

Seventh Sunday of Luke



The Holy Martyr St. Nestor

October 27, 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. Nestor the Holy Martyr of Thessaloniki, disciple of St. Demetrios;
St. Kyriakos, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Procla, wife of Pontius Pilate

First Tone

Ἦχος Α΄

Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:1-10	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 8:41-56	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “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 Martyr: “All the world has you, its mighty champion, * fortifying us in times of danger, * and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. * So, as you humbled Lyaios’s arrogance * by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, * thus, O holy Great-martyr Demetrios, * to Christ our God pray fervently, * beseeching Him to 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.”

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, October 28, Protection of the Theotokos, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Friday, November 1, Sts. Cosmas and Damianos, the Unmercenaries, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, November 3, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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

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

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Agyro Markos✝

Large Candles: In loving memory of Angelo Kostakes✝

Sacraments and Rites

Churching: On Sunday a 40-day blessing of Panagiotis Ioannis Skiades, son of John and Eleni Skiades, will be held.

Baptism: On Sunday the baptism of Mark Anthony Jefferys, son of Tom Jefferys and Laura Maneates, will be celebrated. The Godmother is Katie Tencza.

Memorial: Your prayers are requested on Sunday morning at the memorial service for Nicholas J. Minas✝, 40 days; Eternal be his memory.

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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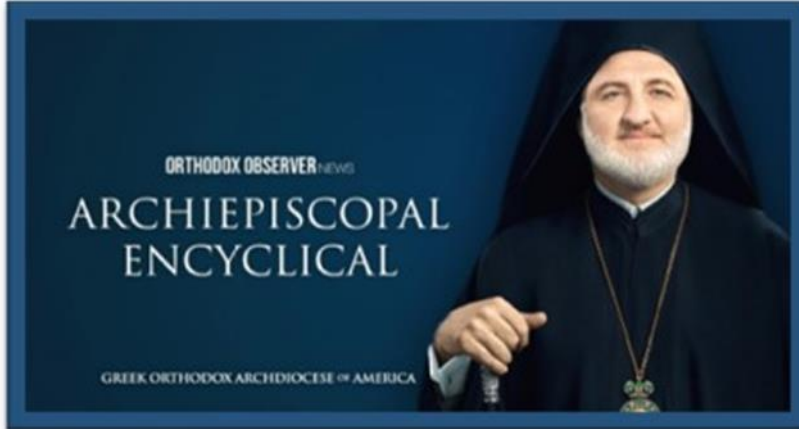
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www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org/the-promise

Great Hierarchical Vespers at Holy Trinity - Thursday, November 21

It is with great honor that Holy Trinity will host for the first time the Feastday of the new patron saint of the Metropolis of NJ, St. Iakovos of Evia. Great Vespers, presided by His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos with area clergy, will begin at 6:00 PM. Altar boys from around the area also will be in attendance to be given a special cross to wear at all services. All Holy Trinity parishioners with the faithful from the area are invited. A celebratory reception will follow in the Bouras Center. Make plans from now to mark your calendar for this beautiful feast of St. Iakovos.

Archiepiscopal Encyclical for the Commemoration of OXI Day



October 27, 2024

To 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:

Blessed is the people, whose help is the Lord their God.
(Doxology for October 28th, the Feast of Victory)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

OXI Day is a shining reminder of the courage and steadfastness of the People of Greece, who stood tall in the face of the fascist aggression and invasion against their Nation during World War II. The line that they drew was in their own blood, and their heroism is redolent of those Immortal Heroes of 1821, in whose steps they faithfully followed.

Greece may be a small land, but it is an enormous civilization. Whether in the mainland, the islands, or the outposts of Asia Minor that were founded thousands of years ago, the genius of Hellas has always shone forth for all the world to see. The resistance of Greece to the fascists of the Second World War was inevitable, for such cruel and violent forms of domination are counter to every impulse of the Hellenic Mind. Add to this culture the Christian Orthodox Faith, and you have a spiritual, mental, and indeed, national phalanx against tyranny.

Therefore, it is no accident that the Church of Greece transferred the feast of the Holy Protection of the Virgin from October 1st (the day it is normally observed) to OXI Day, October 28th. This recognition of God's favor and aid in the face of invasion through the intercessions of His Holy Mother is deeply engrained in the psyche of the Greek People. Around the world, Hellenes and Philhellenes alike celebrate this faith in God and

faith in the human potential for justice and goodness on this Day of the “OXI” to totalitarianism and the “NAI” to freedom. How blessed we all are to be the People whose help is on the Lord our God.

With paternal love in Christ,

† Ἐλπιδοφόρος

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



St. Nestor the Martyr – Oct. 27

St. Demetrios (Oct. 26) and St. Nestor suffered in Thessaloniki during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). Demetrios was a great warrior with many accomplishments. He was a devout Christian and used his position in the Roman army to spread the Gospel. When word of his faith in Christ reached the Emperor’s ears, he flew into a rage. The saint was tortured and imprisoned.

As was usual on certain occasions, Maximian arranged for gladiatorial games of combat to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaïos, a Vandal by origin. No one could withstand this man’s strength in combat. There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the prison where Demetrios was detained and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and heart of the boy and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaïos. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted one of the most famous sayings in Church history, “God of Demetrios, help me!” In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him in the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the hitherto invincible barbarian. The fact that Nestor placed his entire hope in the Lord, “the Master of the contest”, He delivers their enemies into the hands of the faithful.

Rather than yield to this sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. As he was heading out to meet martyrdom, the Emperor heard him call, once again, upon the “God of Demetrios”.

After hearing Nestor's call, the Emperor ordered his soldiers to attack Demetrios in his cell. The type of maddening rage exhibited by the Emperor could not be contained. Thus, his soldiers came and thrust Demetrios through with their lances. After this, the Saint's body flowed with myrrh. This delightful scent, which had the property of healing to all who took it as an unction, began the faithful calling upon the Saint to intercede for them before the merciful God.

Saint Nestor is celebrated on the day that follows the great celebration of St. Demetrios. May the "God of Demetrios", through the intercessions of St. Demetrios and St. Nestor, be ever with us, blessing and granting us His salvation.

St. Procla, the wife of Pontius Pilate – Oct. 27

When Pilate was seated on the judgement-hall with Christ before him, his wife Procla sent to him saying, "Have nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." – Matthew 27:19. But in his anxiety to please the people and to avoid trouble, Pilate did not heed this warning.



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.

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](#).

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

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 Debylahakis@gmail.com

Philoptochos Christmas Dinner/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 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



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, 11 AM - 2 PM in the Bouras Center, donated by Jim Christo in memory of his beloved wife. “The Greek Orthodox Christian Nomads of Greece” will be presented by Steve Xenakis.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show & Lunch on Thursday, November 14, 2024. A bus will leave the church parking lot at 10 AM and return at 4 PM. Members: \$85; Non-Members: \$95. Checks should be payable to Trinity Circle. Kindly make your reservation with Kassandra Romas who can be reached at kromas22409@gmail.com or 908-296-1586.

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 6, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregivers (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.

Sights and Sounds – Vocal Coach Needed

The GOYA is looking for a vocal coach for the Religious, Greek, and English singing groups in preparation for Sights and Sounds on March 1, 2025. Please reach out to Sophia Saketos 908-247-6048 if you are interested or if you know of anyone who could assist the GOYA.

Philoptochos 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 Philoptochos 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.

Greek School Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that we will be working with Charleston Wrap again this year to raise funds for our beloved school. Last year, we were able to raise over \$600. Our goal this year is to surpass \$1000 to support our various school activities. Supporting this fundraiser is easy; people just log-in and shop!! Charleston Wrap offers high-quality gift wrap and beautiful gifts that are perfect for the holiday season. By participating in this fundraiser, not only will you be able to find great gifts for your loved ones, but you will also be supporting the Greek School.

HTOGOC Greek School PTO



REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,
our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID:

27610



1. REGISTER

REGISTER now as a participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

2. SHARE

INVITE 10 + friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using the **TEXT & EMAIL** invitation tools. Don't forget to share on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

3. SHOP

SHOP online and help us reach our **GOAL** today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!





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

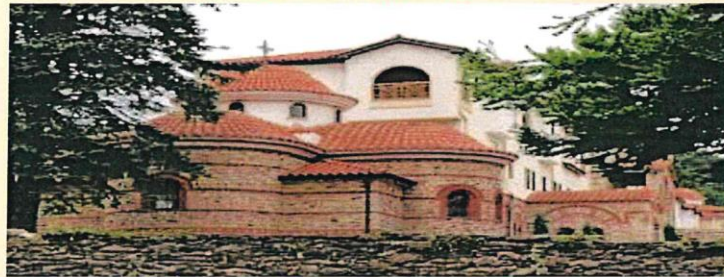
Holy Trinity Cultural Committee

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

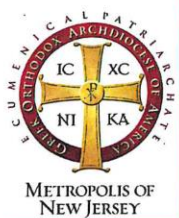
A bus with a capacity of 50 seats is reserved. Ticket prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for the youth

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

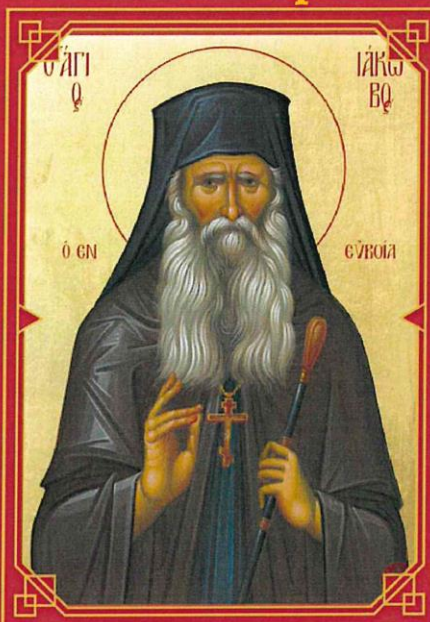
November 21 & 22, 2024



**His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos
of New Jersey**



**Invites All the Faithful to the
First Celebration of the Feast of St. Iakovos of Evia
Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey**



**Hierarchical Great Vespers,
Acolyte Blessing,
and Dinner Reception**

**Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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250 Gallows Hill Road
Westfield, NJ 07090**

**Orthros,
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
and Reception**

**Friday, November 22, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

**Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey
215 E. Grove Street
Westfield, NJ 07090**



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠