

Fifth Sunday of Luke



The Rich Man and Lazarus

Sunday, November 5, 2023

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

Live streaming services - 908.233.8533 - www.holytrinitywestfield.org

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzizis, Parish Priest

On the Fifth Day of the month, we commemorate: St. Galaktion & his wife St. Episteme, the Martyrs of Emesa; Sts. Hermes, Patrobas, Philologos (Romans 16:13), Gaios (Romans 16:23) and Linos (1Timothy 4:21), Apostles of the 70

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. John 21:14-25	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 6:11-18	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 16:19-31	Ελληνικά

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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 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: “A protection of Christians unshamable,* Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,* please reject not* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin.* Instead, come to us for you are good;* your loving help do bring to us,* who are crying in faith to you:* hasten to intercession* and speed now to supplication,* as a protection for all time,* Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, November 8, Holy Archangels, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Thursday, November 9, St. Nektarios, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Saturday, November 11, Sts. Victor, Vikenzios, and Menas, Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, November 12, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Vigil Light: In Loving Memory of Mary Tamasco†

Sacraments and Rites

Wedding: On Thursday, November 2, the wedding of Katerina Molnar and Joseph Frasciello was celebrated. The Koumbara is Alexandra Agaliotis.

Funeral: On Thursday, November 2, the funeral service for Angelo Kostakes† was held. Eternal be his memory.

The Rich Man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31



Each person in this world will suffer many things if they desire to be saved. The reason for this is the existence of sin deep within the soul, which does not leave a person unless he dies. There is a need for each person to pin themselves down and to endure whatever needs to be endured. The most difficult of all is to bear seeing yourself as you truly are. This is done for understanding and not to be frightened or to complain about your situation in life. Lazarus wasn't vindicated by Christ because he was poor, but because he didn't grumble and saw his complete person, flaws and all. He had faith in the mercy and righteousness of God. This is

the crucial point: to desire to accept the state of our spiritual poverty and to live it with patience, with hope, and trusting that God will at some point show mercy to us, will give us the richness of His Grace.

The rich man did not see himself as he truly was, selfish and unsympathetic. Suddenly, when he saw the truth of things, he wanted his brothers to avoid the same sentence. He did not want them to end up with him in Hell.

Christ tells us that it isn't necessary for someone to return from the other world and inform us about it. If we believe in the Word of God, we are then able to live an authentic life. By living a true life in Jesus Christ, we have already journeyed to the other world. We have seen the truth that rests there and we bring it back with us to constantly live with it in our hearts. God entrusts this saving faith to us by keeping the paths of truth.



Reading the Communion Prayers - In Her wisdom, the Church provides beautiful prayers to say before receiving Holy Communion. These prayers are part of our Eucharistic preparation which also includes a complete fast in the morning (i.e. nothing by mouth) before receiving the Precious Gifts. While these prayers are read by the clergy in the altar, the faithful should join in at the same time by reading them silently. These Communion Prayers speak to us about faith and forgiveness; humility and cleansing of sins; and a feeling of unworthiness in the presence of the Almighty God. Finally, they reveal the benefits of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. The conclusion of these prayers is seen in the priest who asks for forgiveness from his co-celebrants in

the altar and then from the entire congregation. In like manner, each of us must ask for forgiveness from our brethren before approaching the Holy Chalice.



Altar Boys

Fr. Peter invites all boys ages 12 and older to commit to service in the altar. An acolyte plays an integral part in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other services. Please speak to Fr. Peter to assist in this capacity. To serve the Lord in this way is a great privilege and honor.

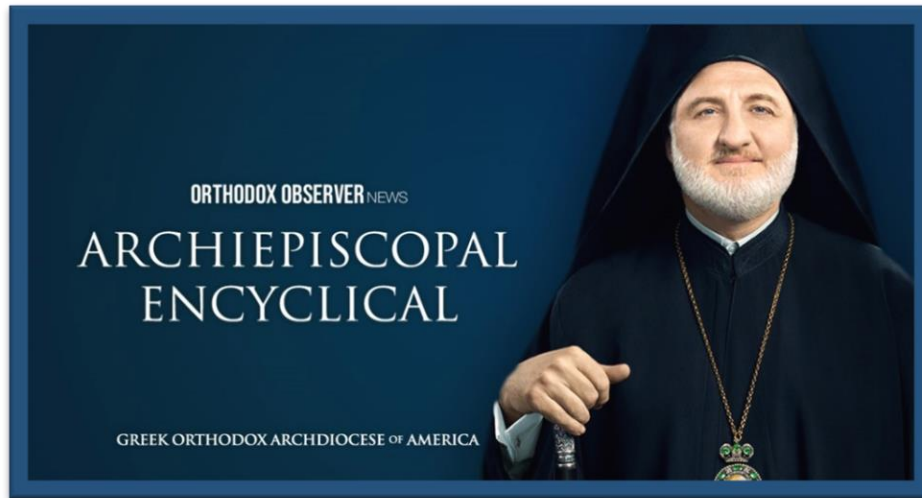
Parish Assembly – Sunday, November 19

The Fall Parish Assembly will be held in the Bouras Center immediately following church service on Sunday, November 19. This Assembly is very important because it is our opportunity to be together and share our thoughts and feedback about Holy Trinity. Watch for your Stewardship Card in the mail!



Molly, Leoneias, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Constantine, Phyllis, Vasileos, Tina, Gabby, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Ketii, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ketii, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas

Archepiscopal Encyclical *Feast of the Archangels*



Prot. No. 306/2023

November 5, 2023

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

And God appeared to him [Abraham] by the oak of Mamre ... (Genesis 18:1)

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every Christian knows the magnificent icon of the Holy Trinity, depicted as the Three Angels who visited Abraham and Sarah by the oak of Mamre. It is a profound image of philoxenia, the hospitality that we offer, but which takes us into the very bosom of God. Indeed, the version of Andrei Rublev is famous throughout the world.

This year, as we celebrate the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels and all the Holy Angels, we pause to remember our most hospitable Institution of our Sacred Archdiocese, Saint Michael's Home. For any of you who have had the privilege to visit the Home, you understand that you are received by staff and residents alike with true Abrahamic hospitality. Our seniors welcome you to their home as the ancient Greeks would welcome "Zeus the Stranger."

As Christians, our vocation is to see no stranger in the eyes of another, and Saint Michael's Home is of that character, where all are welcomed warmly and lovingly. For the Feast of the Angels, every November 8, let us return that philoxenia, that warm and heartfelt hospitality that

Saint Michael's offers to its residents and every visitor. Let us make a special gift of prayer, of intention, and yes, of our resources, so that this marvelous Institution, which is expanding in service to even more of our seniors, can thrive and prosper. The Three Angels who sat down by the oak of Mamre prefigured the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament and gave us a way to portray the Godhead in our sacred icons. Let us offer our very best to those Angelic Powers who protect us, and who protect our seniors at Saint Michael's Home.

With paternal love in Christ,

† *ELPIDOPHOROS*

Archbishop of America



Greek Dance

Greek dance lessons will again be taught by Petro and Niko from Hellenic Roots. Classes will be held in the Bouras Center. Practice times TBD. Sign-up for GOYA (7th-12th grade): <https://tinyurl.com/yfvpxrr8> Sign-up for Joy/Hope (K-6th grades) coming soon. Please email goya@htgocnj.org (GOYA) or kathy@homesbykathyp.com (Joy/Hope) with any questions.



Holy Trinity offers numerous youth programs, including GOYA, JOY/HOPE, Greek Dance and TOTS.

GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is the ministry to teenagers for the purpose of fellowship, worship, service, and witness. New members in grades 6-12 are welcome at any time. 6th graders may participate in Westfield only activities and 7-12th (ages 12-18) may participate in statewide activities. Activities include Christ Encounter Retreat, athletics, outreach, Greek dance, Sights & Sounds (performing and visual arts), and many others! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/53pp88nz> GOYA Advisors: Maria Tarhanidis, Mary Carayannopoulos, Sophia Saketos, Catherine Kelly, Andy Zotos, and Christine Skalkotos. Please contact an advisor or email goya@htgocnj.org with any questions.

TOTS Playgroup – Wednesday, November 15

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 15, 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 with any questions.

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, November 7, monthly lunch/meeting 11 AM - 2 PM with speaker Richard Roscoe, Physical Therapist. Our luncheon is being donated by Effie Gianakis and Mary Psomas in memory of their beloved Bill & Greg. If you are 55 years or older kindly join us for a wonderful day!

9th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive



Share your blessings and support the Ladies Philoptochos Society's 9th 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 the 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

Feeding the Hungry Volunteer Opportunity

On Friday, December 1, 1-3 PM, Philoptochos has organized a volunteer opportunity at Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside. All are welcome to participate. Spots are limited. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Kristin Tencza at kmt@asis-nj.com



Check out the New Bookstore Items

Prosphoro Cover and Antidoro Pouch



These beautifully embroidered covers and pouches are perfect to cover your freshly made *prosphoro* (offering bread) and use to place the *antidoron* (blessed bread) inside. Pious Orthodox Christians will take extra *antidoron* home to consume throughout the week as part of their daily devotions. This pouch is ideal to keep the blessed bread covered and placed on the iconostasis.

High Quality Wooden Proshphoro Seal

When making *proshphoro* (offering bread) for the Eucharist and *antidoron*, a good quality seal is of necessity. Plastic and low-quality wooden seals are less than ideal. These new wooden seals, now available in our bookstore, are high quality featuring deep carvings to allow for a better impression on the bread. You can clearly see and distinguish each part of this *proshphoro* seal.



ΙΣ ΧΣ – This is an abbreviation for **Ιησούς Χριστός** or Jesus Christ

ΝΙΚΑ – Νικά means victory or to conquer

Taken together we translate this as “Jesus Christ Conquers” or in “Jesus Christ is Victory.”

The middle square is carefully extracted by the priest during the Service of the Proskomide and then placed on the paten. This center piece will be consecrated alongside the Offering Wine during the Divine Liturgy to become the very Body of Christ. This portion, also known as the Lamb of God or Amnos, is used for the Eucharist and is the portion that communes the faithful during Holy Communion.

Philoptochos Community Christmas Card - 2023

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 St. Jude's Research Hospital (ASLAC) and Community Hope, Inc. Please sign up on-line or during the 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 2023 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 St. Jude's Research

Hospital and Community Hope, Inc. 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." 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 #: _____

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3, 2023

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.

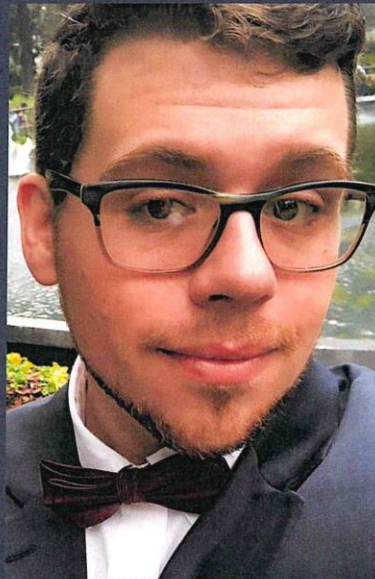
Upcoming Parish Events

Monday, November, 13



ORTHODOXY ON TAP

HOW SHOULD AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN APPROACH READING AND UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE?



Guest Speaker:

**Nicholas
Ruvelas**

M. Div.
Harvard Divinity School

📅 13 November, 2023

🕒 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

📍 Clydz
55 Paterson Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

UPCOMING ORTHODOXY ON TAP:

WED. DEC. 20 - TAVERN ON GEORGE



@NNJYAL & @GOMNJ_YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE!

June 23-29, 2024

CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

The Metropolis Summer Camp program will take place in the summer of 2024 from June 23-29. Registration will be forthcoming. This is an excellent opportunity for children to meet other Greek Orthodox and to learn about the faith in a protected environment.



SAVE THE DATE!

CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

CGS MD: JUNE 15-22
CGS NJ: JUNE 23-29
CGS VA SESSION 1: JULY 7-13
CGS VA SESSION 2: JULY 14-20

REGISTRATION INFO COMING SOON!

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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠