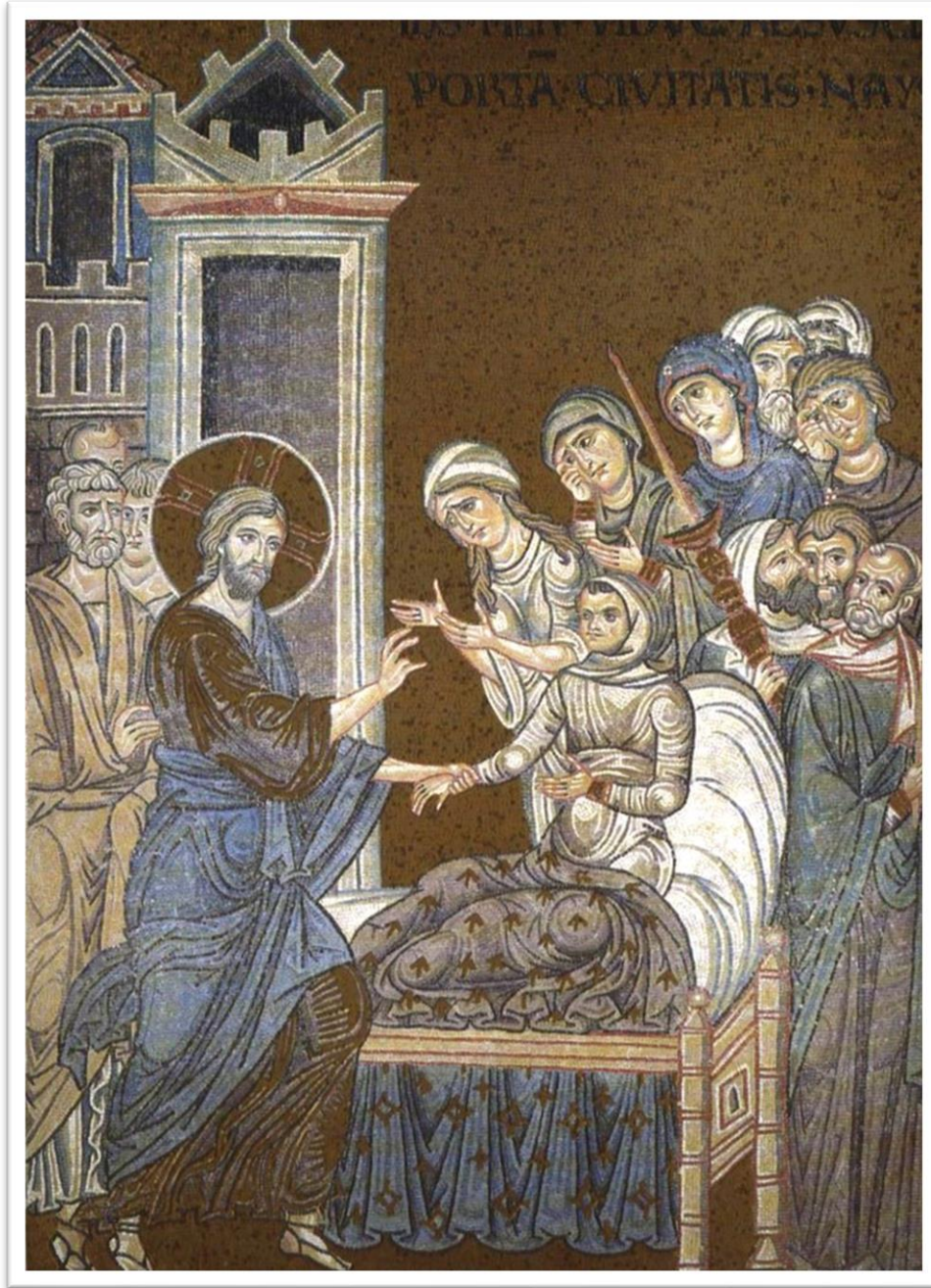


Third Sunday of Luke



Christ Raising the Child in Nain

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

Live streaming services - 908.233.8533 - www.holytrinitywestfield.org

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

On the Eighth Day of the month, we commemorate: Our Righteous Mother St. Pelagia and St. Pelagia the Virgin-Martyr of Antioch; Our Righteous St. Phillip, Bishop of Gortyna; St. Taisia the Harlot of Egypt

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. John 20:1-10	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 7:11-16	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “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 St. Pelagia: “In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Pelagia, your spirit rejoices with the angels.”

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 15, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Liturgy, 9:30 AM

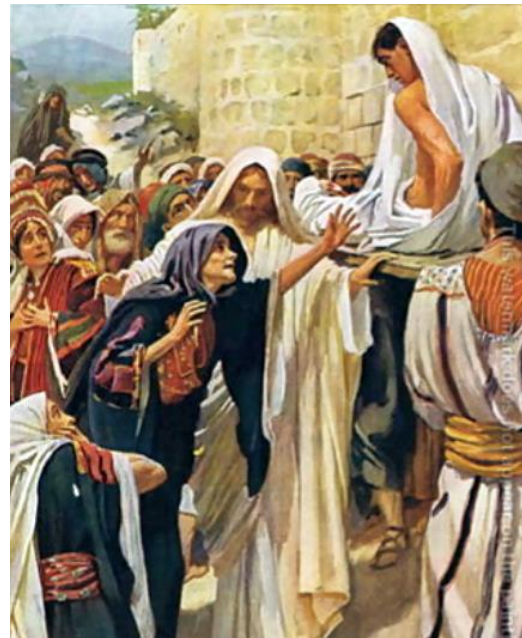
Wednesday, October 18, St. Luke the Evangelist, Orthros, 8:30 AM; Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Welcome Visitors

We welcome you to the parish of Holy Trinity in Westfield. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will become 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.

Christ Raising the Son in Nain – St. Luke 7:11-16

Because the Lord, while not even present, had healed the centurion's servant, He now performs another even more remarkable miracle. He does this so that no one could say, "What is remarkable about the healing of the centurion's servant? Perhaps the servant would not have died in any case." This is why the Lord now raises up the dead man as he was being carried out for burial. He does not perform the miracle by His word alone, but He also touches the bier, teaching us that His very Body is life. Because God the Word Who gives life to all things Himself became flesh, therefore His flesh itself is likewise life-creating, and takes away death and corruption. The dead man sat up and began to speak, so that some would not think that his rising was only an apparition. Sitting up and speaking are definite proof of resurrection from the dead; for how can a lifeless body sit up and speak? You may also understand the widow to mean the soul which has suffered the loss of its husband, the Word of God Which sows the good seed. And the son of such a widow is the mind which is dead and is being carried outside the city, that is, outside the heavenly Jerusalem which is the land of the living. The Lord then takes pity, and touches the bier. The bier which carries the dead mind is the body. And indeed the body is like a tomb, as the ancient Greeks said, calling the body [soma] a burial mound [sema], which means a tomb. Having touched the body, the Lord then raises the mind, restoring its youth and vigor. And after the young man, meaning the mind, has sat up, raised from the tomb of sin, he will begin to speak, that is, to teach others. For while he is in the grip of sin, he cannot speak or teach: who would believe him?



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- Philoptochos Christmas Card
- GOYA update
- United Nations and the Tower of Babel

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Followers of Christ

The claim of Christianity is that a person is a follower of Christ. When asked if you are a Christian? Many automatically claim that they are. But at what cost are we His followers?

Our Lord addresses the cost of discipleship by addressing His disciples saying, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel will save it." - Mark 8:34-35

Our Lord's statement describes a most radical implication of proper confession of Jesus as Saviour.

Would-be disciples must follow this narrative set by Jesus, namely that a Christian must enter into that same mystery that characterizes Jesus' life.

If Jesus is alive within us, then we must follow the example that He laid before us which is the denial of self-interest even to the point of losing one's life for Jesus and the Gospel. Paradoxically, by doing this the result is making life more secure, i.e., saving it.

The reality of authentic Christian existence is the struggle between this world and the next. This struggle is encapsulated in our own life's journey between a conflict that rages within us - to lay aside selfish desires and pursuits to follow the truths given to us by the TRINE God.

God is the way to eternal life because He is the Giver and Sustainer of life, so therefore, it would be prudent to please Him through purity of life instead of pleasing ourselves.

A selfish person may and oftentimes makes for himself a comfortable life in this world, gaining all financial security and arranging for a comfortable living space. To do this at the expense of a

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Jesus said...
"Come, follow me."
John 1:43

Wait for the promise of the Father

Religious Education

Fr. Peter is happy to announce the appointment of Peter Markos as the new Director of Religious Education. Being in the field of education, Peter will make a most suitable and knowledgeable director. He has a passion for teaching and wishes to impart the faith to every child attending Sunday School.

Registration is Now Open

Sunday School Classes have begun. We ask that you complete the online form for each student: www.tinyurl.com/2023-24ReligiousEdRegistration

You can find the link on the church website <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/religious-education/>

★ Teach Religious Education ★

Looking for a fun way to serve the church and use your talents? Teach Religious Education! There are openings in Pre-K, 3, 8 and 9 grades and can use assistant teachers in various grades. Speak to Peter Markos or Father Peter for more details.

Altar Boys

Fr. Peter invites all boys ages 12 and older to commit to service in the altar. An acolyte plays an integral part in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other services. Please speak to Fr. Peter to assist in this capacity. To serve the Lord in this way is a great privilege and honor.



Leoneias, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Peter, Constantine, Phyllis, Vasileos, Tina, Gabby, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Ket, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Ket, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas

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Check out the New Bookstore Items

Prosphoro Cover and Antidoro Pouch



These beautifully embroidered covers and pouches are perfect to cover your freshly made *prosphoro* (offering bread) and use to place the *antidoron* (blessed bread) inside. Pious Orthodox Christians will take extra *antidoron* home to consume throughout the week as part of their daily devotions. This pouch is ideal to keep the blessed bread covered and placed on the iconostasis.

High Quality Wooden Proshphoro Seal

When making *proshphoro* (offering bread) for the Eucharist and *antidoron*, a good quality seal is of necessity. Plastic and low-quality wooden seals are less than ideal. These new wooden seals, now available in our bookstore, are high quality featuring deep carvings to allow for a better impression on the bread. You can clearly see and distinguish each part of this *proshphoro* seal.



ΙΣ ΧΣ – This is an abbreviation for **Ιησούς Χριστός** or Jesus Christ

ΝΙΚΑ – Νικά means victory or to conquer

Taken together we translate this as “Jesus Christ Conquers” or in “Jesus Christ is Victory.”

The middle square is carefully extracted by the priest during the Service of the Proskomide and then placed on the paten. This center piece will be consecrated alongside the Offering Wine during the Divine Liturgy to become the very Body of Christ. This portion, also known as the Lamb of God or Amnos, is used for the Eucharist and is the portion that communes the faithful during Holy Communion.



Christian Stewardship

An Offering of Love with a Joyful Heart and in the Spirit of Thanksgiving



In January Holy Trinity started its annual Stewardship Campaign by reaching out to all parishioners. As of August, we graciously received 400 steward pledges in the amount of \$493,223.

Please remember to submit your pledge card to meet our operating budget of \$885,000.00. Your stewardship is crucial to maintaining our spiritual home based

on Christ's teaching and example. Our goal includes spiritual health and growth by actively participating in the life of the church as the body of Christ: attending worship services, praying, fasting, and almsgiving. Our Christian stewardship is a way of life that acknowledges our responsibility before God.

Your offerings of "Time, Talent, and Treasure" to date have allowed our parish to achieve 56% of our budget, fund our annual Archdiocesan commitment, present a gift to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, and support our growing and vibrant ministries.

Consider inviting family and friends to come visit and worship with us. Sponsor a new steward and invite them into our Holy Trinity family. Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." May God multiply your blessings. Thank you.



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 Special Collection

Last Sunday, the special collection to support The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians in our Metropolis collected \$430. Thank you for your generosity which helps support this vital ministry.

Philoptochos General Meeting – Wednesday, October 11

Calling the Philoptochos Sisters of Holy Trinity to attend our first General Meeting of the new ecclesiastical year on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:15 PM in the Bouras Center. We will be reviewing the 2024 budget, upcoming events and fundraisers, relief aid for Greece fires and floods. In addition, Mary's Place by the Sea, recipient of the 2023 Rummage Sale proceeds, will be our guests and share an inspiring presentation that fits perfectly with Philoptochos's commitment to October Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Desserts and refreshments will be provided along with love, laughter and kefi too!

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. Tuesday's are grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and Advanced, and 3rd and Thursday's are grades 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. You can register at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/>

Trinity Circle

Only 5 tickets left for our bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show with lunch and shopping on Thursday, November 16, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Contact Avi Kiriakatis 908-276-1536 or Cassandra Romas, Chair 908-296-1586. \$85 for members; \$95 for non-members.



We are excited to welcome everyone to a new ecclesiastical and school year.

Holy Trinity offers numerous youth programs, including GOYA, JOY/HOPE, Greek Dance and TOTS.

GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is the ministry to teenagers for the purpose of fellowship, worship, service, and witness.

New members in grades 6-12 are welcome at any time. 6th graders may participate in Westfield only activities and 7-12th (ages 12-18) may participate in statewide activities. Activities include Christ Encounter Retreat (weekend away), athletics, outreach, Greek dance, Sights & Sounds (performing and visual arts), and many others! Diving for the Cross on Sunday, September 24 are Alexandre Sulton, Melina Colonias, Dylan West, and Marina Skalkotos. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/53pp88nz>

SELECT UPCOMING EVENTS: (subject to change):

- **October 13-15:** 47th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat, Fairview Lakes YMCA Camp
- GOYA Advisors:** Maria Tarhanidis, Mary Carayannopoulos, Sophia Saketos, Catherine Kelly, Andy Zotos, and Christine Skalkotos. Please contact an advisor or email goya@htgocnj.org with any questions.

Mr./Ms. GOYA Pageant – Sunday, October 8

Mr. and Ms. GOYA Pageant will be held on Sunday, October 8, 4:00 PM, at Hanover Manor, East Hanover, NJ. From our parish Mr. and Ms. Westfield are Nicholas Sikellis and Nadia Tarhanidis. We wish them well and much success. GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is the ministry to teenagers for the purpose of fellowship, worship, service, and witness. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join. Activities include Christ Encounter Retreat, athletics, outreach, Greek dance, Sights & Sounds, and many others! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/53pp88nz> Stop by our table or email goya@htgocnj.org with any questions.

TOTS Playgroup – Wednesday, October 11

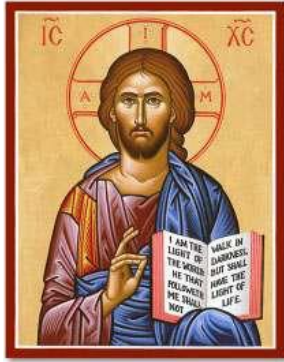
TOTS: (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) It is a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, from 9:30-11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregiver (younger siblings welcome!). Bring water, sneakers, and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608 to sign-up or with any questions.

JOY/HOPE

JOY and HOPE (the Junior Orthodox Youth group) of Holy Trinity is open to youth between the ages of 5 and 11. The events are geared to bring the youth of Holy Trinity together in a fun and educational way and to start to plant the seeds of giving back to the community. Past events have included apple picking, making Valentine's Day cards for our Holy Trinity seniors, pizza night, and attending church services together. Past and new members can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/n39edm2f> or contact Kathy Petsinis Paone at kathy@homesbykathyp.com or 201-344-4049.

Join us for apple picking on Saturday, October 14 at 11:30 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.

GREEK DANCE: Greek dance lessons will again be taught by Petro and Niko from Hellenic Roots. Classes will be held in the Bouras Center. Practice times TBD. Sign-up for GOYA (7th-12th grade): <https://tinyurl.com/yfvpxrr8> Sign up for Joy/Hope (K-6th grades) coming soon. Please email goya@htgocnj.org (GOYA) or kathy@homesbykathyp.com (Joy/Hope) with any questions.



47th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat

for all 6-12th grade students

“My Temple – My Body”

October 13-15, 2023

Camp Fairview Lake,

Newton, NJ

Meet at church at 6:15pm on Friday

Return Sunday around noon

\$190 per person

Includes transportation, 5 meals, ice cream social and two nights lodging in a well-maintained cabin with built in bunks, electricity, flush toilets and hot showers.

(financial assistance is available—please speak to Fr. Peter)

Join us for a spiritual weekend of themed sessions, fun and games, boating, hiking, team building, campfire, friendship and fellowship

Attendance is mandatory for GOYA members.

Register by October 4

<https://tinyurl.com/4c6ne3k5>

ORTHODOXY ON TAP

**TRADITION OF OUR FATHERS:
ORTHODOXY IN A ROMAN CATHOLIC
AND PROTESTANT WORLD**

Guest Speaker:

Sam Williams

M. Div.
Pastoral Assistant,
St. George Piscataway

📅 18 October, 2023

🕒 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

📍 The Tavern on George
361 George Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

UPCOMING ORTHODOXY ON TAP:
MON. NOV. 13 - CLYDZ
WED. DEC. 20 - TAVERN ON GEORGE

@NNJYAL & @GOMNJ_YOUTH

Karaghiozi Shadow Puppet Show-Sunday, October 22, at 12:30 PM in the Bouras Center

KARAGHIOZIS THE BAKER!

Yia sou! I'm Karaghiozis, the most famous puppet character in all of Greece! I'm starring in a new show to be performed on the unique and fabulous Greek Shadow Puppet Stage!



This time, I'm going to work for my friend, Hatziavatis, who owns a bakery. Let's see how well I do - or not!

Either way, it's going to be a lot of fun!

It will be performed by the Robert Rogers Puppet Company, which is celebrating its 43rd year!

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, at 12:30 pm.

Robert Rogers Puppet Company will be performing a live shadow puppet show titled "Karaghiozi the Baker." The comedy will be performed in English and promises to delight all age groups. Robert Rogers will also give a behind the scenes explanation of the art form of shadow puppetry for our audience. His company is celebrating its 43rd year! For more information contact: Soula Campbell at soula73@hotmail.com



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠