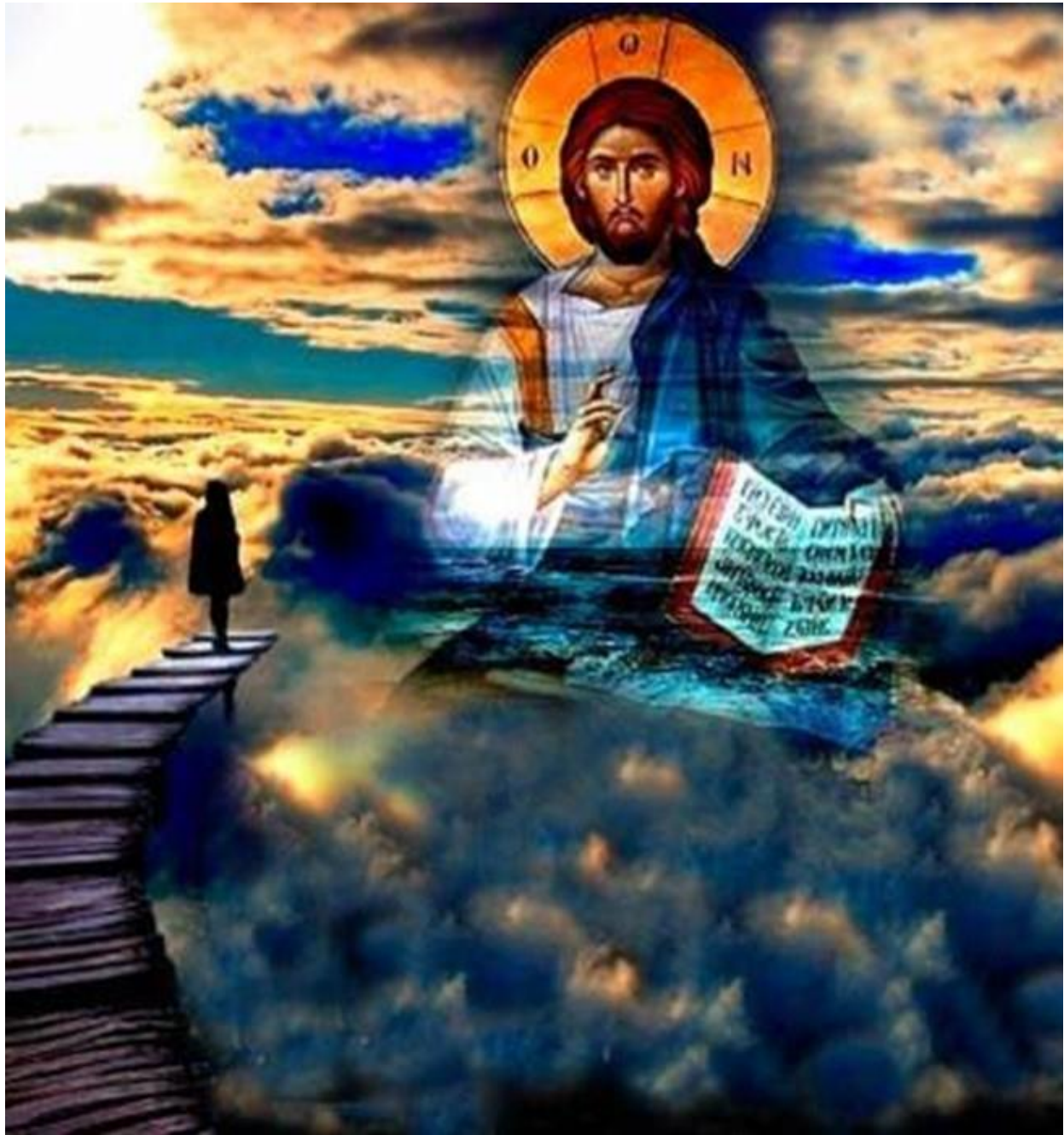


Second Sunday of Luke



October 2, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizio, Presiding Priest

On this the second day of the month, we commemorate St. Kyprianos the Hieromartyr;
The Holy Martyr St. Justina the Virgin

Varis Tone Ηχος Βαρύς

Click links for Scripture Readings

Second Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:13-35	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 6:31-36	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers’ sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.”

Apolytikion for the Hieromartyr: “Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Kyprianos. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching 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.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in memory of Sarandos Markos

Vigil Light in memory of John Svolos



Sacraments and Rites



Baptisms: On Saturday, October 1, the baptism of Penelope Elizabeth Gathercole, daughter of Christopher Gathercole and Eleni Zafiriou was celebrated. Godparent is Ronnie Filippatos.

Wedding: On Saturday, October 1, the wedding of James Joseph Porfiris and Jennifer S. Zimmerman was celebrated. Koumbaro is Anthony Gavakos.

Funeral: On Wednesday, October 12 the funeral of John Svolos will be held at 11:00 AM. A viewing will be held beginning at 10:15 AM. Eternal be his memory.

Liturgical Schedule

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

Tuesday, October 11, St. Philip, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 16, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

The Gospel Explained – Luke 6:31-36

The Timeless Christian Message to Do Good

The extraordinary nature of the Gospel is the timelessness of its message. Today's message, which teaches to "love your enemies" and to "do good to those that hate you", once again demonstrates its unique and universal characteristics. – Luke 6:27

Perhaps today, more than ever, we live as tribal people only mingling with those whose vision of society corresponds to our own and then exclude those whose opinions don't align with the clannish tribal behavior. Segregation from others soon follows, as the tribe feels threatened from every outside force. Out of fear, walls of separation are built, and their magnitude becomes increasingly larger when the tribe seeks to protect its people from violating intruders.

The Gospel message, however, is not tribal nor is it parochial because its message is timeless and universal. The expanse, depth of knowledge and truth makes its message a powerful, liberating, and enduring force, not just for us today but for all time. And for this reason, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we should never be afraid, timid, or ashamed of what it contains. We should uphold it, preserve it, and be emboldened to spread its message to all people as did so many who have come before us.

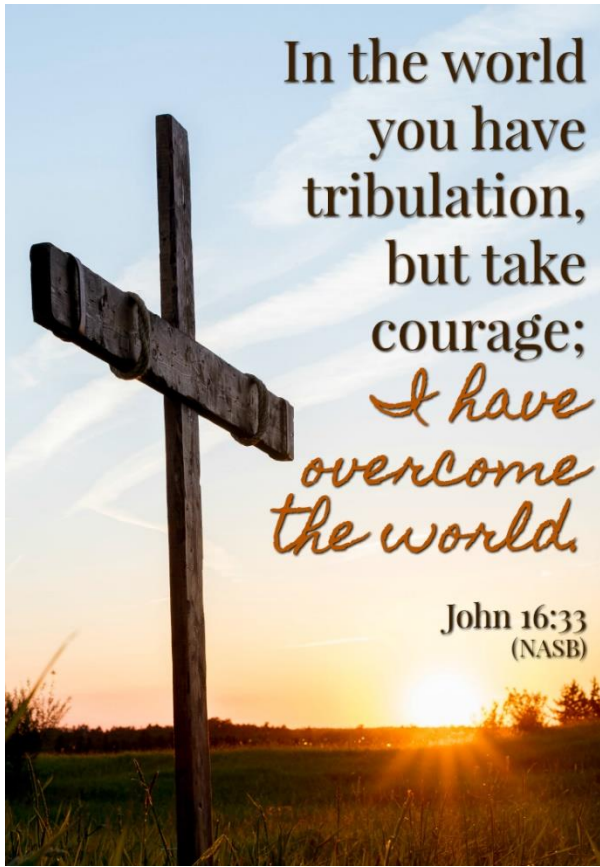
Over a short span of time, we have seen that society has devolved into tribalism. A society motivated by cultural and political tribalism can apply powerful pressure to keep people of faith and goodwill silent. What happens when the power of tribal socialism intersects with the zeal of faith and tradition? Which one wins? Currently, a certain segment of society attempts to control all conversations and narratives by limiting



thought to a very narrow perspective of life. All too often, people of faith feel powerless and stripped of voice when confronted by the forces of political correctness or censorship. Common sense dictates that anything constantly forced upon or hammered into a hesitant group should be rejected since this is the simplest definition of subjugation. More and more this social tribalism that we see forces foreign elements upon a traditional society that are, at best, foolish and, at worst, destructive to the established culture. The impulse to create a new “reality” for the masses all too often destroys that which has long been constructive without offering a concrete model with which to build a new and better future. Lastly, and perhaps the saddest part of this “modern” tribalism is that it fiercely fights and is the bitter opponent of both natural law and divine reality.

Think of the Apostles at the time of Christ. They were being sent out into a strange and mostly pagan world. Christian identity had not been established and there was no traditional code for personal conduct. Persecutors and plotters awaited them. If the Apostles were fearful and dismayed by persecution, they might have wanted to protect themselves by keeping silent and not teaching. If that happened, the radiant sun of the Gospel would have been extinguished. In anticipation of this, the Lord exhorts them not to give way to defensive measures against those who opposed them. But instead, the Lord teaches them to bravely endure all things, even insults and murderous plots. This is what the Lord did on the Cross by saying, “Lord, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” - Luke 23:34.

The Lord explains to His Apostles, and to us, how to overcome the opponents of the Gospel. “What you want to be done to you, do the same to others; and be to others that kind of person you want others to be to you.” In other words, if you want your enemies to be hard, unfeeling,



In the world
you have
tribulation,
but take
courage;
*I have
overcome
the world.*

John 16:33
(NASB)

and angry towards you, then be that way to them. But if you want them to be kind and compassionate towards you, and not to remember wrongs, do not think that it is impossible for you to be this way to them. The Lord also asks us to go beyond the natural law that is written in our hearts. If you are good to those that are good to you and lend to those who would lend to you, then you have not initiated the higher things in your life. Divine Law surpasses natural law and dictates that you love those who hate you and give to those without expecting in return. When we become kind to the ungrateful and merciful to the sinner, then we begin to live in the paths of the Most High. Do you want to live as a sinner or as God? Do you want to live in a tribal manner excluding others from your life or live the higher form that is kind and loving to all. In the end, the higher virtues will overcome the lower elements of this earth.



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 very much like to meet you.



Holy Trinity Administrative Assistant Position Available

Holy Trinity has begun searching for a new Administrative Assistant to replace Joy Daniledes, who retired on July 31. This full-time position provides support to Father Peter and Diana, the Office Manager, as well as tending to office visitors and directing phone calls. Additional duties are: communication with parishioners through parish publications, preparing and editing communication materials, and keeping of the parish calendar. If interested, please contact Fr. Peter and email your resumé to FrPeter@Htgocnj.org.

Prayer Request



Matt, Daniel, Diane, George, Cynthia, Patty, John, Keith, 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, Vasilia, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Thomas, Stavroula, Maroulla



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

National Church Music Sunday

Today is National Church Music Sunday when we recognize the service of our choir members and chanters. This year we would like to think of it as 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.

Thank You!

We give thanks to God

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

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, October 4th - 11:00 to -2:00 pm lunch/meeting and social donated by Maria Grafas and Harriet Provel in memory of their loved ones. We invite all parishioners 55 and over to please join us. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

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](#)

TOTS Playgroup

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 today (10/2/22) 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).

Special Collection for Holy Cross School of Theology

Last Sunday, Philoptochos passed a tray to benefit Hellenic College - Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. \$500 was raised to help support our School. For more information about our College and Theological School, please visit: www.hchc.edu.



Please join us for a Philoptochos General Meeting & Wine Tasting

on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 at 6:30pm

at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield

SCOUT & CELLAR
CLEAN-CRAFTED WINE

*after the meeting, we will be tasting Scout & Cellar
Clean Crafted Wine with Jenny Stellakis*

Please RSVP using the QR code → 
or to MariaK@htphiloptochos.com

<https://forms.gle/HCRrC8LWUh2SD8mw6>

Sips and Cheers!
scoutandcellar.com/eventshare/P238013/?u=sipsandcheers
στην υγεια μας!

GROWN NATURALLY WITH NO SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES BECAUSE GOOD DRINKS DON'T NEED 'EM	WILDLY DELICIOUS & ALWAYS DISTINCTIVE TENDED BY ACTUAL PEOPLE AND NOT MASS PRODUCED BY INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURAL METHODS	THE AVERAGE MASS PRODUCED BOTTLE OF WINE CAN CONTAIN UP TO 16 OF ADDED SUGAR THAT'S MOSTLY FROM A GLAZED DOORSTOP	ZERO ADDED CHEMICALS NONE, NADA, NOT ONE TRACE	SLOW CRAFTED TO EXTRACT NATURALLY OCCURRING ANTIOXIDANTS
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			0% COPPER SULFATE 0% HIGH PURPLE	
			0% GMO INGREDIENTS JUST TO NAME A FEW	



JOY | HOPE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 at 11 AM

WIGHTMAN FARMS

1111 Mt. Kemble Avenue Morristown, NJ

We will meet at the farm

\$25 Entry fee includes hayrides, corn maze, one pumpkin and access to picnic area

Pick your own apples are an additional fee

Contact Kathy Paone

E: joyhopehtgoc@yahoo.com | 201.344.4049

Registration for Youth Ministries will be held during the Fellowship Hour today



HOLY TRINITY
WESTFIELD

YOUTH REGISTRATION

GOYA

6TH* - 12TH GRADES

*WESTFIELD ONLY EVENTS

IRIS LOVE: GOYA@HTGOCNJ.ORG

JOY & HOPE

KDG - 6TH GRADE

KATHY PAONE: JOYHOPEHTGOC@YAHOO.COM

TOTS

1.5 - 4 YRS

VAL COMPRELLI: VCOMPRELLI@GMAIL.COM

BOURAS CENTER
SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 & 25

GOYA CLOTHING DRIVE

HOLY TRINITY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 GALLOWS 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 15,
2022**

DRIVE THROUGH & DROP OFF

9:30-10:30AM

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".

40th ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC



Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Watchung Valley Country Club
Watchung, NJ

Golf Outing Schedule – Shotgun Start
Upon completion we will have a reception
with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

Driving Range will be available	10:00 am
Registration	10:00 am
Lunch	11:00 am
Shotgun start	12:00 pm
Cocktail Hour and Reception	4:45 pm
Awards/Auction	6:30 pm

Sponsorship Opportunities

<u>Grand Benefactor</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<u>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
<u>Prize Sponsor</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
<u>Lunch Sponsor</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
<u>On Course Beverage sponsor</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>
<u>Range Sponsor</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>
<u>Cart Sponsor</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>
<u>Tee Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>
<u>Hole in One Prize Sponsor Opportunity</u>	

Benefiting:
The Windy 25 Memorial Fund
&
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church