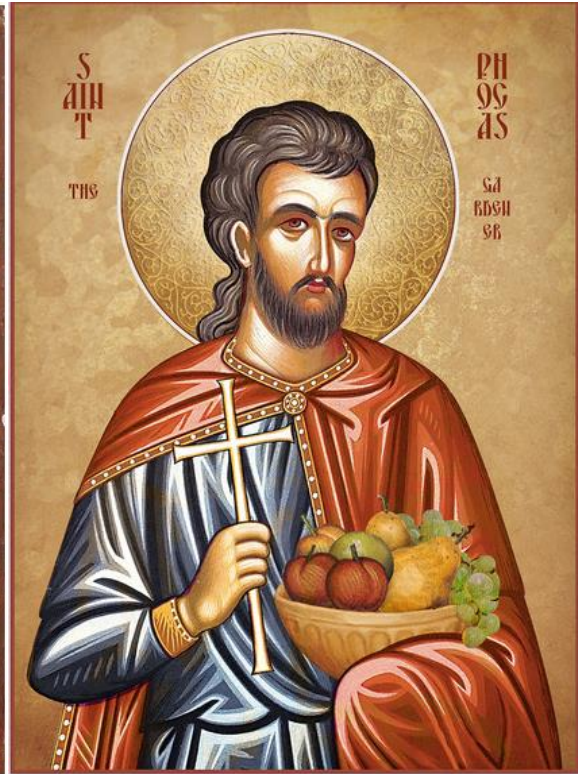
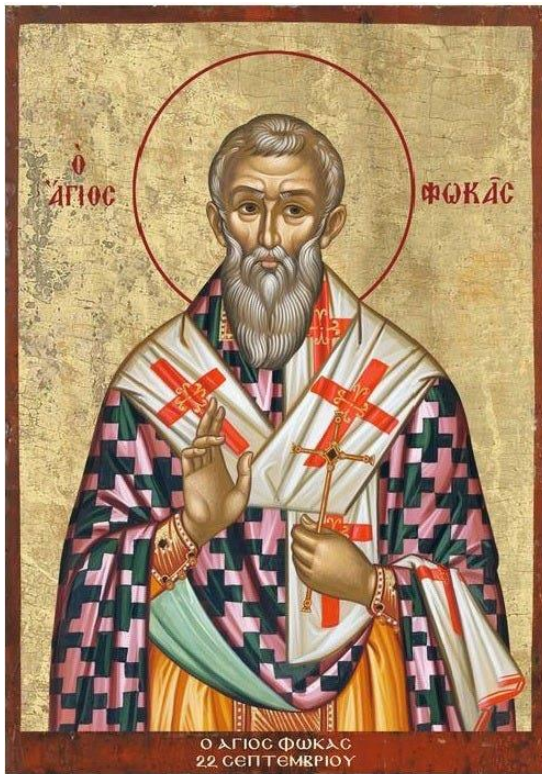


First Sunday of Luke



St. Phocas the Hieromartyr

St. Phocas the Gardener

September 22, 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

Fourth Tone

Ἦχος Δ΄

Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:1-8	Ἐλληνικά
Epistle Reading:	1 Corinthians 16:13-24	Ἐλληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 5:1-11	Ἐλληνικά

Apolytikion: “The joyful news of Your Resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.”

Apolytikion of St. Phocas: “Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Phocas. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.”

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

Monday, September 23, Conception of St. John the Baptist, Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 29, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Large Candles: The Theofanous Family

Sacraments and Rites

Churchings: Forty-day blessings will be held on Sunday for Yiannis Nicholas Apostolou, son of Sarah and Nick Apostolou; and Melina Pavlakos, daughter of Paul and Demi Pavlakos.

Baptisms: On Sunday, the baptism of Margaret (Margarita) Maria Coppa, daughter of Vivian Repousis and Zachary Coppa, will be celebrated. The Godmother is Evangelina Repousis.

On Saturday, September 21, the baptisms of (Sebastian) Costas Mateo Hidalgo and (Alexandra) Maria Teresa Hidalgo, the son and daughter of Juan and Christina Hidalgo, were celebrated. The Godparents are Peter and Melissa Petropoulos. Also the baptism of Eliana (Helena) Diana Eleftheriou, the daughter of Evangelos and Kristen Eleftheriou was celebrated. The Godmother is Stephanie Eleftheriou.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested on Sunday at the memorial service for the Theofanous Family: Maria✝, 21 years; Polychronis✝, 39 years, and Panagiota✝, 21 years; Demetra Kekis✝, 21 years; and Elias Savva✝, 32 years. Eternal be their memories.

Fellowship Hour: Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour being sponsored by Bill Theofanous, in memory of Maria, Polychronis and Panagiota Theofanous✝ and Demetra Kekis✝.

Welcome

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community on Sunday. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet members of the parish and get connected.

Anniversary Luncheon in Honor of Fr. Peter – 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. For more information, please call the church office or speak with a parish council member.

Get Weekly Emails by Subscribing

Subscribe to Holy Trinity weekly emails providing news, information, and weekly announcements by request at: HolyTrinity@htgoenj.org

St. Phocas the Hieromartyr and Bishop of Sinope – September 22

Phocas kept all the Christian virtues, even from his youth. As bishop in his birthplace, the town of Sinope on the shores of the Black Sea, he strengthened the Orthodox faith by his example and divine words. He converted many idol-worshippers to the true Faith. The hard-hearted pagans were filled with rage against holy Phocas. Through a vision granted him by the Lord, he foresaw his martyrdom. Phocas saw a white dove fly down from heaven carrying a beautiful wreath of

flowers in its beak. It lowered the wreath onto his head, and Phocas heard a voice, saying: "Your cup is full and you will drink from it!" From this vision the God-pleaser realized that he was soon to suffer for Christ. He was not afraid however, but with gratitude toward God prepared himself for suffering. Soon after, a certain prince, Africanus, took Phocas for interrogation, and subjected him to harsh tortures. The torturers beat and wounded his whole body, and after a time of imprisonment threw him into boiling water, where this brave soldier of Christ ended his earthly life and settled in the joy of his Lord. Phocas suffered during the reign of Emperor Trajan.

The Holy Prophet Jonah

Jonah lived more than eight hundred years before Christ. Tradition says that he was the son of the widow of Zarephath in Sidon whom the Prophet Elias had raised from the dead. By his three-day sojourn in the belly of the whale, he prefigured the three days that Christ lay in the tomb; and, by his deliverance from the belly of the whale, he prefigured the Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Everything else concerning this wonderful prophet can be read in the Book of Jonah. His feast falls on September 21; however, this being the Day of the Apodosis for the Feast of the Elevation, his commemoration is transferred to September 22.

St. Phocas the Holy Martyr and Gardener – September 22

Phocas was a compatriot of the Hieromartyr Phocas. He had a garden in Sinope, near the Black Sea, that he cultivated. He treated all who would pass by with the fruits of his garden, not missing an opportunity to feed their souls with the word of God. But a certain prince who persecuted Christians heard of him then sent soldiers to kill him. Phocas treated the soldiers so cordially that they hesitated to kill him. However, by his own insistent request, they carried out the command and beheaded him. In that place, over his miracle-working relics, a church was soon built in his name. St. Phocas is especially venerated by sailors and is invoked for help by all who travel by sea. Phocas suffered in the year 320 A.D.



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

Holy Cross School of Theology – Special Collection

Through your generosity, last Sunday the Ladies of Philoptochos collected over \$445. A donation totaling \$500 will be sent to the seminary in Boston. There is still time to donate. If you would like to offer a gift to Holy Cross please see Fr. Peter or contact Maria Kanaras, President.

Affirmation of Office

The Affirmation of Office for the 2024-2026 Philoptochos Board and Officers of GOYA will be administered today before the conclusion of the Liturgy.

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](#)

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](#).

Joy/Hope Greek Dancers for GreekFest – Last Practice, Sunday, September 22

In preparation for dancing at GreekFest, we will be having our last of three classes for dancers that participated in Greek dance last year. This final practice class is scheduled on Sunday, September 22, from 12 PM - 1 PM. Greek Dancers will perform at the festival on Friday, September 27 at 6:30 PM; Saturday, September 28 at 1 PM and Saturday, September 28 at 6:30 PM. For any questions, feel free to reach out to Kathy Paone at 201-344-4049 or joyhopehtgoc@yahoo.com.

48th Christ Encounter Retreat - October 4-6

The 48th Christ Encounter Retreat will be held from October 4-6 at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp in Newton, NJ. All 6-12 graders are invited to join us for a spiritual weekend filled with fun camp activities, bible study sessions, campfire, and fellowship. \$150 per camper. Contact Sophia Saketos with questions at 908-247-6048. To register [click here](#).

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, October 1, lunch/meeting 11 AM - 2 PM in the Bouras Center. “Part Two Lecture on Greek Language” presented by Steve Xenakis. Luncheon donated by Joy Daniledes in memory of her loved ones. 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 Kassandra Romas. Kassandra can be reached at kromas22409@gmail.com or (908) 296-1586.

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.

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 25, 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.



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.



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

SAVE THE DATE!

September 27 - 29, 2024



Westfield, NJ
GREEKFEST 24

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

250 GALLOWS HILL ROAD, WESTFIELD

September 27, 28, 29

Friday
3 pm - 11pm

Saturday
11 am - 11 pm

Sunday
noon - 5 pm



Greek Food & Pastries ◊ Music & Dancing
Marketplace ◊ Kids Zone ◊ Mega 50/50



www.njgreekfest.com



Admission \$2. Children under 12 free!

Free shuttle from Union County College parking lot to the Greekfest

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Be an active part of our 2024 Greekfest! Volunteer your time, talents & treasures. Everyone is needed to make it a success! Simply scan the QR code to sign up or contact Roula Ioannou and Kelly Leunes at htgreekfestvolunteers@gmail.com

GreekFest 2024 - September 27 - 29

OPA!! 2024 Westfield GreekFest will take place, September 27-29!! Come volunteer your talent and join the fun to make this our best festival yet. PLEASE sign up and support OUR community! [*GreekFest Volunteers Sign-Up*](#)

Contact Roula Ioannou or Keli Leunes at HTGreekfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com

Follow us [@NJGreekFest](#) on Instagram and [NJ GreekFest](#) on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all things GreekFest!

Be sure to like and share our content!

Volunteers Needed for Festival Pastry Baking and Preparation

Please mark your calendar to help prepare for Greek Fest 2024. All are welcome!!!

Sunday, September 22, 12 PM-5 PM (packaging)

If you have any questions please call or email Mary Carayannopoulos at 314-623-5493 or carayannopoulos@comcast.net

[**www.njgreekfest.com**](http://www.njgreekfest.com)



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield, NJ presents

MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

7 CHANCES TO WIN!

Grand Prize – Up to \$10,000

2nd Prize – Up to \$5,000 Five 3rd Prizes – Up to \$2,000 each

**Only 500 tickets to be sold!
\$100 per ticket.**



Winners need not be present to win and will be notified. Winners responsible for all taxes. If the offer is oversubscribed, the first 500 tickets paid for will be honored. All other contributions will be returned. If not completely subscribed, per State regulations, the exact prizes offered will be at the following percentages:

Grand Prize - 20%
2nd Prize - 10%
Five 3rd Prizes – 4% each



NJLGCC ID# 538-1-17636
Municipal Lic. #RL-2024-12

Join us at the Greek Fest!

Fri. Sept. 27, 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 28, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 29, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*Drawing to be held on Sun. Sept. 29 @ 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090.
All proceeds to benefit Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield, NJ*

www.njgreekfest.com

To reserve your ticket(s), please fill out this portion, including signature and return with your payment made payable to:
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090
Tickets will be distributed after receipt of payment. Mail in entry deadline: Sunday, September 15, 2024

#of tickets to reserve _____ @ \$100 each = _____

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

PAYMENT TYPE: Please check one: Check # _____ Cash American Express Visa MasterCard Discover

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP DATE _____ CVV# _____

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

SIGNATURE _____

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) _____

September 23, 2024

42nd ANNUAL

HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 23, 2024

Echo Lake Country Club

515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090



Golf Outing Schedule – Shotgun Start

Lunch and Driving Range	11:00am
Shotgun start	12:30 pm
Cocktail Hour and Reception	5:15pm

Sponsorship Opportunities

<i>Grand Benefactor</i>	\$ 10,000
<i>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</i>	\$ 3,500
<i>Prize Sponsor</i>	\$ 1,500
<i>Lunch Sponsor</i>	\$ 1,500
<i>On Course Beverage sponsor</i>	\$ 400
<i>Range Sponsor</i>	\$ 400
<i>Cart Sponsor</i>	\$ 400
<i>Tee Sponsor(s)</i>	\$ 150
<i>Hole in One Prize Sponsor Opportunity</i>	

**Benefiting: Windy25 Memorial Fund
and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Company: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (work): _____ (home): _____

E-Mail: _____

Foursome Players

Name: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Please Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Golfer(s) @\$400
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foursome(s) @ \$1,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsorship: Please indicate level
<input type="checkbox"/>	We will donate a prize (describe)
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tee(s) Sponsor @\$200

Please call the church Golf Committee with any questions 908- 233-8533

To make your reservation, please complete this form and return it with your payment to:

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 Gallows Hill Road
Westfield, NJ 07090
Attention: Golf Committee**

If paying by credit card, please complete the following and sign:

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Master Card Visa American Express

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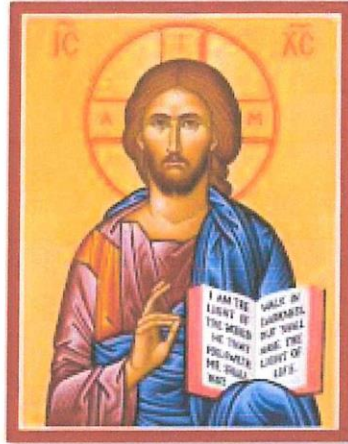
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Cardholder's Signature: _____

Total Enclosed or Authorized \$ _____

To pay online, click here: ["Online Giving"](#)

October 4 - 6, 2024



48th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat for all students in grades 6-12th

**Camp Fairview Lake
Newton, NJ**

October 4th - 6th - \$150 per goyan

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

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

Arrive at church at 6 pm on Friday. Return Sunday around noon.

Registration and payment due no later than September 25

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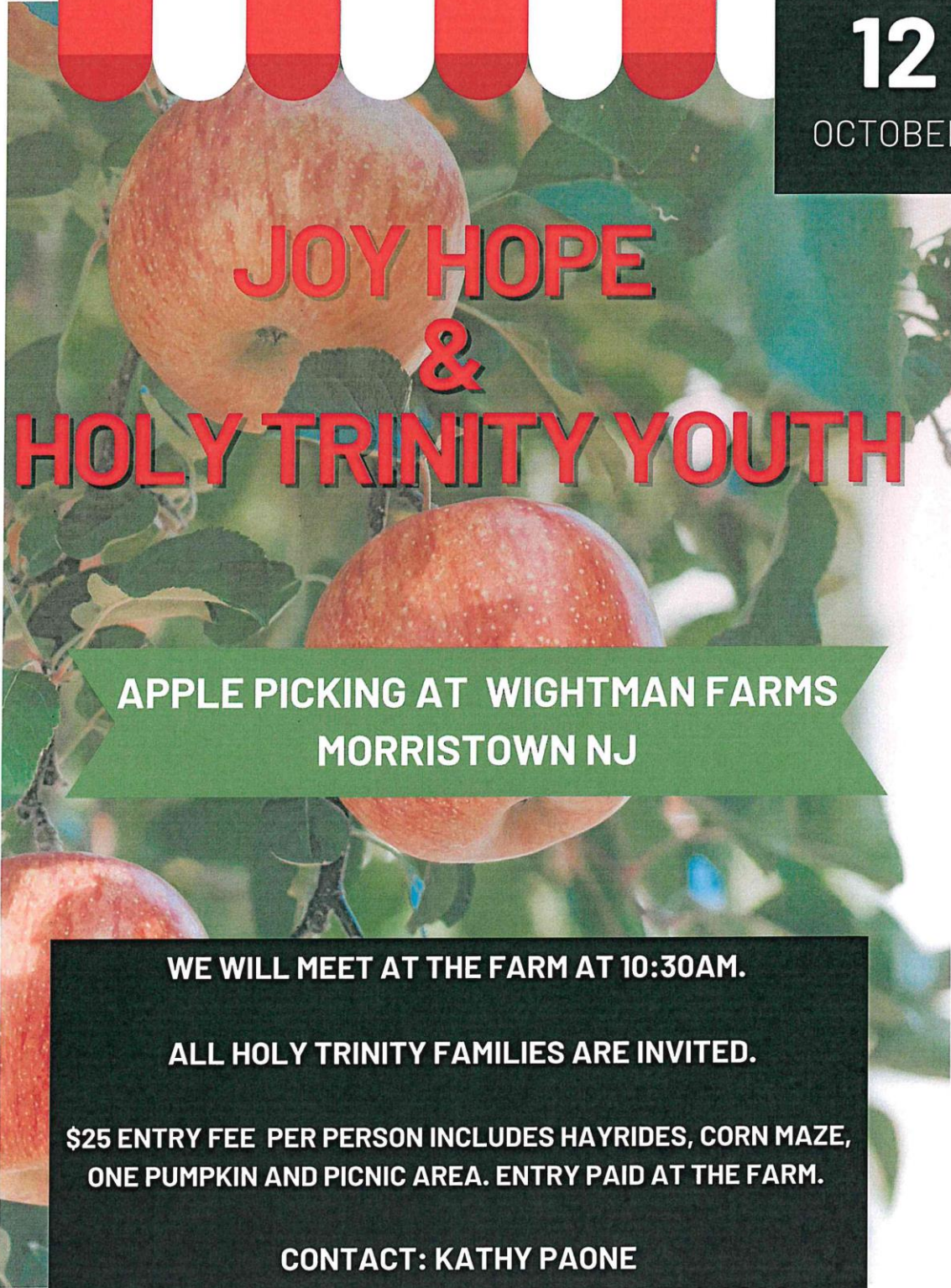
Contact Sophia Saketos with any questions. (908) 247-6048





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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



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠