

Seventh Sunday of Luke



Synaxis of the Archangels

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest

On this the Sixth day of the month, we commemorate Our Holy Father St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople; St. Luke the Monk of Taormina; St. Paul the Fool for Christ

Fourth Tone **Ἦχος δ'**

Click links for Scripture Readings

Tenth Morning Gospel:	John 21:1-14	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 2:16-20	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	Luke 8:41-56	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: *“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 the Hierarch: *“Your confession of the true divine faith* manifested you unto the whole Church* as another Paul and zealot among the priests.* With you together is shouting the righteous blood* of Zacharias and Abel unto the Lord.* Holy Father Paul, beseech Christ our God fervently,* entreating that He grant us His great mercy.*

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.”*



Sacraments and Rites



40-Day Blessing: Kathryn Rose, daughter of Andrew and Caitlin Rose

Welcome Visitors

Welcome all visitors to our parish. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will be part of our family. Fr. Peter would like very much to meet you. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and receive information about the parish.

Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 8, Synaxis of the Archangels, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, Nov. 9, St. Nektarios the Wonderworker, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Friday, Nov. 11, Sts. Victor, Vikenzios and Menas the Martyrs, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Nov. 13, St. John Chrysostom, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel & the other Bodiless Powers November 8

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times, but it was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5), while the heretics wove all sorts of fables concerning the angels. Some of them looked upon angels as gods; others, although they did not consider



them gods, called them the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon.

In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

The leader of all the angelic hosts is Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried

out before the faithful angels: ``Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: ``Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels, there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. On the day of the Dread Judgment, the multitude of the hosts of the holy angels of heaven will gather around the throne of Christ, and the deeds, words, and thoughts of every man will be revealed before all. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.



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Archiepiscopal Encyclical for the Feast of the Archangels

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A Prayer to your Guardian Angel

At the time of baptism, a guardian angel is assigned to guide and protect each of us. As we celebrate the heavenly host this Tuesday let us pray for an angel of peace and a guardian of our souls and bodies. Pray this prayer as part of your morning prayer ritual.



"O Angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything wherein I have offended you every day of my life. Protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never more anger God by any sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the saints. Amen."

"Let us consider the whole multitude of His angels, how they stand ever ready to minister to His will. For the Scripture saith, 'Ten thousand times ten thousand stood around Him, and thousands of thousands ministered unto Him, and cried, Holy, holy, holy, [is] the Lord of Sabaoth; the whole creation is full of His glory.'" - Clement of Rome, Letter to the Corinthians, 34:5 (98 A.D.)


Prayer Request




John, John, Ketj, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Daniel, Diane, George, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ketj, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John

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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.



In ages past, there lived a man whose sanctity was so great that even angels marveled at it. The celestial hosts descended from heaven to see how it is possible to be vested with such holiness while still living on earth.

After their encounter, the angels said to God, “Lord, grant this man the gift of wonderworking!”
“I shall do this,” the Lord said, “only ask him if he wants it for himself.”
So, the Angels asked the saint, “Do you wish to grant healing and restoration of health by just your touch?”
The holy man said, “No! For it is far better thing for the Lord to do this Himself.”



“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!”

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! ☩

Wait for the promise of the Father

The November Promise is now available

<https://holytrinitywestfield.org/document/the-promise-november-2022/>


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

Join the Choir

Thank You!

We give thanks to God

*For our choir members, chanters, and
church musicians.*

TOTS Playgroup, November 16
 TOTS (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) is back for 2022/2023! It's a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our next meeting will be Wednesday (new day of the week) November 16, from 9:30-11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregiver (younger

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

Greek Dance for Everyone

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

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



8th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

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

"Grecian Muse" Raffle

An original painting by Avi Kiriakatis is being raffled with the proceeds to benefit The Smile of the Child, a reputable charity based in Greece. Tickets are available during the Fellowship Hour for \$10 each until the drawing at the Philoptochos Christmas party on December 7. Contact avikiriakatis@gmail.com for more information.

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Ladies Philoptochos
RAFFLE

"Grecian Muse"



*Oil Painting Donated
by Avi Kiriakatis*

**PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT 'THE SMILE
OF THE CHILD'
Το Χαμόγελο του παιδιού**

Raffles will be sold during
fellowship hour through
December 4th

1 ticket - \$10

Winner will be selected on
12/7 at the Ladies
Philoptochos Annual
Christmas Party

Winner need not be present to win

Valued at \$1,000
24" x 36"

Contact avikiriakatis@gmail.com for more information

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 we will donate the proceeds to Best Buddies International and the Cleveland Clinic's Women's Alzheimer's Movement for Research. Please sign up on-line or during Fellowship Hour each week at the Philoptochos table. Please help us make this fundraiser a success! For more information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986.



HOLY TRINITY 2022 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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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.

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

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
7:00 pm at the Bouras Center
Brief General Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm

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

Featuring
Christmas Boutique Bake Sale
Lovely Hand Knits by *Kassandra Romas*
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

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)

[2022 Christmas for CASA](#)

The 33rd Annual Christmas Program will begin this week! This year, all gifts will benefit CASA of Union County. Visit our table during Fellowship Hour to select a tag or visit our Amazon wish list to have a gift sent https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HE9ZGYZY8OGW?ref=wl_share. All gifts are due by December 1. Thank you for your generosity to this beloved Holy Trinity tradition!

Fall Parish Assembly, Sunday, November 20

A Parish Assembly meeting will be held in the Bouras Center immediately following church service on Sunday, November 20, 2022. This assembly is for fellow parishioners to learn and hear about the status of Holy Trinity. We welcome and need you to attend.

Capital Campaign

How your donation is working...

and making improvements to the church.

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)

2022 Stewardship Commitment and Online Giving

Our Online Stewardship Giving Program is a convenient way to automate your offering. To sign-up visit the church website www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org On this page you can complete the “Stewardship Commitment Card” and/or donate by clicking “Secure Online Giving”.

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

GOYA Athletics: Goya has 2 more home games this season. All are invited to attend!
2:00 PM VB and 3:00 PM BB. Nov. 6 vs Piscataway and Nov. 27 vs Trenton.

Go Westfield!

	GOYA
	Harvest Bread Sale
	\$12.00 each
	Order online and pay by Venmo @WestfieldGoya https://tinyurl.com/2022HarvestBread
	or complete this order form and return to church office with a check payable to HTGOC YHT.
	Order deadline: Sunday, November 13, 2022 Pickup: Sunday, November 20, 2022
Name _____	
Cell or Email _____	
Pumpkin _____	
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip _____	
Zucchini Walnut _____	
Orange Cranberry _____	
Double Chocolate _____	
TOTAL _____	
x \$12.00 = _____	
Venmo or Check # _____	
Mail to: GOYA Harvest Bread Sale 250 Gallows Hill Road Westfield, NJ 07090 Proceeds to benefit GOYA Outreach Projects	

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JOY HOPE

JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION! WE WILL EACH BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND CREATE A CRAFT THAT SHOWCASES WHAT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

SIGN UP GENIUS TO FOLLOW

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT
6:30PM TO 8:00PM**

BOURAS CENTER

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 11
CONTACT: KATHY PAONE | JOYHOPEHTGOC@YAHOO.COM
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