Healing of the Son of the Widow of Nain

October 9, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest
On this the Ninth day of the month, we commemorate St. Iakovos (James) the Apostle and Son of Alphaeus; Our Righteous Father St. Andronikos and his wife St. Athanasia; St. Poplia the Martyr; The Righteous Abraham and his son Lot

Plagal of the Fourth Tone  Ηχος πλ. δ’

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Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the Cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our Life and Resurrection, Glory to You, O Lord.”

Apolytikion for the Apostle: “O holy Apostle James [Iakovos], 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.”

Altar Donations

Large Candles in memory of Georgia Conelias†

Memorial

Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Georgia Conelias†, 23 years. Eternal be her memory.
Sacraments and Rites

**Wedding:** On Sunday, October 9, the wedding of George E. Nikolakakis and Julia M. Assuncao will be celebrated. Koumbaro is Jacob Nicolakakis.

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

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**Liturgical Schedule**

- **Tuesday, October 11, St. Philip the Apostle**, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- **Sunday, October 16**, Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- **Sunday, October 23**, 6th Sunday of Luke, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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*The Son of the Widow of Nain*

“O Word and Saviour, we praise Your mighty power! By Your word, as Creator of all things, You raised from the depths Lazarus with his bones and sinews, as You raised the widow’s son from the bier.” - Compline, Lazarus Saturday

Only the Gospel of St. Luke records the scene that highlights the widow’s hopeless situation and Jesus’ compassionate response. The woman is portrayed as having neither husband nor other sons and therefore no means of support. She would possibly be a dependent in another relative’s household, and therefore little more than a servant. If she lacked even that, she would be a beggar.

Besides losing her independence, the woman also lost whatever joy there was in her life. St. Gregory of Nyssa drew attention to this aspect of her sorrow when he wrote,

“Anyone who is not a complete stranger to natural feeling can easily see how great is the grief expressed here. To him alone had she struggled to give birth. Him alone had she nursed at her breast. He alone made her table cheerful. He alone made her home happy. In play, in
work, in learning, in gaiety, at processions, at sports, at gatherings of youth, he alone was all that was sweet and precious in her mother’s eyes. Now at the age of marriage, he was the stock of her race, the shoot of its succession, the staff of her old age… Imagine, then, his mother’s sorrow! Would not her heart be consumed as if by fire…” (On the Making of Man, XXV.10).

With compassion, Jesus brings the young man back to life, as he did Jairus’ daughter and his beloved friend Lazarus. This was an act of resuscitation: of restoration to physical life. On one level it would point to Christ’s prophetic role, looking back to the raising by Elijah of a widow’s only son at Zarephath (3 Kingdoms 17:8-24). On both occasions the people’s response is, “A great prophet has risen among us!”

Luke sandwiches this narrative between the story of the healing of a centurion’s servant and the reaction of John the Baptist. Hearing about “all these things”, John sends two disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Luke 7:19) Jesus responds in the words of Isaiah 61, which the disciples would come to understand as a messianic allusion. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because of which He anointed Me. He sent Me to proclaim the Good News to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to declare the acceptable year of the Lord….”

The Church points to these resurrections as indications of Christ’s victory over death, which would be sealed with His own resurrection. His resurrection would go beyond any of these revivals, bringing Him and us to a share in the eternal life of the Trinity.

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 Danileides, 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.

Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, 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
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.

The October Issue of
The Promise
Is now available online

To view the current issue click here

Or visit the church website
https://holytrinitywestfield.org/

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TOTS Playgroup, October 12 and 26
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.

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

2022 OCMC Virtual Trek 4 Missions
Thank you to our Holy Trinity parish for participating in the 2022 OCMC Virtual Trek 4 Missions. The stewards of Holy Trinity raised $1200 to support the global ministries of the OCMC. The sun never sets on the ministries of the OCMC sharing the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless everyone who contributed.
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

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

https://forms.gle/HCRrC8LWUh2SD8mw6

Sips and Cheers!
scoutandcellar.com/eventshare/P238013/?u=sipsandcheers
Στην υγεία μας!
GOYA Clothing Drive, Saturday October 15th
This is the last week to gather your things for the GOYA Clothing Drive, Saturday October 15, 2022. We will receive money per pound that we deliver, which then will be used to support our charitable initiatives. Please bring your gently-used clothes, shoes (in a clear plastic bag), bedding, blankets, sheets, towels, and toys under 2 feet that will go to people in need. Also spread the word to friends and family outside the community. All items need to be dropped off in the church parking lot between 9AM-10AM on the day of the drive. Thank you again so much for your support.

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
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.

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

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

To register or for sponsorship information please contact George Paras at gparas@parasandparas.com or George Colonias at gcolonias@yahoo.com.