

THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ALL-LAUDED APOSTLE ST. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED



ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE AND FIRST-CALLED DISCIPLE

November 30, 2025

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzis, Parish Priest

The Holy, Glorious, and All-lauded Apostle St. Andrew the First-Called

Plagal Fourth Tone

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Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:9-20	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	1 Corinthians 4:9-16	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. John 1:35-51	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the Cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our Life and Resurrection, Glory to You, O Lord.”

Apolytikion of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle: “As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to 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.”

Liturgical Schedule

Thursday, December 4, **St. Barbara the Great Martyr**, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Saturday, December 6, **St. Nicholas of Myra**, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, December 7, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Tuesday, December 9, **St. Anna @ Flemington**, 9:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 12, **St. Spyridon**, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Theodore Skiadas †

Kandili: In memory of Ioannis † and Eftohia † Paleologou

Sacraments and Rites

Baptisms: On Sunday the baptisms of Michael John Hefferon Jr and Ellie Rose Hefferon will be celebrated. The Godparent is Christopher Gornall.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested on Sunday morning at the memorial service for John Baboukis†, 1 year. Eternal be his memory.

Funeral: On Friday, November 28, the funeral for Stella Provel† will be held. Eternal be her memory.

Welcome Visitors

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community today. Worshipping the Holy Trinity is the principal act of an Orthodox parish, especially on the Day of the Resurrection (Sunday). Our mission is to live the Holy Gospel and spread the Good News to those in our area. We are sanctified by God's grace through the holy Sacraments and glorify Him each moment of the day. We seek God's mercy, as we confess the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after service to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

Parish Council Elections – Eligibility to Vote

Are you eligible to vote on Sunday, December 7? If you are a steward of Holy Trinity, you can verify your eligibility by ensuring that your name is on the voting list. A member of the Board of Electors will be in the Bouras Center today to help you check before election day.



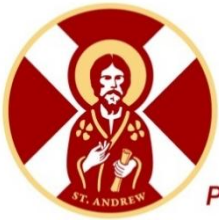
Prayer Request

Elizabeth, John, Robert, Erin, Kevin, Sabrina, Luke, Bill, James, Ria, Eric, Joanne, Alexandra, Sophia, Nicholas, Panagiota, James, Mary, Chris, Janeen, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, John, Marina, George, Laura, George, Costa, Basil, Lemonia, Justin, Chris, Evangelia, Brennan, Egon, Marilyn, Tatanya, Robert, Elizabeth, George, Nicholas, Alexander, Vasilios, Danny, Bill, Lou, Foula, Eupraxia



QR Code for the Service of Matins

Matins or Orthros is the morning service in the Orthodox Church. It precedes each Divine Liturgy. This QR Code links you to the service. Just select today's date and then matins, in either EN – English and/or GR – Greek



Archons
OF THE **Ecumenical**
Patriarchate®

Protecting the Future of Faith®

Archon Sunday, November 30

**The Sacred Center of our Holy
Orthodox Faith is Under Threat**

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (today's Istanbul) is the sacred center of our Holy Orthodox Faith. According to ancient canons of the Ecumenical Councils that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, articulated the principal elements of our Faith, the Ecumenical Patriarch is the first bishop of the Church, charged with responsibility for the whole Church. Today, the Ecumenical Patriarchate is the see of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the longest-serving and one of the most consequential Ecumenical Patriarchs in the history of our Church.

However, the Turkish government is presenting the Ecumenical Patriarchate with daily challenges and difficulties that could ultimately destroy its ability to perform its sacred global mission. Amid those challenges and difficulties, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are dedicated to protecting and defending our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople. The Ecumenical Patriarchate is under attack by the Turkish government in five key ways:

1. First and foremost, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has no legal identity or rights in Turkey. In the eyes of the Turkish government, the Ecumenical Patriarchate simply does not exist.
2. The Turkish government interferes with the election of the Ecumenical Patriarch by requiring that he must be a Turkish citizen and maintains the right to approve who is selected. This is clearly interference with the Apostolic succession of the Church's leadership.
3. We can no longer train clergy in Turkey because they closed our beloved Halki Seminary in 1971, where we had trained more than 1000 clergymen (including over 300 bishops and even a few Ecumenical Patriarchs) for 127 years. Today, Halki remains closed.
4. The Ecumenical Patriarchate cannot own, inherit or pass along property. The Ecumenical Patriarchate does not even own our churches in Constantinople and its environs. In 1936, the Church owned 8,000 properties, including monasteries, churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, homes, and apartment buildings. Today, most have been confiscated, and we have less than 500 properties remaining.
5. The Turkish Government does not recognize the "Ecumenical" status of the Patriarch and Patriarchate. Turkish authorities do not allow the use of the term or title "ecumenical" for any religious activity – even though this title has been used since the sixth century and recognized throughout the world. The Turkish government only refers to the Ecumenical Patriarch as the "Fener Patriarch," referring to his headquarters in Constantinople, the Phanar.

The result is that we are experiencing a gradual asphyxiation of the Holy Mother Church in Turkey. The Greek Orthodox population of Constantinople is now only 2,000 to 2,500 people, down from 300,000 at the beginning of the twentieth century. With all of this said, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has said that there have been recent positive discussions that could possibly lead to the opening of Halki seminary. We remain cautiously optimistic.



Because of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's lack of legal identity, its vulnerability to the decisions of the Turkish state is all-pervasive. If the international human rights organizations such as the European Court of Human Rights and the United Nations, among others, do not manage to compel the Turkish government to grant property rights to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians remains essentially defenseless, and perilously close to extinction in its historical homeland.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate needs financial support, so that it is less subject to the will of the Turkish government: the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, which the Archons founded several years ago, is dedicated to providing financial stability for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Please pray regularly for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Christians of Constantinople and prayerfully consider a donation to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

www.bartholomew.foundation

As we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle and First-Called (Nov. 30) the founder of the Christian Church in Constantinople (*then Byzantium*) and therefore the Patron Saint of the Patriarchate, Holy Trinity is dedicated to helping in various ways. The parish is a member of the *Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation* and seeks the continued safety and survival of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, the sacred center of our Faith. Consider becoming a contributor. This is a priceless gift that surpasses virtually anything else we could pass on to our children and grandchildren.



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
**BARTHOLOMEW
FOUNDATION**
For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew



St. Andrew the Apostle and First-Called Disciple – November 30

The Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called, was the first of the Disciples to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the holy Apostle Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42), both coming from Bethsaida. From his youth, he turned with all his soul to God. After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St. Andrew traveled widely to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God through Asia Minor, Thrace, and Macedonia. He reached the River Danube, the coast of the Black Sea, through Crimea, the Black Sea region and along the River Dniepr, where the city of Kiev now stands. From there, the Apostle went through the land of the Varangians towards Rome, returning to Thrace. In a small village named Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he preached Christ and founded the church

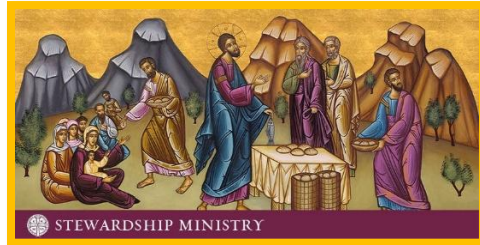
there. The name of the Holy Apostle Andrew is linked to the Mother Church, the Church of Constantinople, as its patron.

On his journeys, the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they beat him and cast him out of their cities. The final city to which he went was Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom. There the Lord worked many miracles through His disciple in Patra. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness. He healed Maximilla, wife of the governor of Patra, and his brother Stratokles. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlightened the citizens of the city with the true Faith. Few pagans remained there, but among them was the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The Apostle Andrew repeatedly spoke to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The holy Apostle appealed to his soul with love and humility, striving to reveal to him the Christian mystery of life eternal, through the wonderworking power of the Holy Cross of the Lord. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the Apostle. The pagan thought he might undo St. Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross. St. Andrew accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. In order to prolong the suffering of the saint, Aegeatos gave orders not to nail the saint's hands and feet, but to tie them to the cross. For two days the apostle taught the citizens who gathered about. The people, in listening to him, pitied him and tried to take St. Andrew down from the cross. Fearing a riot of the people, Aegeatos gave orders to stop the execution. But the Holy Apostle began to pray that the Lord would grant him death on the cross. Just as the soldiers tried to take hold of him, they lost control of their hands. The crucified Apostle, having given glory to God, said: "Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit." Then a blazing ray of divine light illumined the cross and the martyr crucified upon it. When the light faded, the Holy Apostle Andrew had already given up his soul to the Lord. Maximilla, the wife of the prefect, had the body of the Saint taken down from the cross, and buried him with honor. A few centuries later, under the emperor Constantine the Great, the relics of the Holy Apostle Andrew were solemnly transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beside the relics of the Holy Evangelist Luke and St. Paul's disciple St. Timothy.

2026 Stewardship Campaign

"Building Up the Body of Christ"

Last Sunday, we started our annual 2026 Stewardship Campaign. We thank all Holy Trinity parishioners who always rise to the occasion to support our beloved parish. We have 423 Stewards who have signed pledge cards. Our goal for 2026 is to increase the number of stewards. You can help us on our journey by submitting a signed pledge card. Together we can keep Holy Trinity a special home and spiritual center.



***Holy Trinity is my spiritual and cultural center –
It is a place like no other, rooted in faith.
It nurtures joy and a deep sense of purpose in giving.***

There was a certain man in the Old Testament named Nehemiah, who after seeing the crumbling walls of Jerusalem, called the people to "Rise up and build." Nehemiah knows he can't do it alone. He inspires the people, sharing his vision to rebuild. The people responded, "Let us rise up and build."

Spiritually, this story calls us to build using material that is beyond brick and mortar. As Orthodox Christians, we must use our faith to build up and make our parish stronger. Stewardship calls us to respond to the needs of the Church by using God's gifts faithfully. Together we can "rise up and build" lives that are holy and dedicated to God.

This call of Nehemiah to "rise up and build" invites us to become active members of the Church, the Body of Christ, to join in ministry and contribute according to our abilities. As Orthodox Christians, we understand that Stewardship is a community effort in which everyone plays a role.

To date, the parish has funded our Metropolis, Archdiocese, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, several outreach initiatives, and continued support of our growing and vibrant ministries.

Pledge cards are available in the pews, at the Pangari and can be submitted online at <https://form.jotform.com/230346419533151>. The suggested pledge is \$2,200 per steward and \$500 for young adults. The pledge card includes an option to identify your interest in volunteering by ministry.

To be a steward in good standing means one is eligible to vote at parish assemblies & elections, and to run for the Parish Council - please submit your pledge card by the end of the year.

Yours in Christ,

Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP SUPPORTS

HOLY TRINITY IS AN ACTIVE AND WELCOMING PARISH OF DYNAMICALLY WONDERFUL STEWARDS. TOGETHER WE PARTICIPATE AND GROW IN OUR FAITH THROUGH THESE MINISTRIES. HERE ARE SOME AREAS OF MINISTRY THAT YOU SUPPORT DIRECTLY THROUGH STEWARDSHIP.

- Clergy and Staff of Holy Trinity, Psaltes (Cantors) - These preserve proper functioning of the Church including but not limited to extensive liturgical services, priest visitations (hospitals & homes), administrative coordination for services and maintenance of financial records, communication with parishioners, maintaining a clean and safe environment.
- Choir – God has given you a voice. Use it to praise Him and keep the liturgical experience special. Join the choir!
- Religious Education – Sunday School is the biggest parish ministry. Teachers are critical in imparting our faith to the next generation. Help teach our kids!
- Catechetical Classes, Bible Studies, Bookstore – Learning never ends. Keep growing in your faith by attending adult catechetical classes (Theosis) or by reading and educating yourself through the various books sold at church.
- Greek School – Greek culture and heritage are very important. Children learn to converse in the Greek language and gain appreciation for Greece.
- Youth Ministries – Extensive ministry involving areas of childhood development.
GOYA - Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA) has as its fundamental characteristics *Diakonia* (Service), *Martyria* (Witness), *Liturgia* (Worship), and *Koinonia* (Fellowship). Youth Ministry is concerned with the Christ-centered experience and directing the youth to become worthy servants of our Lord within the Orthodox Christian faith. There is fellowship in religious, educational, service, social, athletic and cultural activities.
JOY/HOPE – Junior Orthodox Group whose activities are geared to bring the younger people of our parish together in a fun and educational way and to plant the seeds of giving back to the community through charity projects.
TOTs – Trinity Orthodox Toddlers - provides a biweekly 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.
Greek Dance - Dance is a wonderful way to: preserve Greek traditions, meet other youth members, exercise and have fun, and learn a wonderful skill.
- Cultural Committee - Present a broad spectrum of lectures and events for the benefit of our parishioners and those in the local community. Event topics include religion, comedic entertainment, personal testimonies of survival, historical presentations, documentaries and music.
- Trinity Circle – Trinity Circle is a large group of retired parishioners, ages 55 and above, who socialize monthly and enjoy outings to various events and shows.
- Fellowship Hour – After Sunday liturgy, come visit with friends and make new acquaintances. Here you will discover all the various activities that happen at Holy Trinity on a weekly basis. You’ll see how busy and fun things can be.
- Ladies of Philoptochos – Holy Trinity has a large and very active Philoptochos Chapter bringing women of faith together to work for God’s glory and to help relieve the suffering of those in need. All women of the parish are encouraged to become members.
- Greek Festival – The GreekFest generates revenue for the parish, but more importantly, it brings parishioners together and showcases our Orthodox and Greek Heritage to the surrounding community at large. It is a massive undertaking, and we need every parishioner to participate.



Religious Education

Sunday School classes have resumed. 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 and you do not need to have teaching experience. We are just looking for extra hands! We are looking for Assistant Teachers for the Pre-K class and the combined 9/10 grade class. If interested, please contact Pete Markos at religiouseducation@htgocnj.org

Religious Education Christmas Program - December 14

Please join us for a Stewardship opportunity to help with the Christmas Program, Dessert Reception and Santa, Sunday, December 14, in the Bouras Center following the Divine Liturgy! To help or bring a dessert, please [click here](#). We are grateful for your help to make this a successful and fun event for the students!

Religious Education Christmas Pageant – Wednesday, December 24

We are looking for students to participate in the Religious Education Christmas Pageant! This year's Christmas Eve Service is on Wednesday, December 24, at 7 PM! If interested, please complete this [Google Form](#).

Altar Boys

Fr. Peter invites all boys ages 12 and older to commit to serve in the altar. An acolyte plays an important role in the ceremonial aspects of the Divine Liturgy. We want our children to remain in the church as they grow up. By committing and serving in this unique role, a deep respect is instilled. This shapes and deepens faith. Please see Fr. Peter for more information.

Angel Choir

The Angel Choir has joined the Adult Choir on Sundays. Angel Choir practices are after Sunday School from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM. Children should meet with the director for practice in church in the choir pews. Children ages 7-12 interested in joining the Angel Choir should attend today's practice. For more information contact the church office or Choir Director, Anne Kernoski, akernoski@gmail.com

Greek School Registration

Greek School registration is ongoing. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 PM – 6 PM. Tuesday's grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and 1st Advanced, 2nd; Thursday's grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. Register at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/>

2025 GOYA Registration

<https://forms.gle/hAmPHc4bLkk9eN9F8>



Contact Sophia Saketos at 908-247-6048 or goya@htgocnj.org with questions.

GOYA Christmas Wreaths and Cemetery Grave Blankets – Deadline Sunday, November 30

GOYA will again be selling Christmas wreaths and cemetery grave blankets as a fundraiser during the Christmas season. Please visit the GOYA table during Fellowship Hour for details. Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 30. Delivery to church courtyard is Thursday, December 4. Any questions, please contact Christine Skalkotos 847-830-1530.

Order: Online <https://tinyurl.com/pr2abypt>

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner/General Meeting – Deadline Sunday, November 30

Join us to herald in the Christmas season at our annual Christmas Dinner Party/General Meeting on Thursday, December 4, 5:30 PM in the Bouras Center. This year we will have “Boutiques” along with our wonderful Christmas Bake Sale. 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. Deadline for reservations is November 30.

Trinity Circle – December 2

Members Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 2, at Galloping Hill Caterers 11:30 to 3:00

Fifth Annual Philoptochos Bread Sale - Deadline Thursday, December 4

Homemade Vasilopita from Agia Skepi Bakehouse!

Each 2 lb. freshly-baked bread is packaged in a beautiful box for \$25. All proceeds go to Saint Basil's Academy. Place your order during Fellowship Hour at the Philoptochos table through December 4 or order/pay electronically via Venmo @Denise-Eliopoulos - last 4 digits phone # 0938. Pick up is December 21 at the church. If you cannot pick up on this date, your order will be in the freezer with your name on it to pick up at your convenience. Please call/text Denise Eliopoulos 973-568-0938 with any questions. Thank you!

Philoptochos Community Christmas Card - 2025

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 Alzheimer's of New Jersey and Community Personnel Services (a division of ECLC). You can sign up by scrolling down to the QR code in our flyer, on-line or during our Fellowship Hour each week at the Philoptochos table. **The due date is December 7.** Please help make this a success! For information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986. Thank you!

TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) – December 10

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 10, 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 612-801-8608 or vcomprelli@gmail.com to sign-up or with any questions.

36th Annual Angel & Mitten Tree – Deadline Tuesday, December 23

We are collecting baby items such as formula, diapers, wipes, new/unused clothing (NB-5t) for Moms Helping Moms. Please note that there is a high demand for formula this year (Enfamil and Similac preferred). We are also collecting new/unused mittens, gloves, hats, and socks. Drop off deadline Tuesday, December 23. Thank you for your generosity to this beloved Holy Trinity Tradition!

SAVE THE DATE - Holy Trinity Family Dance – January 17, 2026

Join us for a night of dancing, delicious food, and fun. The evening will feature a performance by our parish Greek dancers, children's activities, and a buffet dinner. Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ, 6-10 PM. To purchase tickets, please Venmo @westfieldgreekschool and include your name and ticket quantity or visit the Greek School table during Fellowship Hour. Adults \$100; Teens (13-18) \$60; Kids (3-12) \$40. All proceeds will support the Holy Trinity Greek School. If you would like to donate a raffle item or sponsor prizes, email liapapathomas@gmail.com For general questions email asfourmarissa@gmail.com

Adult Greek Dance Lessons, Thursday, January 22, 2026

Lessons will be offered by Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez one Thursday per month, \$25 per class. The next lesson is January 22, 7 - 9 PM. We will enjoy some light drinks and appetizers while learning Greek dances. If interested, please send your name and phone number to htgocgreekdance@gmail.com. The remaining dates are: 2/19, 3/26, 4/23, 5/21.

2025 GOYA Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Fundraiser



Fresh Balsam Fir Holiday Wreaths and Grave Blankets with pine cones and red velvet bow

- 22" Wreath
- 1 Bow Grave Pillow
- 2 Bow Grave Pillow

Order: Online <https://tinyurl.com/pr2abypt> , Form below, or QR code above

Orders due by Sunday, November 30, 2025

Available for pick up on Thursday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 7 directly from the church courtyard.

NAME _____

EMAIL/CELLPHONE _____

Quantity	Item	Price	Total Cost
	22" Wreath	\$35.00	
	1 Bow 16" Grave Blanket	\$32.00	
	2 Bow 24" Grave Blanket	\$37.00	
#	N/A	N/A	\$

Payment Options:

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

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Get Your GOYA FRAPPÉ

Support our GOYA Youth and enjoy a refreshing
Frappe!

\$5 for each frappe.

Cash or Venmo (@WestfieldGOYA)



Proceeds go towards
Holy Trinity's MDF trip!

MDF: Metropolis Music and Dance Festival



FRAPPE FOR PURCHASE AFTER LITURGY AT THE
BOURAS CENTER ON:

Sunday, December 7

Sunday, December 14

**2025 Angel Tree
and
Mitten Trees
Sponsored by Religious Education**

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

The 36th Annual Christmas Gifting Program will benefit Moms Helping Moms, helping underserved families in NJ.

We will be collecting:

GREAT NEED FOR FORMULA
(Enfamil and Similac preferred)
Diapers – size 4, 5, 6 & 7 and Pull-Ups
Diaper Cream
Baby Wash
Wipes
New, unused baby clothes
(0-5T Fall/Winter only at this time)
New, unused books for ages 0-5
Other essential baby items
(NEW items only)



The 36th Annual Mitten Tree

What to Do?

1. Purchase new mittens, gloves, knit hats or socks in adult and children's sizes.
2. Place them under the Mitten Tree starting December 7th.



If you have any questions, call Elise Savnik 908-337-5046

**DROP OFF DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



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

For more information, email Anne Kernoski, Choir Director:

akernoski@gmail.com

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Come join us for
Adult Greek Dance*

**Now offering Greek Dance
Lessons for adults!**

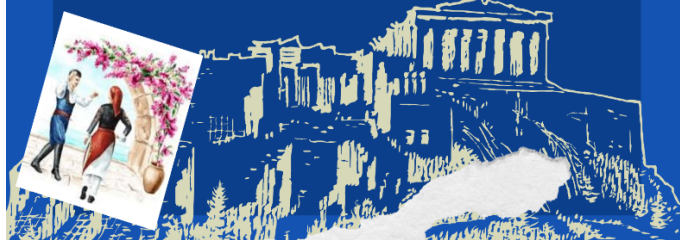
Practices will take place once a month in the
Bouras Center

10/16, 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/23, 5/21

\$25/class

Scan here to sign up

Please contact the instructor
Ronnie Filippatos
for more information
HTGOCGreekDance@gmail.com



join us for
**GREEK DANCE
LESSONS**



COME BE A PART OF THE HOLY TRINITY
GREEK DANCE GROUP!

Classes offered for grades
PreK-12
and adults as well!

Contact: Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez
908-672-6203

Htgocgreekdance@gmail.com



HTOGOC Greek School PTO



Our Organization ID:

27610

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!



1. REGISTER

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

2. SHARE

INVITE 10+ friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using 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!



Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

December 14, 2025

The Religious Education & Joy Hope Graciously Invite All Holy Trinity Parishioners, Families & Friends To Our

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, DESSERT RECEPTION
& HOLIDAY FUN!**

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 14, 2025

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LITURGY
IN THE BOURAS CENTER!**

SIGN UP TO HELP OR BRING A DESSERT

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEAD28A5FD0-58567405-2025>



Come Join Holy Trinity Greek School in Westfield!



Registration for all classes are open now!

2025-2026 Greek School Tuition

Holy Trinity Stewards

One student.....\$520

Two students.....\$850

Three students...\$1050

Non-Stewards

One student.....\$930

Two students.....\$1,510

Three students....\$1,780

Payments can be made at [Holytrinitywestfield.org](https://www.holytrinitywestfield.org) under Ministries:



[Greek School & PTO Registration](#)



[This QR is for PTO DUES only](#)

Classes will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginner and 1st Advanced, 2nd and

Thursday, September 11, 2025 Grades, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

If you have an **important** conflict please reach out to Principal Stavroula Mergoupis at etsoutsani62@gmail.com

Tuition Assistance If you are experiencing financial difficulty with tuition, please feel free to reach out to Father Peter Delvizi in confidence at FrPeter@htgocnj.org



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road
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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
December 10

2026
January 14, 28
February 11, 25
March 11, 25
April 22
May 13, 27

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



Trinity Circle

Annual Members Christmas Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, December 2

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 _____ # _____



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

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY & “BOUTIQUES”

Thursday, December 4, 2025 | 5:30 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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Matijewels.com by MEM Designs - Melissa Martakis

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Byzanthea - Helene Palatianos Quinn

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Gina's Traveling Boutique - Gina Martin



*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 with
Marina LoAlbo 908-272-4341 or Phyllis Verenes 973-538-2236
or you may pay with Zelle, Debbie Koutsaftes at treasurer@htphiloptochos.com
and include RSVP info with payment.*

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 30, 2025



HOLY TRINITY

2025 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 kindness, support, and generosity to help us make a difference together! Please join your fellow parishioners by donating to our annual Christmas Card to benefit *Alzheimer's of New Jersey* as well as *Community Personnel Services (a division of ECLC)* that assists the special needs community through education, employment assistance, and life skills development.

- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DONATION.
- ALL DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

I/We wish to add my/our name(s) to the Community Christmas Card.
_____ **PLEASE USE THE SAME WORDING AS LAST YEAR.**

_____ **PLEASE CHANGE THE WORDING TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Online: _____ Cash: _____ Check #: _____

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY HTGOC**

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

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