

Sunday Before Holy Cross



St. Theodora of Alexandria

September 11, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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[Live streaming services](#)

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest

On this Sunday Before the Elevation of the Precious and Holy Cross, we commemorate Our Holy Mother St. Theodora of Alexandria; Our Righteous Father St. Euphrosynos, the Cook; St. Evanthia the Martyr; St. Ia the Martyr

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Click links for Scripture Readings

Second Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:1-8	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 6:11-18	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. John 3:13-17	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: *“When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished. To the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”*

Apolytikion of the Nativity: *“Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.”*

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: *“Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. O immaculate one, by thy holy nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.”*

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in loving memory of Georgia Colonias†

Vigil Light in loving memory of Katherine Verenes†

Large Candles in loving memory of Theophilos Kalkanis†



Sacraments and Rites



Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Theophilos Kalkanis†, 40 days; and Katherine Verenes†, 1 year. Eternal be their memories.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, September 14, Elevation of the Holy and Precious Cross, Orthros 8:30 AM;
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 18, New Jersey parishes closed for Holy Cross at the shore

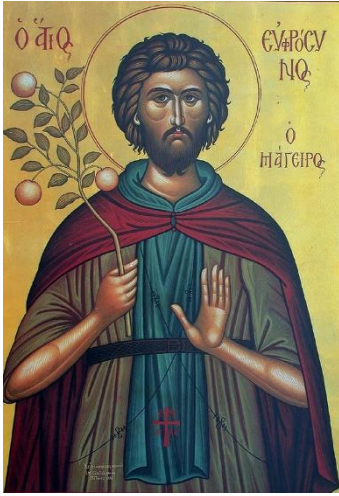
Sunday, September 25, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Monday, September 26, Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

St. Theodora of Alexandria – September 11

Theodora was from Alexandria and the wife of a young man. Persuaded by a fortune-teller, she committed adultery with another man and immediately felt the bitter pangs of conscience. She cut her hair, dressed in men's clothing and entered the Monastery of Octodecatos, under the male name of Theodore. Her labor, fasting, vigilance, humbleness and tearful repentance amazed the entire brotherhood. When a promiscuous young woman slandered her, saying that Theodore had made her pregnant, Theodora did not want to justify herself, but considered this slander as a punishment from God for her earlier sin. Banished from the monastery, she spent seven years living in the forest and wilderness and, in addition, caring for the child of that promiscuous girl. She overcame all diabolical temptations: she refused to worship Satan, refused to accept food from the hands of a soldier, and refused to heed the pleas of her husband to return to him—for all of this was only a diabolical illusion, and as soon as Theodora made the sign of the Cross everything vanished as smoke. After seven years, the abbot received her back into the monastery, where she lived for two more years, and reposed in the Lord. Only then did the monks learn that she was a woman; an angel appeared to the abbot and explained everything to him. Her husband came to the burial, and then remained in the cell of his former wife until his repose. St. Theodora possessed much grace from God: she tamed wild beasts, healed infirmities, and brought forth water from a dry well. Thus, God glorified a true penitent, who with heroic patience repented nine years for just one sin. She reposed in the year 490 A.D.

St. Euphrosynos the Cook – September 11



Euphrosynos was a simple man, but a man of God. He served as the cook in an Amorean monastery in the ninth century. One night, the spiritual father of this monastery saw himself in Paradise, and saw Euphrosynos there as well. Euphrosynos picked and gave him three apples from Paradise. When the spiritual father awoke, he saw three unusually beautiful and fragrant apples by his pillow. He quickly found Euphrosynos and asked him: "Where were you last night, brother?" "I was where you were, father," the blessed God-pleaser replied. The spiritual father then revealed the entire incident to the monks, and all recognized the sanctity and godliness of Euphrosynos. But Euphrosynos, fearing the praise of men, immediately fled the monastery and hid in the wilderness, where he spent the remainder of his life.



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.

Fellowship Hour: Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour which is being sponsored by the Ioannou family, in memory of Theophilos Kalkanis (Roula's Ioannou's father)



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.

Stewardship Family Picnic, September 25

Holy Trinity will be holding the Annual Stewardship picnic on Sunday September 25, following church services and dismissal from Sunday School. All are invited to attend. The Parish Council will provide the BBQ. Please use the Sign-up genius link below to volunteer to bring a side dish and/or desserts. <https://tinyurl.com/2022HTPicnic>

Stewardship Family Picnic

A day of family fun!

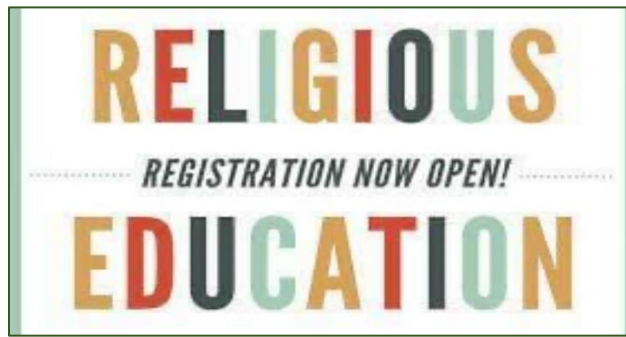
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Sept 25

On Sunday, September 25, the Annual Stewardship Family Picnic & BBQ will be held immediately after Sunday School. All Stewards of Holy Trinity are invited for a day of thanksgiving to God for our wonderful and Christ-centered community of Holy Trinity. Please prepare to receive Holy Communion as a family. By offering ourselves to Christ and receiving Him, we become united with one another and God; through this linkage we make our parish stronger in faith and love.

The Parish Council will offer the main course for the picnic; you are asked to bring a side-dish or salad, snacks, dessert to share.

Please remember to bring a covered dish.





Religious Education Classes begin today, September 11.

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 Begins Tuesday 9/13 and Thursday 9/15



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

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 first meeting will be Wednesday (new day of the week) September 28, 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.

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, September 13 Lunch/Meeting 11 am - 2:00 pm, welcoming everyone back to the new ecclesiastical year! We will also be celebrating Joy Daniledes' retirement from Holy Trinity. Hope to see everyone that day for comradery and fellowship. All parishioners 55 yrs. and over are invited to join us.

Registration for Youth Ministries will be held during the Fellowship Hour on September 11 and 25.



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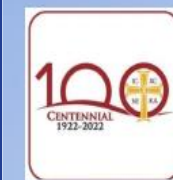
**YOUTH
REGISTRATION**

GOYA
6TH* - 12TH GRADES
*WESTFIELD ONLY EVENTS
IRIS LOVE: GOYA@HTGOCNJ.ORG

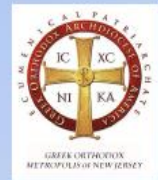
JOY & HOPE
KDG - 6TH GRADE
KATHY PAONE: JOYHOPEHTGOC@YAHOO.COM

TOTS
1.5 - 4 YRS
VAL COMPRELLI: VCOMPRELLI@GMAIL.COM

BOURAS CENTER
SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 & 25



2022



*Metropolis of New Jersey
Annual Holy Cross Celebration*

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Orthros 8:00am

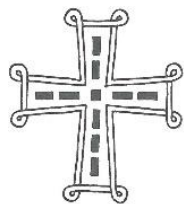
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Divine Liturgy 9:30am

The Great Auditorium

21 Pilgrim Pathway

Ocean Grove, NJ 07756



**Holy Cross Celebration, Ocean Grove, Archbishop Elpidophoros to Preside
No Services at Holy Trinity on September 18**

So that the faithful of the Metropolis of New Jersey can come together as one family for the Holy Cross Celebration in Ocean Grove, no church services will be held at Holy Trinity on Sept. 18. All are invited and encouraged to attend the Service at **The Great Auditorium, 21 Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756**, celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and assisted by area clergy. Following the Divine Liturgy, the faithful in procession will celebrate the Blessing of the Waters at the shoreline, after which the divers will retrieve the Holy Cross. The 2022 Holy Trinity divers are Zachary Skalkotos, Sophia Skalkotos, Ari Frantzeskakis, & Zoe Frantzeskakis.

Capital Campaign

How your donation is working...

and making improvements to the church.

Parking Lot – Milling & Paving

- June - Paving of the church's parking lot in front and back of the church is completed. Paving took place in June. You can see first-hand how your donation to the Capital Campaign was used. Thank you for your contribution to this important campaign.

Church Dome

- Work on the dome and protective membrane that covers it from the elements is the next scheduled phase in the Capital Campaign.

Security Upgrades, Bollards

As part of a Grant from the State of New Jersey Homeland Security, these upgrades will help keep parishioners safe:

- August - Security bollards protect the church from vehicle intrusion.
- August - Technology upgrade, cameras, communication systems, locking mechanisms.



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".

Join "TEAM HOLY TRINITY" in the 2022 OCMC Virtual Trek 4 Missions!
WE NEED YOU!

From August 8th to September 18th, Team Holy Trinity is accepting OCMC's challenge to be physically active by completing miles for missions and trekking through our community to raise funds for OCMC's missionary work.

Register at <http://secure.ocmc.org/goto/Westfield>, Click "Join a Team".
Team Name: Team Holy Trinity Westfield, NJ, Password: 250Gallowshill

If you prefer to support Team Holy Trinity by making a donation, click on the link above and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support!

*Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement for an in-person Trek 4 Missions event in September. Starting Line and Finish Line at Holy Trinity!



JOIN OCMC TO COMPLETE MILES FOR MISSIONS

Calling all walkers, runners, cyclists, fitness enthusiasts, and those who like to stay active! Join our parish this August and September to demonstrate our commitment to Christ's Great Commission by completing miles for missions!

Our challenge for you is to commit your own personal "trek" by walking, running, and more to see how far you can go to "virtually" share the faith. During this event, we will track everyone's activity and raise funds to support the work of OCMC. Their goal is to reach a combined 25,000 miles representing the Gospel being shared around the world. We will host a LIVE walk/run as part of our Trek in September. Please stay tuned!

To join our parish team, go online using the information and link below. Questions? Please get in touch with Jeanie Arida at kjarida@aol.com!

Team Name **Team Holy Trinity- Westfield, NJ**
& Password: **250Gallowshill**

Join our team, visit: <http://secure.ocmc.org/goto/Westfield>

IT'S EASY!




 JOIN OUR TEAM



 RAISE FUNDS



 TRACK YOUR MILES

Scan the QR code & search for our team!



HOLY TRINITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

TEACHER AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

2022-23

GRADE	ROOM	TEACHERS
PK	105	Alix Martin, Jamie Steele
K	107	Alexandra Mavridis, Ariadne Monfalcone
1	103	Anna Decavalles
2	104	Vanessa Papoutsoglou, Melissa Krikos
3	102	Despina Apostolou
4	101	Felicia Karsos
5	205	Peter Markos
6	204	Maria Tarhanidis, Beth Grivoyannis
7	207	Leon Carayannopoulos, Elias Grivoyannis
8	203	David Love
9	202	Penny Mavridis-Sales
10	206	Evans John, Tony Drivas
11	208	Miriam Kotsonis, John Kotsonis
12	Boardroom	Peter Tarhanidis



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠