

Sixth Sunday of Luke



St. Gerasimos of Kephallonia

October 20, 2024

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

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

St. Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch; Our Righteous Mother St. Matrona of Chios;
Our Righteous Father St. Gerasimos of Kephalaria; St. Andronicos the Martyr

Plagal Fourth Tone

Ηχος Πλ. Δ

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:36-53	<u>Ελληνικά</u>
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1	<u>Ελληνικά</u>
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 8:26-39	<u>Ελληνικά</u>

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 for The 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 Righteous One: “Let us the faithful praise the divine Gerasimos, who hath been newly revealed to us a protector of the Orthodox, an angel in the flesh, and a God-bearing wonderworker. For he worthily received from God the unfailing gift of healing; he restoreth the ailing and healtheth demoniacs. Wherefore, he pourest forth healings upon them that honor him.”

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

Saturday, October 26, St. Demetrios the Great Martyr, 9:00 AM Orthros, 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy @ Union

Sunday, October 27, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Monday, October 28, Holy Protection, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Friday, November 1, St. Cosmas and St. Damianos, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In Loving Memory of Dimitrios Zafiriou†

Kandili: In Memory of Andonis and Stamatiki Skiadas†

Sacraments and Rites

Churching: On Friday, October 18, a 40-day blessing of William (Vasilios) Kritharis, son of George and Nicole Kritharis, was held.

Wedding: On Saturday, October 19, the wedding of Michaela Kallinosis and William Zeliff was celebrated. The Koumbara is Marigo Markos.

Baptism: On Sunday, the baptism of Frank John “Theofanis” Naglieri, son of John Naglieri and Sophia Savva Naglieri, will be celebrated. The Godfather is Andreas Savva.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for George Christou†, 2 years; Dimitrios Zafiriou†, 5 years; Efstratios Koutsaftes†, 20 years; Kostas†, 21 years, and Erini†, 14 years Tsapelas, Eternal be their memories

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour, which is being sponsored by the Koutsaftes and Recchia Family, in loving memory of Efstratios Koutsaftes†.

Welcome Visitors

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community today. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you consider becoming part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet you. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

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The October Edition of The Promise is Now Available Online!

www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise



St. Gerasimos of Kephalaria – October 20

Saint Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephalaria was born in the village of Trikkala in the Peloponnesus. As a young adult, he became a monk on the island of Zakynthos. On the Holy Mountain he became a schema-monk and studied with the ascetics of Mt. Athos. Receiving a blessing from the Elders, the monk went to Jerusalem to worship at the Life-bearing Tomb of

the Savior. After visiting many holy places in Jerusalem, Mount Sinai, Antioch, Damascus, Alexandria and Egypt, he returned to Jerusalem where he became a lamp-lighter at the Sepulchre of the Lord.

The monk was ordained a deacon and then a priest by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Germanos (1534-1579). Saint Gerasimos maintained the discipline of an ascetic. For solitude he withdrew to the Jordan, where he spent forty days without respite. Having received the Patriarch's blessing for a life of silence, Saint Gerasimos withdrew to Zakynthos in solitude, eating only vegetation.

After five years he was inspired to go to the island of Kephallonia, where he lived in a cave. He restored a church at Omala, and he founded a women's monastery where he lived in constant toil and vigil for thirty years. He prayed on bent knees stretched out on the ground. For his exalted life he was granted a miraculous gift: the ability to heal the sick and cast out unclean spirits.

At 71 years of age, the venerable Gerasimos knew that he would soon die. He gave his blessing to the nuns and peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on August 15, 1579. Two years later, his grave was opened and his holy relics were found fragrant and incorrupt with a healing power.

Since the Feast of the Dormition falls on August 15, Saint Gerasimos is commemorated on August 16th. Today's Feast celebrates the uncovering of his holy relics in 1581.



Nicholas, Hellen, Luba, Kevin, Janice, Elaine, Patty, Cynthia, Nicholas, Blace, Christos, Thomas, Rich, Robert, Phyllis, Lea, Mary, Mason, George, Chloe, Yolanda, Luke, George, Maria, Alexander, Athena, Demetra, Stavroula, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Pamela, John, Helen, Chris, Niko, Vicky, Dino, Stephanie, James, John, Theodora, Novlet, Chrysavgi, Alexandra, Sue, Marilyn, David, Basil, Laura, Marylee, Meropi, Adina, Nicholas, Constantine, Billy, Molly, Leonedas, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Vasileos, Tina, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy

Standing in Christ's Presence

The most sacred part of the Divine Liturgy is when Christ is among us. The most clear and visible display of this is when the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Christ) is present on the solea during the distribution of Holy Communion. Orthodox Tradition teaches us to remain standing during this sacred moment. Moving forward, you are asked to remain standing when the Holy Chalice is presented to the faithful for Eucharistic Communion. As always, exceptions apply to those unable to physically stand during this time.

Religious Education Classes Have Begun

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall! Click the link to register: [Religious Education Registration](#)

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 but hold an interest to teach and learn by being a part of the Religious Education team! We are looking for Assistant Teachers and Substitutes! If interested, please contact Pete Markos at pmarkos307@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
TEACHER AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS		
2024-25		
GRADE	ROOM	TEACHERS
PreK	105	Anna Darity
Kdg	107	Alexandra Mavridis Ariadne Monfalcone
1 & 2	102	Anna Decavalles Melissa Krikos
3 & 4	101	Felicia Karsos
5 & 6	207	Maria Tarhanidis Beth Grivoyannis
7 & 8	202	Leon Carayannopoulos Elias Grivoyannis
9 & 10	204	Tony Drivas
11&12	Boardroom	Peter Tarhanidis Nik Karsos

Greek School Registration is Now Open

Greek School registration is now open for all classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 PM - 6 PM. Classes began Tuesday, September 10, grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and 1st Advanced and Thursday, September 12, grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. To register [click here](#).

Mr./Ms. GOYA Pageant

The GOYA of Holy Trinity would like to congratulate Mr. and Ms. Westfield, Antoni Manousos and Ava Savvis, for their commendable representation of Holy Trinity at last week's Mr. & Ms. GOYA Pageant. May God bless you and may you all continue to be guided by the teachings of our church.

Ladies Philoptochos Society's 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

Share your blessings and support the Ladies Philoptochos Society's 10th 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 our 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

Philoptochos Christmas Party/General Meeting

Please join us for our annual Christmas Dinner/General Meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 PM, in the Bouras Center. 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.

SUPPORT A MISSION PRIEST



Support Mission Priests this October



October is SAMP month and we need Orthodox Faithful like you to offer prayerful support that will make their ministries, that transform the lives of thousands, possible!

Scan and give online
www.ocmc.org/SAMP2024



Goya Clothing Drive Fundraiser – October 26

The next GOYA clothing drive will be held on October 26 from 10:45 AM-12:45 PM in the church parking lot. The list of acceptable items to donate are: clothing, curtains, scooters, towels, bed sheets, blankets, bikes, strollers, belts, handbags, scarves. Please help make this event successful.

GOYA CLOTHING DRIVE

HOLY TRINITY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 GALLOW'S HILL RD.
WESTFIELD, NJ
07090



**please bag items in
kitchen size garbage bags**

Accepting: Clothing, shoes (in a separate clear bag), pocketbooks, belts, baby accessories, hats, scarves, gloves, briefcases, ties, blankets, sheets, tablecloths, towels, curtains, bedding, stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, car seats w base, strollers, small toys/games 2 feet or less.

Not Accepting: large toys, board games, books, puzzles, pots & pans, glass, electrical devices, baby cribs, high chairs, VCR tapes, furniture, outdoor playsets, sports equipment.

**SAT.
OCT 26,
2024**

DRIVE THROUGH & DROP OFF

10:45-12:45



Please Join the
2024
New Jersey
Hellenic American
Heritage Commission

in commemoration of



OXI Day
 and
the Dark Anniversary of Cyprus
50 years of occupation

Saturday, October 26, 2024 @ 12:00PM

Historic Central Terminal

Liberty State Park

1 Audrey Zapp Dr

Jersey City, NJ 07305

Program:

12:00PM

Reception, *Historic Central Terminal*

1:00PM

Panel Discussion, *Blue Comet Auditorium*

2:30PM

Official Flag Raising

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Contact us:

Zenon@Christodoulou.net
 or Asteris Fanikos 609-462-5634



Cultural Committee Excursion – Saturday, November 2

Holy Trinity Cultural Committee invites you to participate in a very special excursion to Agia Skepi (Holy Protection) Monastery on Saturday, November 2. Orthodox Monasticism is as ancient as our faith. For almost two thousand years, faithful men and women have left everything to follow Christ. The Cultural Committee sees this excursion as a way to connect with our faith and heritage as Greek Orthodox Christians. We ask you to mark your calendars for this wonderful day of fellowship and faith.

Trinity Circle

Our next lunch/meeting is Tuesday, November 5, lunch/meeting 11 AM - 2 PM in the Bouras Center. Kindly join us if you are over 55 years young for friendship and camaraderie! Trinity Circle has reserved 30 seats for the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show & Lunch on Thursday, November 14, 2024. A bus will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 AM and return at 4:00 PM. Members: \$85; Non-Members: \$95. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Circle. Kindly make your reservation with Kassandra Romas. Kassandra can be reached at kromas22409@gmail.com or 908-296-1586.

Philo托chos Community Christmas Card - 2024

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 Mary's Place by the Sea, a place for women with cancer to heal: mind, body & soul. You can sign up on-line or during our Fellowship Hour each week at the Philo托chos table. The due date is December 1. Please help make this a success! For information, contact Sandy Boutsikaris 908-578-3341 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986. Thank you!



HOLY TRINITY 2024 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. Please join your fellow parishioners by donating to our annual Christmas Card. All proceeds to benefit Mary's Place by the Sea, a place for women with cancer to heal: mind, body, and soul.

- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DONATION THAT IS 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 #: _____

- If you would like your contact information added to our HTGOC Community on-line Directory, please check this box.

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2024

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.

TOTS: (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social)

It is a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 23, 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.



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

2024

September 25
October 9, 23
November 6, 20
December 11

2025

January 8, 22
February 12, 26
March 12 (Wed.), 28 (Fri.)
April 11, 25 (Fridays)
May 9, 23 (Fridays)

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



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

Upcoming Parish Events

November 2, 2024

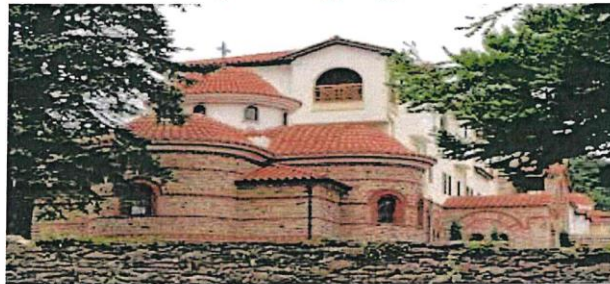
Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

invites all parishioners and friends to join Father Peter in a one-day pilgrimage

Saturday, November 2, 2024

HOLY PROTECTION MONASTERY OF THE THEOTOKOS

I.M. Αγίας Σκέπης της Θεοτόκου



Location: 1 St. Josephs Way, White Haven, PA 18661

Program

9:30 AM – Depart from Starting Location: Holy Trinity, Westfield, NJ

The monastery is located in a scenic rural area 103 miles away, so the drive will offer peaceful views of the countryside.

11:30 AM – Arrival at the Monastery

Upon arrival, take a moment to enjoy the serene surroundings of the monastery.

The grounds are peaceful and offer a tranquil atmosphere ideal for spiritual reflection.

11:45 AM – Tour of the Grounds

Tour of the monastery's grounds including visiting the chapel, gardens, and other notable areas.

1:00 PM – Lunch and Discussion on the Monastery and the Monastic Life

Lunch will be provided by the monastery.

The calm surroundings make it a perfect setting for a quiet, simple lunch.

2:30 PM – Visit the Monastery Store

The monastery has a small store where items made by the sisters are sold, such as handmade candles, icons, honey preserves, other gift items, and a bake shop to buy bread. Purchasing these items supports the monastic community.

4:00 PM – Great Vespers

5:30 PM – Departure from Holy Protection (Agia Skepi) Monastery back to Holy Trinity, Westfield, NJ

A bus with a capacity of 50 seats is reserved. Ticket prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for the youth

Donations will be requested during the trip as a group gift to the Monastery

Please RSVP by Friday, October 25th, 2024

To reserve your seat or for information contact Gina Sikellis at 908 233 8533 or gsikellis@gmail.com



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠