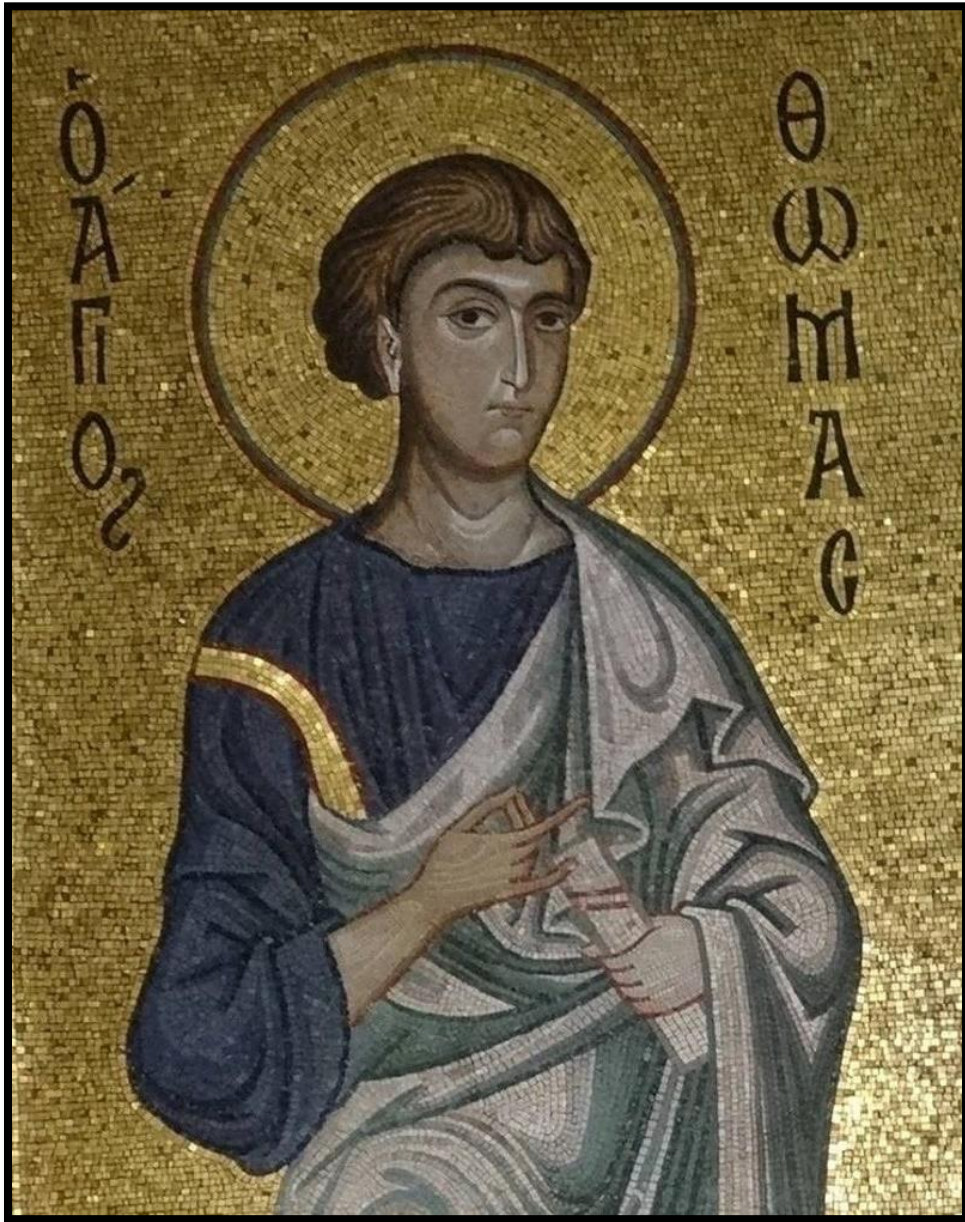


Third Sunday of Luke



St. Thomas the Apostle and Disciple

October 6, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
908.233.8533 www.holytrinitywestfield.org

Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizio, Parish Priest

On Sunday, October 6th, we commemorate The Holy and Glorious Apostle St. Thomas;
St. Eroteis the Martyr of Cappadocia; St. Makarios the Righteous of Chios

Plagal Second Tone

Ἦχος Πλ. Β΄

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:1-12	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 4:6-15	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 7:11-16	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.”

Apolytikion of St. Thomas: “O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.”

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

Sunday, October 13, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Sarandos Markos†

Large Candles: In loving memory of Georgia Conelias†

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism: On Saturday, October 5, the baptism of Frangiskos Emmanuel Vozos, son of Emmanuel and Courtney Vozos, was celebrated. The Godparents are Margo and Costa Costidis.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for Maria Konstas†, 4 years and Georgia Conelias†, 25 years. Eternal be their memories.

Welcome

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.

Anniversary Luncheon in Honor of Fr. Peter & Pres. Victoria – October 13

The parish council extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend a very special anniversary celebration in honor of Fr. Peter's twenty-year assignment to Holy Trinity and thirty-year anniversary to the holy priesthood. His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos will be in attendance and preside at a hierarchical divine liturgy. The anniversary luncheon will follow. Money raised will support two funds that promote the priesthood: "Support a Mission Priest" (a fund to financially support priests in Africa) and "Walking with Christ" (a fund that supports seminarians from the Metropolis of New Jersey initiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos). Fr. Peter and Presvytera Victoria have served the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for three decades and their service to Holy Trinity has been a two-decade ministry of love and servant-leadership. \$30/adult; children 6-13 \$10; and children under 6 free. For more info contact the parish office or a parish council member. **RSVP by today, October 6.**

Make your reservation today during the Fellowship Hour.



St. Thomas the Apostle – October 6

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and became a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: *"Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe"* (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28).

"Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says Saint John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.

The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

**“† O Holy Apostle of Christ, St. Thomas,
intercede on our behalf for the salvation of our souls!”**

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.



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



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey

Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey



Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 13, 2024
9:00 A.M.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Westfield, NJ 07090

GreekFest 2024 – A HUGE SUCCESS!

We thank all the committee members, volunteers, sponsors, donors, youth and attendees who helped make GreekFest 2024 a huge success! The philoxenia and our faith at work allowed us to display our Greek Heritage and outreach to the surrounding community and raise money for our many ministries and charities. Without you, this would not have been possible. Great memories and friendships are always made at our Festival and this year was no exception. *There will be some leftover festival items for sale this Sunday in the kitchen during coffee hour so please pick something up to take home.*

Get Weekly Emails by Subscribing - Subscribe to Holy Trinity weekly emails providing news, information, and weekly announcements by request at: HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org

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

48th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat

The 48th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat is being held this weekend at Camp Fairview Lakes. This two-night retreat with the theme “The Sermon” will teach the participant how to prepare and offer a sermon on either Luke 5:1-15 or Philippians 4:3-9. This is a fun and spiritually uplifting weekend and we thank the kids and advisors for their cooperation. The bus returns today between 12:00 and 12:30 PM.

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 4PM - 6PM. Classes begin 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](#).

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 Cassandra Romas. Cassandra 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 first meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 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.

Joy/Hope

Join us for apple picking on Saturday, October 12, 10:30 AM, at Wightman Farms in Morristown. Joy/Hope and the Holy Trinity Family are welcome to partake in the fun fall festivities. The cost is \$25 per person to be paid directly to the farm. Fee includes entry to the farm, a hayride, a pumpkin, and access to the apple picking and picnic area. There is an additional fee to pick apples. Please RSVP to Kathy Paone at 201-344-4049 or joyhopehtgoc@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so we can pick a meeting spot.

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.

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. Details on pricing and the daily schedule will be forthcoming. We ask you to mark your calendars for this wonderful day of fellowship and faith.

Upcoming Parish Events

October 13, 2024

You are invited to attend a very special
Anniversary Luncheon
Honoring Father Peter Delvizi
Twenty-year Assignment as pastor of Holy Trinity &
Thirty-year Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Orthros, 8:30 AM
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Apostolos, 9:30 AM
Anniversary Celebratory Luncheon, 12:00 PM

Suggested Donation*
Adults \$30 per person, Children ages 6 - 13 \$10, Children 5 and under free

*Proceeds to benefit the promotion of the priesthood.
"Walking with Christ" – A Fund supporting seminarians from the Metropolis of New Jersey
"Support a Mission Priest" - Program of OCMC*



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Liturgy & Luncheon Reservation Form

Please forward this completed form to the church with your payment by October 6, 2024.

Reservations Requested

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Number of Adults: _____ X \$30 = \$ _____
Number of Children (6 - 13): _____ X \$10 = \$ _____
Number of Children 5 & under: _____

Please accept my tax-deductible contribution = \$ _____
Check Payable to HTGOC. **Total enclosed = \$ _____**

MAIL CHECK TO: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church,
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090
Attn: Diana Waltzak.

Credit Cards Payments are Available (4% fee applies).
Please contact the office to process at (908) 233-8533.

Additional Guests' Names Under This Reservation

Seating Selection

I am a table captain (check here) _____

I wish to be seated at table _____

(Write table captain's name)

Please provide a table assignment for me (check here) _____

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OCTOBER

JOY HOPE & HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

APPLE PICKING AT WIGHTMAN FARMS
MORRISTOWN NJ

WE WILL MEET AT THE FARM AT 10:30AM.

ALL HOLY TRINITY FAMILIES ARE INVITED.

\$25 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON INCLUDES HAYRIDES, CORN MAZE,
ONE PUMPKIN AND PICNIC AREA. ENTRY PAID AT THE FARM.

CONTACT: KATHY PAONE
E: JOYHOPEHTGOC@YAHOO.COM 201.344.4049



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.

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 26,
2024**

DRIVE THROUGH & DROP OFF

10:45-12:45



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

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

Ι.Μ. 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 the Monastery

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

