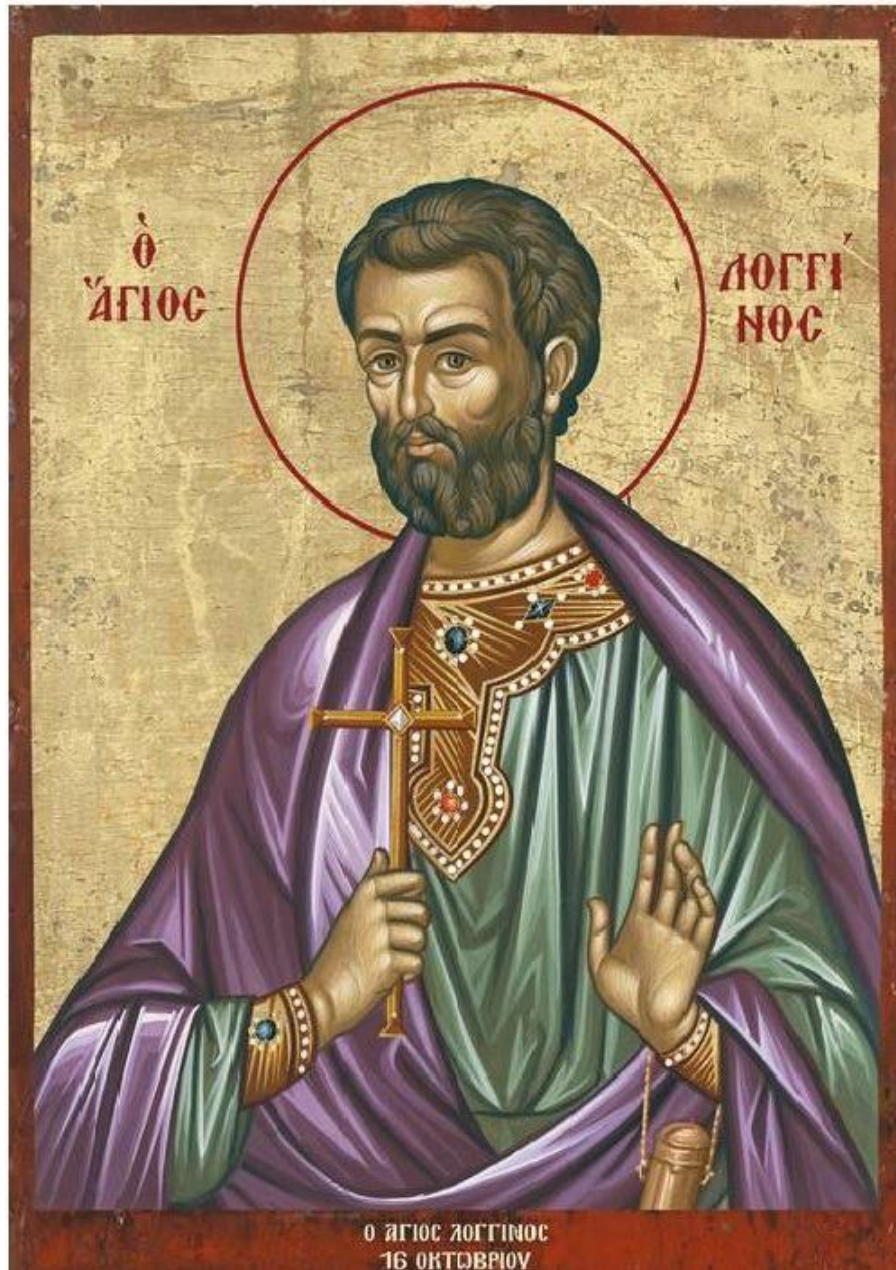


Fourth Sunday of Luke



St. Longinos the Centurion
October 16, 2022

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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Presiding Priest

On this the Sixteenth day of the month, we commemorate Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council held in Nicea; St. Longinos the Centurion who stood by the Cross of Christ; The Two Holy Martyrs killed with St. Longinos;

First Tone **Ἦχος α'**

Click links for Scripture Readings

Sixth Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:1-10	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Titus 3:8-15	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 8:5-15	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.”

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers: “Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.”

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.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in memory of Antonios and Stamatiki Skiadas†

Vigil Light in memory of Van Grafas, Gus Grafas, Helen Loupasakis, and Frieda Anast†

Artoclasia is being offered today for the Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist, and for Magdalene Ravanos and family.



Sacraments and Rites



40 Day Blessing: Today we celebrate the churching of Angelo Allen, son of Jimmy and Ashley Ravanos.

Baptism: On Saturday, October 15, the baptism of Philip Amato, son of Matthew and Alexandra Amato was celebrated. Godfather is Panayiotis Souliotis.

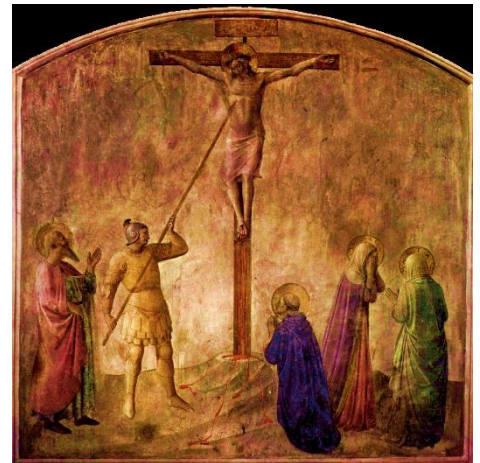
Wedding: On Saturday, October 15, the wedding of Stefani Silverman and Alexis Almonte was celebrated. Koumbara is Nicole Silverman.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, October 23, 6th Sunday of Luke, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

St. Longinos the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of Christ – October 16

St. Longinos lived in the reign of Emperor Tiberius (15-34 AD). This martyr was in the service of Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Judaea, at the time of Christ our Saviour's Passion. Longinos and his men were commanded to carry into effect Pilate's sentence regarding the holy Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to guard the tomb for fear the disciples should come and steal away His body to lend credence to the Resurrection.



So, it came about that Longinos witnessed all the astonishing miracles that accompanied Christ's Passion: the earthquake, the darkening of the sun, the rending of the veil of the temple, the splitting of the rocks, the opening of the graves and the appearance, in their risen bodies, of many Saints of ancient times. The spiritual eyes of the centurion were opened at the sight of these portents, and he cried out with fear in a loud voice, "Truly this was the Son of God." –

At the Resurrection, he was posted with other soldiers to guard the tomb of Christ. The chief priests and elders decided to give Longinos and his men a large sum of money, if they spoke falsely of the disciples that they had stolen the body from the tomb. But Longinos and two of his soldiers refused to take the money, for they were now and forever illuminated by the light of faith in the Resurrection.



With faith in the risen Lord, he forsook the military and departed for Cappadocia, his homeland, where he preached Christ. The chief priests and elders, bent on vengeance, pressed Pontius Pilate about Longinos. They offered him bribes of money and gifts. Pilate wrote Tiberius Caesar denouncing Longinos. By the agency of Pontius Pilate, Tiberius Caesar had him arrested and beheaded with the two other men. The soldiers sent the head of Longinos to Pilate and the chief priests to witness for themselves that indeed he was put to death. The head of St. Longinos was then thrown into a cesspool outside the city of Jerusalem.



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.

Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Daniel, Diane, George, Cynthia, Patty, John, Keith, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ket, 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, Vasilias, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Thomas, Stavroula, Maroulla

Choir Membership Month Join the Choir

The month of October is Choir Membership Recruitment Month. Visit the Choir table during the Fellowship hour to view the posters showing some of the history of Holy Trinity choirs. Email Kathryn Athanasoulas, Choir Director to join the choir:

kathanasoulas@hotmail.com

Thank You!

We give thanks to God

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



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

TOTS Playgroup, October 26

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) October 12 and 26, 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 starting 10/16/22 at 12 noon in Rm 107; GOYA (grades 7th-12th) classes are Sundays from 1-2:30 and adult classes will be offered 2 times a month on Saturday evenings. 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 - Tuesday, November 1, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM lunch/meeting and social. Luncheon donated by Joy Daniledes in memory of her loved ones. We invite all parishioners 55 and over to please join us.

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 - Debvlahakis@gmail.com.

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 coffee 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

2022 OCMC Virtual Trek 4 Missions

Thank you to our Holy Trinity parish for participating in the 2022 OCMC Virtual Trek 4 Missions. The stewards of Holy Trinity raised \$1200 to support the global ministries of the OCMC. The sun never sets on the ministries of the OCMC sharing the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless everyone who contributed.

Religious Education Classes

Please complete the online form for each of your children at your earliest convenience. The first day of classes is September 11 and there will be no classes on September 18 due to the Holy Cross Celebration in Asbury Park. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the fall! **Link to register:** <https://tinyurl.com/2022-23ReligiousEdRegistration>

Greek School Has Begun. Please register



Holy Trinity Greek School will begin on Tuesday September 13 for grades Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd and 4th and Thursday September 15 for grades 3rd, 5th, and 6th. Please register your children by clicking:

[Greek School Registration Form 2022-2023 Click here](#)
[PTO Form Click here](#)

Capital Campaign

How your donation is working...
and making improvements to the church.

Welcome back to the start of another ecclesiastical year. To date, we have collected \$650,497 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 of \$99,503. 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.

Capital Campaign Progress



Call the church office to donate or donate online by visiting 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 and click on "Online Giving", then "Stewardship". On this page you can complete the "Stewardship Commitment Card" and/or donate by clicking "Secure Online Giving".



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