

Fifth Sunday of Luke



ST. ELPIDOPHOROS THE MARTYR

October 30, 2022

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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest

On this the Thirtieth day of the month, we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Sts. Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia; Sts. Kleopas and Artemas of the 70 Apostles; Righteous Joseph and Kyriakos, Patriarchs of Constantinople; St. Therapon; St. John the Wonderworker; Righteous Marcian, Bishop of Antioch

Third Tone Ηχος γ'

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Ninth Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:19-31	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 1:11-19	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 16:19-31	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.”

Apolytikion of the Martyrs: “Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You* the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God.* Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants,* dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance.* O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, 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 Agyro Markos†

Vigil Light in memory of Sam† and Irene Panagakos†

Large Candles in memory of Stanley Chrysohos†



Sacraments and Rites



40-Day Blessing: Theodore Blackford, son of Alexandra and Raymond Blackford

Funerals: On Thursday, October 27, the funeral for George Christou+ was held. On Saturday, October 29, the viewing and burial for Mary Cremedas+ was held. On Saturday, October 29, a Trisagion Service for Anthony Alvanos+ was held.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Stanley Chrysohos+, 40 days; Gust John Svolos+, 40 days; Angelo Ravanos+, 12 years; Irene+ (12 years) and Konstantinos+ (19 years) Tsapelas; Irene+ (8 years) and Sarantos+ (5 years) Panagakos

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.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored by the Chrysohos family in memory of Stanley Chrysohos+ and the Panagakos family, in memory of Irene+ and Sam Panagakos+.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 2, **St. Elpidophoros the Martyr**, 9:30 AM @ Archdiocesan Cathedral in NYC, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy honoring the Archbishop on his NAMEDAY.

Sunday, Nov. 6, Seventh Sunday of Luke, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

St. Elpidophoros the Martyr – Nov. 2

On November 2, the Orthodox Church celebrates the five Persian martyrs: Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and Anempodistos. These are all Greek translations from their original Persian names. Acindynos comes from ακίνδυνος which means “free of danger” or “safe;” Pegasios from πηγάζω, meaning “gush forth;” Aphthonios from αφθονία, “abundance;” Elpidophoros, meaning “bearer of hope” and Anempodistos (ανεμπόδιστος) means “unhindered.”

The meaning of these five names are attributes of a martyr. Akindynos faced mortal danger (κίνδυνος) but remained secure in his faith. His body along with Pegasios and Anempodistos were burned, yet, their bodies would not be harmed by the fire. Anempodistos’ faith was unhindered by the tortures he bravely faced. Pegasios, his bravery and faith in Christ gushed forth, was overflowing. Similarly, Aphthonios had an abundance of faith. Lastly, Elpidophoros bears hope that by martyrdom he will enter the Lord’s Kingdom. The hope is in the Resurrection and the life of the ages to come.

These five martyrs bravely contested for the Faith in the year 330 AD. King Sapor II reigned for most of the 4th Century in Persia. These saints were secret Christians and Sapor’s personal courtiers. When King Sapor began his persecution of Christians, some of his pagan followers identified these five as Christians. Although by this time Christianity was legalized, that was in the Roman-Byzantine Empire. The Sasanian Empire or Neo-Persian Empire was a rival to the former. Christianity was not tolerated there. Initially, Acindynos, Pegasios and Anempodistos were summoned by Sapor to appear before him for trial and so they bravely confessed their faith in Christ. As a result, Sapor ordered that they be flogged. It was witnessing the persecution of the three, that Elpidophoros and Aphthonios came to the True Faith. The word martyr in Greek is μάρτυς or μάρτυρας. In both cases it means witness which is what a martyr does; bears witness to Christ, leading others to Him. Elpidophoros and

Aphthonios were beheaded while Acindynos, Pegasios and Anempodistos were burned to death. Yet, as mentioned above, their bodies were not consumed by the fire. Sapor was so vile that he would not permit the burial of these five martyrs. In total, 7,000 believers were executed in Persia by Sapor. The bodies of Acindynos, Pegasios and Anempodistos not being consumed by fire is similar to the martyrdom of Polycarp, Bishop of Rome. He was martyred in the 2nd Century during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Polycarp was burned to death but his body remained unharmed just like the former three.

These three Persian martyrs and Polycarp were executed by flame, yet, miraculously their bodies were not consumed by it. God chose to keep their bodies intact. This miracle along with their steadfast faith bear witness to Christ. Similarly, the burning bush that Moses beheld was not consumed by the flames. This is a prefiguration of the Theotokos. She contained in Her womb, the Logos, Jesus Christ while maintaining Her virginity.

Prayer Request



Keti, 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, 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

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, November 16

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) November 16, 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. Adult classes will be offered on Saturdays. 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.

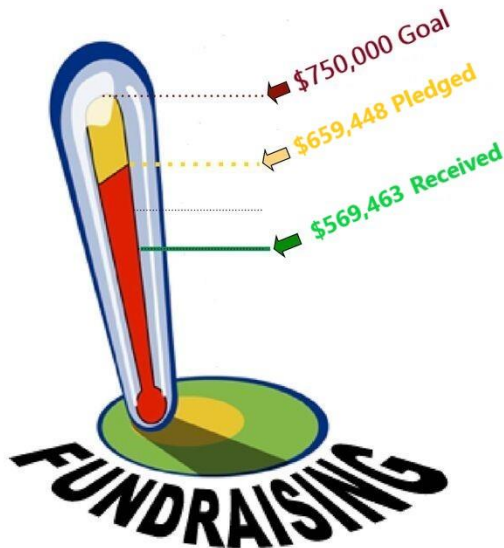
“Grecian Muse” Raffle

An original painting by Avi Kiriakatis is being raffled with the proceeds to benefit The Smile of the Child, a reputable charity based in Greece. Tickets are available during the Fellowship Hour for \$10 each until the drawing at the Philoptochos Christmas party on December 7.

Capital Campaign

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

Capital Campaign Progress



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>. 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!

	GOYA
	Harvest Bread Sale
	\$12.00 each
	Order online and pay by Venmo @WestfieldGoya https://tinyurl.com/2022HarvestBread
	or complete this order form and return to church office with a check payable to HTGOC YHT.
	Order deadline: Sunday, November 13, 2022 Pickup: Sunday, November 20, 2022
Name _____	
Cell or Email _____	
Pumpkin _____	
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip _____	
Zucchini Walnut _____	
Orange Cranberry _____	
Double Chocolate _____	
TOTAL _____	
x \$12.00 = _____	
Venmo or Check # _____	
Mail to: GOYA Harvest Bread Sale 250 Gallows Hill Road Westfield, NJ 07090	
Proceeds to benefit GOYA Outreach Projects	

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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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