

The Sunday After the Elevation



St. Sophia and Her Daughters Sts. Hope, Faith, and Love

Sunday, September 17, 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 Seventeenth Day of the month, we commemorate: St. Sophia & her three daughters: Sts. Faith, Hope, and Love; St. Heracleides & St. Myron, Bishops of Tamasou, Cyprus; The Holy Martyr St. Agathocleia

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:1-12	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	Galatians 2:16-20	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “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 the Holy Cross: “Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful against the enemies of the faith, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.”

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: “You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily,* O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions* upon Your new community to which You gave Your name.* Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power,* granting them the victories against their adversaries.* And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, * peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.”

Sacraments

Wedding: On Saturday, September 16, the wedding of Ioanna Protogiannis and Peter Abdel-Malek was celebrated. The Koumbara is Amelia Amabile.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, September 24, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine 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.

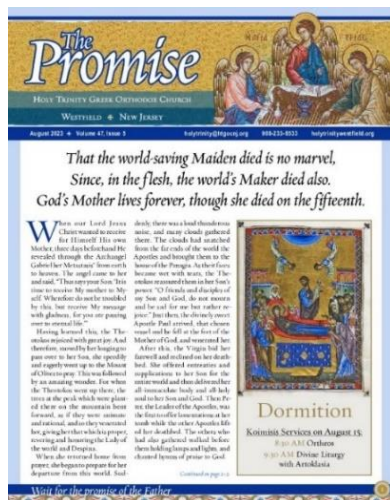
St. Sophia, and her daughters, Sts. Faith, Hope, and Love – Sept. 17

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three principal Christian virtues. Faith (*Pistis*) was twelve, Hope (*Elpis*) was ten, and Love (*Agape*) was nine. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Sophia and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. Realizing that they would be taken before the emperor, the holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their peaceful composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls refused categorically and remained unyielding. For this, the emperor ordered them to be tortured.

The guards first burned the holy virgins over an iron grating, then threw them into a red-hot oven, and finally into a cauldron with boiling tar. But the Lord preserved them through this agony. The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and beaten with rods until her body was covered all over with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom remaining steadfast in the Faith. Saint Sophia was subject to another grievous torture: the mother was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

To intensify Saint Sophia's inner suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. Saint Sophia sat there by the graves of her daughters for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters.



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Prayer Request



David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Peter, Constantine, 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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Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos – Live



Watch the Enthronement Ceremony of our new Metropolitan live on
Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 AM
[The Enthronement of H.E. Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey - YouTube](#)

Philoptochos Special Collection on Sunday, September, 17 Holy Cross School of Theology

Archbishop Athenagoras established the Holy Cross School of Theology in June 1937, in Pomfret, Connecticut. The Archbishop addressed a special appeal to the Philoptochos to devote themselves to the School, “where your sons will be educated as priests and teachers.” Eighty-six years later, Philoptochos continues its strong commitment to and financial support of Hellenic College and Holy Cross. Philoptochos asks our Holy Trinity family to please support the HCHC Scholarship Fund! Scholarships are awarded to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and seminarians at Holy Cross, to assist with tuition expenses.

Philoptochos Board Affirmation of Office

On Sunday, September 17, the Affirmation of Office for the 2023-2025 Philoptochos Board will be administered by Rev. Fr. Peter Delvzis. Congratulations to Ellen Manos Athenson, Sandy Boutsikaris, Christina Colonias, Ellen Conti, Mary Demiris, Denise Eliopoulos, Maria Kanaras, Avi Kiriakatis, Debbie Koutsaftes, Yiana Leichtling, Marina LoAlbo, Kathy Maglaras, Marigo Markos, Elise Savnik, Mary Skiadas, Maria Stevens, Kristin Tencza, Phyllis Verenes, Debra Vlahakis.

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/>

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 begin this Sunday, September 10. 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.

HOLY TRINITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

GRADE	ROOM	TEACHERS
PK	105	Anna Darity
K	107	Alexandra Mavridis, Ariadne Monfalcone
1	103	Anna Decavalles
2	104	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, Peter Markos
11	208	Miriam Kotsonis, John Kotsonis
12	Boardroom	Peter Tarhanidis



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! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/53pp88nz>

SELECT UPCOMING EVENTS: (subject to change):

- **September 29:** Harvest Dance, St. Andrews/Randolph
- **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.

JOY/HOPE: (the Junior Orthodox Youth group) of Holy Trinity is open to youth between the ages of five to eleven. 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.

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/yfvprr8>

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.

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, September 27, 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.

Thank you! We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

September 23 & 24

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR FESTIVAL PASTRY BAKING AND PREPARATION



Please mark your calendar to help prepare for Greek Fest 2023.
All are welcome!!!

If you have any questions please call or email

Mary Carayannopoulos at 314-623-5493 or carayannopoulos@comcast.net

Saturday, September 23, 9 AM – 5 PM (koulourakia)

Sunday, September 24, 12 PM – 5 PM (packaging)



Capital Campaign Progress



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

Church Dome

Work on the dome and protective membrane that covers it from the elements has been completed!

We thank everyone who contributed to our Holy Trinity Capital Campaign. God's Grace and your generosity and support enabled the achievement of this phase of our project.



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

Upcoming Parish Events

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1



**GREEK FEST IS BACK! FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
WHILE CELEBRATING OUR GREEK CULTURE**

September 29 - September 30, 2023

Friday: 3PM-11PM

Saturday: 12PM-11PM

Sunday, October 1 - Parish Only Picnic after Liturgy

We need your time, talent, and treasure to make it a great success.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please consider being a sponsor or seek business sponsorships

Volunteers are still needed during the festival.

Please sign-up to volunteer by visiting the Philoxenia/Fellowship Table during the Fellowship Hour or clicking the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AADAA2E5-greekfest2>

Spread the word to family, friends, and businesses through social media, flyers etc.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Kefi while supporting Holy Trinity's Ministries.

Thursday, October 5

**41st ANNUAL
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**



Thursday, October 5, 2023

**Echo Lake Country Club
515 Springfield Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090**

Golf Outing Schedule - Shotgun start. Upon completion we will have an outdoor reception with cocktails & hors d'oeuvres. For information, please contact the Golf Committee:
George Colonias admin@htgocnj.org, 908-294-7414, George Paras gparas@parasandparas.com
201-681-5366

Driving Range & Registration Check in	10:00 AM
Lunch	11:00 AM
Dr. Kapsimalis Memorial Putting Contest	11 AM-12 PM
Shotgun	12:30 PM
Cocktail Hour & Reception	5:15 PM
Awards & Silent Auction	6:15 PM

<u>Sponsorship Opportunities</u>	
<i>Grand Benefactor</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
<i>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 4,000</i>
<i>Lunch Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>
<i>Prize Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,500</i>
<i>Kyle House Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,000</i>
<i>Golfer Gift Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,000</i>
<i>On Course Beverage sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 400</i>
<i>Putting Green Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Range Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Cart Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Closest -to -the- Pin Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 300</i>
<i>Hole Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>
<i>Tee Sponsor(s)</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>
<i>Hole in One Prize Sponsor Opportunity</i>	

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✠ AMEN ✠