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October 23, 2022

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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest
On this the Twenty-third day of the month, we commemorate The Holy Apostle and Brother of our Lord, St. James (Iakovos); Our Holy Father St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople

Second Tone Ἡχος β’

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:** “When you descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from internal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.”

**Apolytikion of the Apostle:** “As a disciple of the Lord, you accepted the Gospel, O James the Just. As a Martyr you have unchangeability; as the Brother of the Lord you have confidence; and you can intercede as a hierarch. Intercede with Christ our God, entreat ing Him to save 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:** “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.”

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**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, October 25, Great Vespers, 7:00 PM @ Perth Amboy; Union, Jersey City
Wednesday, October 26, St. Demetrios the Great Martyr @ Union, Orthros, 9:00 AM;
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM
Sunday, October 30, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 2 St. Elpidophoros the Martyr, 9:30 AM @ Archdiocesan Cathedral in
NYC, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy honoring the Archbishop on the occasion of his Nameday

St. James (Iakovos), the Apostle and Brother of God (Adelphotheos) – Oct. 23

James is called the Lord's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos. When the righteous Joseph was near death, he divided his estate among his sons, and wanted to leave a portion to the Lord Jesus, the son of the Most-holy Virgin, but all the other brothers opposed this, not regarding Jesus as their brother. James greatly loved Jesus and declared that he would include Jesus in his share. That is why he is called the Lord's brother. From the beginning, James was devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. Later, as soon as he heard Christ's teaching, James lived by it. It is said of him that he never ate fat or oil, but lived on just bread and water, and was a virgin to the end of his life on earth. In this, he lived like another St. John the Baptist. He often kept vigil at night and prayed to God. The Lord numbered him among His Seventy Apostles. Following His glorious Resurrection, the Lord appeared to him especially, as the Apostle Paul testifies (I Corinthians 15:7). He was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and zealously governed the Church of God. At the instruction of the Lord, James compiled the first Liturgy, which seemed very long for later Christians, and St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom shortened it. He converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith, and even the unbelieving Jews were amazed at his righteousness, referring to him as "James the Just." When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James for being a preacher of Christ. Once, during the feast of Passover, when many people had gathered in Jerusalem, the elders forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple, and tried to make him speak against Christ. He climbed up and spoke to the people of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, of His Resurrection and His eternal glory in the heavens. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof; he fell and was severely injured, but was still alive. Then, one man ran up and struck him on the head with a fuller's club with such force that his brains spilled out. Thus, this most glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's
death, and went to live eternally in the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-six years old when he suffered for Christ.

**St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople – October 23**

Ignatius was the son of Emperor Michael Rangabe. He became patriarch after St. Methodios in 846 A.D. Then Ignatius was deposed in 858 A.D. and exiled. Photios, the chief secretary to the emperor, was made patriarch in his place. However, when Emperor Basil the Macedonian ascended the throne, he re-instated Ignatius to the patriarchal throne. St. Ignatius governed the Church with great zeal and wisdom. He built the Monastery of the Holy Archangels in which he reposed in the Lord in the eighty-ninth year of his life.

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**Prayer Request**

Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Daniel, Diane, George, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, 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, Vasia, 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.

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 - Debvlakahis@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 Colonia 917/825-5986

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. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the fall! Link to register: https://tinyurl.com/2022-23ReligiousEdRegistration

The Christ Encounter Retreat for Religious Education students from grade 6th – 12th is being held this weekend, Friday - Sunday, October 21-23. The annual retreat is back at Camp Fairview Lakes this year after 2 years of the pandemic. We wish our students a fun and spiritual weekend! Buses will return as Sunday School lets out.

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
Welcome back to the start of another ecclesiastical year. To date, we have collected $659,448 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 of $90,552. 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

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”.
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](https://tinyurl.com/2022HarvestBread). Proceeds will benefit Goya outreach projects.

GOYA Athletics: Goya has 3 more home games this season. All are invited to attend! 2pm VB and 3pm BB. Oct. 30 vs Holmdel, Nov. 6 vs Piscataway and Nov. 27 vs Trenton.

Go Westfield!
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
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