “An urgent and multilayered examination of the unspeakable atrocity...told with great passion and brimming with outrage.”

Seating is limited for this private event.

Please contact the church office or email Kathy Genakos at kathyg@htgocnj.org for ticket information. Admission is a minimum donation of \$10.50 per ticket.

Fellowship Committee

Food, Fun and Fellowship! Greek Cooking Class Thursday, December 1, 10 AM-12 PM in the church kitchen. We will be making Spanakopita. Please bring your own apron. Space is limited to 15 participants. A suggested donation is \$20 and includes a small tray to bring home to your family for the holidays! Contact Christina Colonias via text at 917-825-5986 or sign up at the Fellowship Table on November 27. Registration deadline is November 28.

THE HOLY TRINITY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

GREEK COOKING CLASS SERIES SPANAKOPITA

FOOD
FUN
FELLOWSHIP!



BRING YOUR
OWN APRON

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1ST 10AM-NOON
IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN

Suggested donation \$20- includes a small tray to bring home to your family for the Christmas Holiday!

We will also be making large trays for future church events and fundraisers.

Space is limited to 15 participants. All levels welcome. Please contact Christina Colonias via text @ 917-825-5986 or sign up at the Fellowship Table this Sunday- deadline to register is Monday November 28th.

KALI OREXI!

Women of Faith Ministry - New Bible class to begin in January 2023!

There will be a study led by Fr. Peter, followed by a time of discussion, prayer and fellowship together. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Lauren Karanikolas lkaranikolas@msn.com if you are interested, have any questions, or would like to be added to our email distribution list to receive weekly summaries as well as prayer requests. More details to follow.

“Grecian Muse” Raffle

An original painting by Avi Kiriakatis is being raffled with the proceeds to benefit The Smile of the Child, a reputable Greece-based charity. Tickets are being sold during Fellowship Hour for \$10 each until the drawing at the Philoptochos Christmas Party on December 7.

Religious Education

Please join us for our annual Christmas Program followed by Breakfast with Santa provided by the Parish Council, and Holiday Fun with Joy/Hope! Sunday, December 11 following the Divine Liturgy. To help or donate please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4aabab2ba46-religious>



[2022 Christmas for CASA](#)

The 33rd Annual Christmas Program has begun! 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. All gifts are due by December 1. Thank you for your generosity to this beloved Holy Trinity tradition! [Click here to peruse gifts.](#)

2022 Christmas for CASA and **Mitten Tree**

Sponsored by the Religious Education

**Please continue to sponsor these wonderful Holy Trinity traditions
and help our local children in need.**

The 33rd Annual Christmas Gifting Program

What to Do?

1. Visit our table to select a tag or visit our Amazon wishlist at:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HE9ZGYZY8OGW?ref_=wl_share
2. Bring the **unwrapped gift** to our table or have the Amazon gift shipped directly to the Christmas for CASA shipping address by **Sunday, December 4th.**



The 33rd Annual Mitten Tree

What to Do?

1. Purchase new mittens, gloves, knit hats or socks in adult and children's sizes.
2. Hang them on the Mitten Tree after December 4th.
3. The Mitten Tree items will be distributed by CASA of Union County.

**DROP OFF DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



Scan this code to
access the
Amazon wishlist!

Annual Christmas Dinner Party

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity cordially invites you to join the fun on Wednesday, December 7 in the Bouras Center. A brief General Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM followed by a catered dinner by Marco Polo Restaurant, shopping, and Christmas carols. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please stop by the Philoptochos table to make your reservation by December 2. You may pay with Zelle, Yiana Leichtling at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com Please include your RSVP information with your payment. Contact Phyllis Verenes at 973-538-2236 or phyllis.verenes@gmail.com



MERRY Christmas

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

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

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Featuring
Christmas Boutique Bake Sale
•
Lovely Hand Knits by *Kassandra Romas*
•
Books for Orthodox Christian Children - Author *Christina Romas Connant*
•
"A Gift of Art is a Gift from the Heart" - by *Avi*
(Original oil paintings & enhanced reproductions)
•
Gina's Traveling Boutique

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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)

Philoptochos Community Christmas Card – 2022

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, the proceeds will benefit Best Buddies International and Cleveland Clinic Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research. Sign up online or during the Fellowship Hour. Please help 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:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____ Donation Amount _____

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2022

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.

2nd Annual Philoptochos Vasilopita Bread Sale

Vasilopita made at Agia Skepi Bakehouse, \$20 each! Proceeds to benefit Saint Basil's Academy. Order by December 4 and pick your bread up at church on December 18. To order, stop by the Philoptochos table or [click here to pay/order electronically](#)

**The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity
is selling fresh baked Vasilopita from AGIA SKEPI BAKEHOUSE for
the New Year - all proceeds go to Saint Basil Academy**



Large 2 lb bread packaged in a beautiful box-\$20

\$20 per loaf - order by Dec. 4 - pick up at church Dec. 18

**YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER with this form at the Philoptochos table @
church or call/text Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938**

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Quantity: _____
Total Order Price - \$20 per loaf: _____
Check # _____ to Ladies Philoptochos Society HTGOC
Cash Amount _____

**OR, YOU CAN PLACE/PAY FOR YOUR ORDER ELECTRONICALLY
by check, credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or Paypal.**



Donations to Philoptochos fundraisers can be made via check payable to “The Ladies Philoptochos Society of HTGOC” or Zelle at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com.

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](https://www.holytrinitywestfield.org)

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