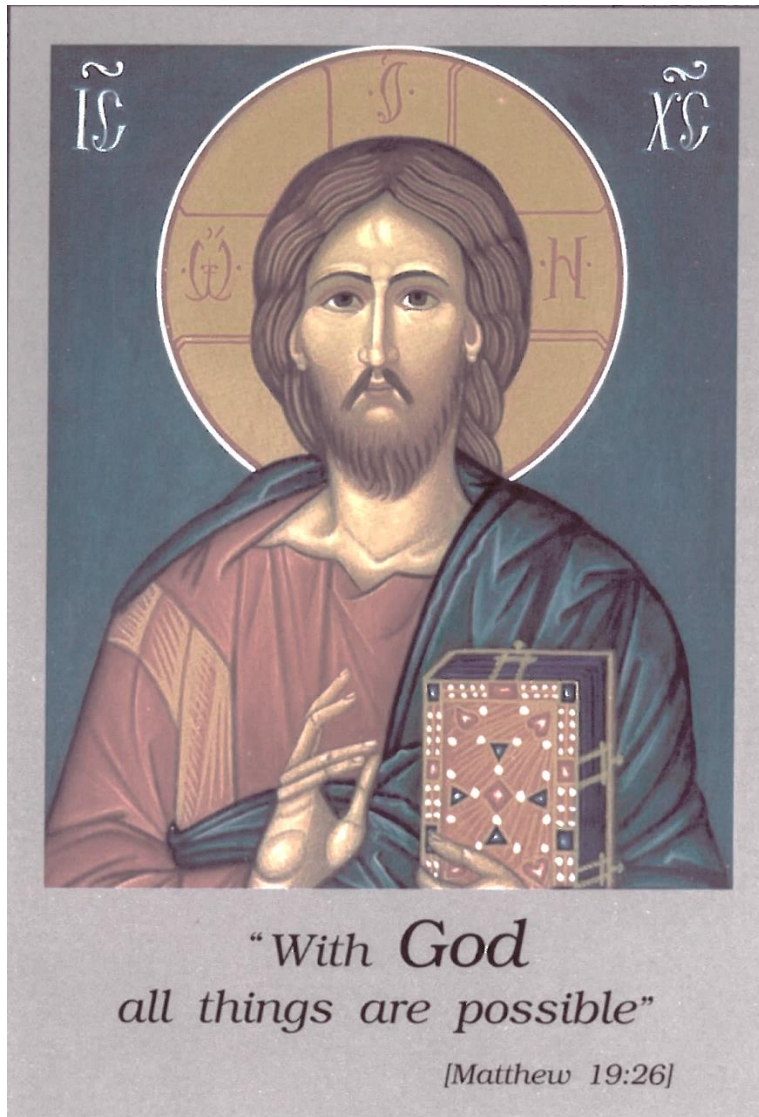


FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE



September 28, 2025

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 Delvizi, Parish Priest

Today is observed Our Righteous Father and Confessor St. Chariton; Our Righteous Father Alkeisonos, Metropolitan of Nicopolis of Old Epirus; The Holy Prophet Baruch; St. Eustathios

Grave Tone

Ηχος Βαρύς

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:12-35	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 5:1-11	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers’ sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.”

Apolytikion of the Confessor: “With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Chariton our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of 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: “O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, October 5, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 12, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Welcome Visitors

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community today. Worshipping the Holy Trinity is the principal act of an Orthodox parish, especially on the Day of the Resurrection (Sunday). Our mission is to live the holy Gospel and spread the Good News to those in our area. We are sanctified by God’s grace through the holy Sacraments and glorify Him each moment of the day. We seek God’s mercy, as we confess the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after service to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.

Philoptochos New Year's Welcome

We hope your summer was filled with peace and joy. As we begin the Ecclesiastical New Year, we look forward to continuing the meaningful work of our Philoptochos ministry. With new opportunities ahead, it's a great time to get involved. Your support makes a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Please stop by our table during Fellowship Hour to learn more.



Alexandra, Sophia, Nicholas, Panagiota, James, Mary, Chris, Janeen, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, John, Marina, George, Laura, George, Costa, Basil, Lemonia, Justin, Chris, Evangelia, Brennan, Egon, Marilyn, Tatanya, Robert, Elizabeth, George, Nicholas, Alexander, Vasilios, Danny, Bill, Lou, Foula, Eupraxia, Arlene, John, Ted, William, Theodora, Michael, Gioula, Nicholas, Hellen, Joanne

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Christos Romas†

Vigil Light: In loving memory of Georgia Conelias†

Large Candles: In loving memory of Georgia Colonias†

Sacraments and Rites

Wedding: Today the wedding of Antigoni (Annie) Zourzoukis and Ryan Burgess will be celebrated. The Koumbara is Vickie (Zourzoukis) Weber.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial services for Christos Romas†, 30 yrs; George Loucas†, 30 yrs; Annette Loucas†, 29 yrs; Stavroula Romas†, 29 yrs; Peter Romas†, 36 yrs; Angelos Romas†, 1 yr and Georgia Conelias†, 26 yrs. Eternal be their memories.

Fellowship Hour: Please join us in the Bouras Center after church for the Fellowship Hour sponsored by Kassandra Romas, in loving memory of Christos Romas†, George Loucas†, Annette Loucas†, Stavroula Romas†, Peter Romas†, and Angelos Romas†



QR Code for the Service of Matins

Matins or Orthros is the morning service in the Orthodox Church. It precedes each Divine Liturgy. This QR Code links you to the service. Just select today's date and then matins, in either EN – English and/or GR – Greek

St. Chariton – September 28

St. Chariton was an eminent and devout citizen of Iconium. After having suffered all kinds of torture under Emperor Diocletian, the Church received its freedom under Constantine, and St. Chariton went to Palestine where he founded three monasteries. The practice of tonsuring monks is attributed to St. Chariton.

Whom Do We Meet in Christ?

In Christ we meet God. We meet also our true selves as God wants us to be, the divine pattern for man. “Be ye perfect as I am perfect,” said Jesus.

The most important decision one has to make in life is the decision for or against Jesus Christ. Say “Yes” to Jesus as Lord and you gain light, life, forgiveness, joy and eternity. Say “No” to Him and you throw all these away.

R. L. Bruckberger pictures God the Father saying of Jesus: “Since I have told you everything in My Word, Who is My Son, I have no other words that can at present say anything or reveal anything to you beyond this. Fix your eyes on Him alone for in Him I have told you all, revealed all, and in Him you will find more even than you desire or ask...If you fix your eyes on Him, you will find everything, for He is My whole word and My reply, He is My whole vision and My whole revelation...From the day when I descended upon Him with My Spirit on Mt. Tabor saying, “This is My beloved Son: hear Him.” I have put aside the old forms of teaching and response and I have given all to Him: hear Him, because I have no further faith to reveal...If I spoke, it was in order to promise the Christ...in Whom all good was to be found...”

Who is this Jesus? He is indeed “the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, Light of Light, true God of true God...Through whom all things were made.”

The need of the world is Jesus.

The hunger of the world is for Jesus.

The hope of the world is Jesus.

The healing of the world is Jesus.

The light of the world is Jesus.

Sunday School Has Begun!



We ask that you register by using the online form for each student at your earliest convenience via <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/religious-education/> or scanning the QR code above.

HOLY TRINITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS 2025-2026

GRADE	ROOM	TEACHERS
Pre-K	105	Anna Darity
Kdg	107	Alexandra Mavridis, Ariadne Monfalcone
1st & 2nd	102	Anna Decavalles, Melissa Krikos
3rd & 4th	101	Felicia Karsos
5th & 6th	207	Maria Tarhanidis, Beth Grivoyannis
7th & 8th	202	Leon Carayannopoulos, Elias Grivoyannis
9th & 10th	208	Tony Drivas
11th & 12th	Boardroom	Peter Tarhanidis, Nik Karsos



Religious Education

Sunday School classes have resumed. We have opportunities available to make a difference in the lives of our youth through our faith! You do not need to be an expert on Orthodoxy and you do not need to have teaching experience. We are just looking for extra hands! We are looking for Assistant Teachers for the Pre-K class and the combined 9/10 grade class. If interested, please contact Pete Markos at religiouseducation@htgocnj.org

Altar Boys

Fr. Peter invites all boys ages 12 and older to commit to serve in the altar. An acolyte plays an important role in the ceremonial aspects of the Divine Liturgy. We want our children to remain in the church as they grow up. By committing and serving in this unique role, a deep respect is instilled. This shapes and deepens faith. Please see Fr. Peter for more information.

Greek School Registration

Greek School registration is open. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 PM – 6 PM. Tuesday's grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and 1st Advanced, 2nd; Thursday's grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. Register at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/>

Angel Choir

Boys and girls ages 7-12 are invited to join the Angel Choir. Interested children should meet with the Choir Director in the Choir Robe Room (off the Narthex) immediately after Sunday School dismissal on Sunday, September 28, for initial instructions and robe assignments. The Angel Choir will be joining the adult choir during Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 5. The Angel Choir will practice from 11:45 to 12:15 on select Sundays. For more information, contact Choir Director, Anne Kernoski, via <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/choir/> or akernoski@gmail.com

Bible Study and Orthodox Inquiry – Wednesday October 1 The Gospel According to St. John

Join us in person or on **ZOOM** every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM as we read through the Holy Gospel According to St. John. The Holy Trinity Bible Study will begin October 1 and run for seven weeks. We will examine this divine book through the lens of the Holy Fathers. This class is open to all parishioners who wish to deepen their knowledge of this Gospel and to those who are inquiring about the Orthodox Faith. As people of faith, we need to know the message of the Good News for the Holy Gospel is: “an embassy of God to men” (St. Maximos the Confessor), “an ocean of spiritual benefits” (St. Ambrose of Milan), “an epitome of all theology” (St. Jerome the Presbyter), “a workshop of souls and a storehouse of spiritual herbs by which any disease can be cured” (St. Basil the Great).

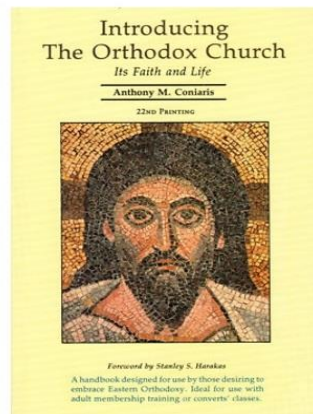
Introductory Online Reading – www.holytrinitywestfield.org/faith/traditions
{Please read before class}

Oct. 1 {Chapters 1, 2, & 3}; Oct. 15; Oct. 22; Oct. 29; Nov. 5; Nov. 12; Nov. 19

ZOOM Meeting ID: 865 1405 9453

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2025 GOYA REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/hAmPHc4bLkk9eN9F8>

Contact Sophia Saketos at 908-247-6048 or goya@htgocnj.org with questions.

GOYA Clothing Drive: Oct 4, 9 AM – 11 AM

Clothing for men, women and children. Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves; small toys 2 feet or less; stuffed animals; towels, sheets and pillowcases; bikes and strollers. Not accepting quilts, blankets, large toys, board games, books, puzzles, pots or pans, glass, electrical devices, baby cribs, high chairs, vcr tapes, furniture, outdoor playsets, sports equipment. Please bag items in kitchen- sized garbage bags. Accepting shoes in separate clear bags.

GOYA Outreach: Sock It To 'Em Drive

GOYA is collecting socks for adults and children now until October 5. The goal is 500 pairs of socks: no short athletic socks. This collection will benefit Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick. Please place in the bin by the church office.

SOCK IT TO 'EM DRIVE
Sponsored by Goya Outreach
Running through October 5th
Collection box outside of office
Our goal is 500 Pairs

Warm socks for adults and children

Collection to benefit Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick

No short-ankle athletic socks

Trinity Circle

Tuesday, October 7, Lunch/Meeting 11 AM - 2 PM in "Celebration of Costa's & Avi's 60th Wedding Anniversary". Steve Xenakis presents "Three Names: One Identity, Nationality & Ethnicity." Bus outing Thursday, November 20, to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show, lunch & shopping. Members \$85; Nonmembers \$95. Kindly make your reservation with Cassandra Romas, Chair, (908) 296-1586 - kromas22409@gmail.com

Adult Greek Dance Lessons

Lessons will be offered by Ronnie Filippatos Fernandez one Thursday per month, \$25 per class. Lessons begin October 16, 7 - 9 PM. We will enjoy some light drinks and appetizers while learning Greek dances. If interested, please send your name and phone number to htgocgreekdance@gmail.com. The remaining dates are: 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/23, 5/21

Walkathon for Mary's Place by the Sea, October 18, Ocean Grove, NJ

Please join Philoptochos for a walkathon to support Mary's Place by the Sea on October 18 in Ocean Grove, NJ. Mary's Place provides a place for women with cancer to heal in mind. Stop by our table during Fellowship Hour for more information or reach out to Maria Stevens 973-941-4642 or maraki3@verizon.net with any questions. Let's walk together for a wonderful cause!

Athens Food Night - October 23

We're excited to welcome Diane Kochilas, host of "My Greek Table" as seen on PBS, for an unforgettable Athens food night on October 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Diane will unveil her new cookbook "Athens Food, Stories, Love. A Cookbook", with a presentation, book signing, and tastings of recipes featured in her book. This special event supports our Philoptochos feed the hungry initiatives. Please come and support this great cause!

[Athens Food Night- Sign Up Today!](#)



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

For more information, email Anne Kernoski, Choir Director:

akernoski@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

October 5, 2025

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025



Awed by the beauty of your
virginity, and the exceeding
radiance of your purity;

Gabriel stood amazed and cried
out unto you, O Theotokos,

What praise may I offer that is
worthy of your beauty?

By what name shall I call you?

I am lost and bewildered, but I
shall cry to you as commanded:

Rejoice, O full of grace.

Theotokos of the Akathist



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Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Come Join Holy Trinity Greek School in Westfield!



Registration for all classes are open now!

2025-2026 Greek School Tuition

Holy Trinity Stewards

One student.....\$520

Two students.....\$850

Three students...\$1050

Non-Stewards

One student.....\$930

Two students.....\$1,510

Three students...\$1,780

Payments can be made at Holytrinitywestfield.org under Ministries:



[Greek School & PTO Registration](#)



[This QR is for PTO DUES only](#)

Classes will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginner and 1st Advanced, 2nd and

Thursday, September 11, 2025 Grades, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

If you have an **important** conflict please reach out to Principal Stavroula Mergoupis at etsoutsani62@gmail.com

Tuition Assistance If you are experiencing financial difficulty with tuition, please feel free to reach out to Father Peter Delvizi in confidence at FrPeter@htgocni.org



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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

2025

October 8, 22

November 19

December 10

2026

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 11, 25

April 22

May 13, 27

Bring water, sneakers and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli (vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608) to sign up or to ask any questions.

September 29, 2025

44th ANNUAL

HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 29, 2025

Echo Lake Country Club

515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090



Schedule

Practice/Driving Range	10:45 am
Lunch	11:00 am
Kapsimalis Putting Contest	11:30 am
Shotgun Start	12:30 pm
Cocktail Hour and Reception	5:00 pm

Sponsorship Opportunities

<i>Platinum Benefactor</i>	\$ 10,000
<i>Gold Benefactor</i>	\$ 5,000
<i>Silver Benefactor</i>	\$ 3,500
<i>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</i>	\$ 3,000
<i>Lunch Sponsor</i>	\$ 2,000
<i>Kapsimalis Putting Contest Sponsor</i>	\$ 1,500
<i>Halfway House Beverage Sponsor</i>	\$ 1,000
<i>Range Sponsor</i>	\$ 500
<i>Hole Sponsors (18)</i>	\$ 200

Benefiting:

Windy25 Memorial Fund
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Westfield

For information, please contact:

George Colonias gcolonias@yahoo.com 908-294-7414	Stefanos Arethas stefanos.arethas@gmail.com 301-518-6816	George Paras gparas@parasandparas.com 201-681-536
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REGISTRATION FORM

To pay and register online: ["Online Giving"](#)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Players

Name: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Please Check all that apply:

	Individual Golfer(s) \$450
	Foursome(s) \$1,800
	Sponsorship: Please indicate level below
	Reception \$100

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

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:

Name (as it appears on your card): _____

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Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Month _____ Year Security Code # _____

Mailing Address for this credit card: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Total Enclosed or Authorized \$ _____

To pay and register online: ["Online Giving"](#)

October 4, 2025

**GOYA
CLOTHING
DRIVE**

HOLY TRINITY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 GALLOWS HILL RD.
WESTFIELD, NJ
07090



**please bag items in
kitchen size garbage bags**

Accepting: Clothing for men, women and children, shoes (in a separate clear bag), Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves, etc.. We take small toys 2 feet or less, stuffed animals, towels, sheets, and pillowcases, bikes and strollers

Not Accepting: quilts, comforters, pillows, and blankets, sports equipment- bikes are ok, no board games, books, puzzles, pots, car seats, no glass or electrical devices, no large toys, highchairs or baby cribs, or scooters, vcr tapes, furniture or outdoor playsets, frames, candles, cards, plastic cups pet accessories or holiday decorations.

**SAT.
OCT 4,
2025**

DRIVE THROUGH & DROP OFF

9:00-11:00 AM

October 23, 2025

Athens Food Night- Sign Up Today!

Ladies Philoptochos Society at
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Westfield... presents



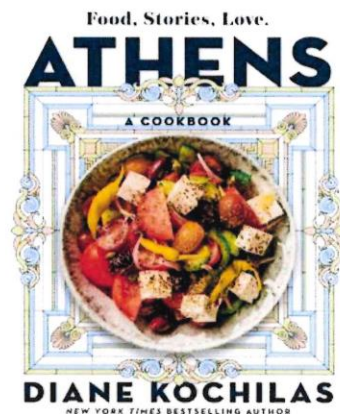
ATHENS FOOD NIGHT

*Presentation, Sample Delicious Recipes,
Book Signing and Mingling with Diane*

Diane Kochilas

October 23 2025 | 7-9 PM
250 Gallows Hill Road , Westfield NJ

Join New York Times Best Selling chef and author,
Diane Kochilas, for an unforgettable evening as she
unveils her new recipes from her newest release:
Athens: Food, Stories, Love.



Support a Cause

\$30 Donation to Support local Feed the Hungry Initiatives

\$35 Signed Cookbook

\$60 Prepay Donation and Signed Book by 10/16

RSVP TODAY!



November 6, 2025



BRINGING GOOD NEWS

“From Westfield to the World”

40 Years of OCMC: The Mission Continues

Thursday, November 6, 2025: 7-9 PM

Complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception & Program

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church - Bouras Hall

250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield NJ 07090



With OCMC Senior Development Officer Dan Christopoulos & Holy Trinity parishioner Janet O'Sullivan

Dan Christopoulos, the first OCMC missionary, served in Kenya from 1985 to 1988. OCMC Ambassador Janet O'Sullivan participated in an OCMC Donor Trip to Kenya in June 2025.

They will speak about their transformative experiences bringing the Good News 40 years apart and share how we can all continue in this mission from Westfield to the world.



For questions email: OCMC Events at events@ocmc.org

RSVP for this complimentary event by October 30



Scan the QR code or click here to RSVP!
If you can't attend, donate via QR or ocmc.org/westfield-mixer



www.ocmc.org



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠