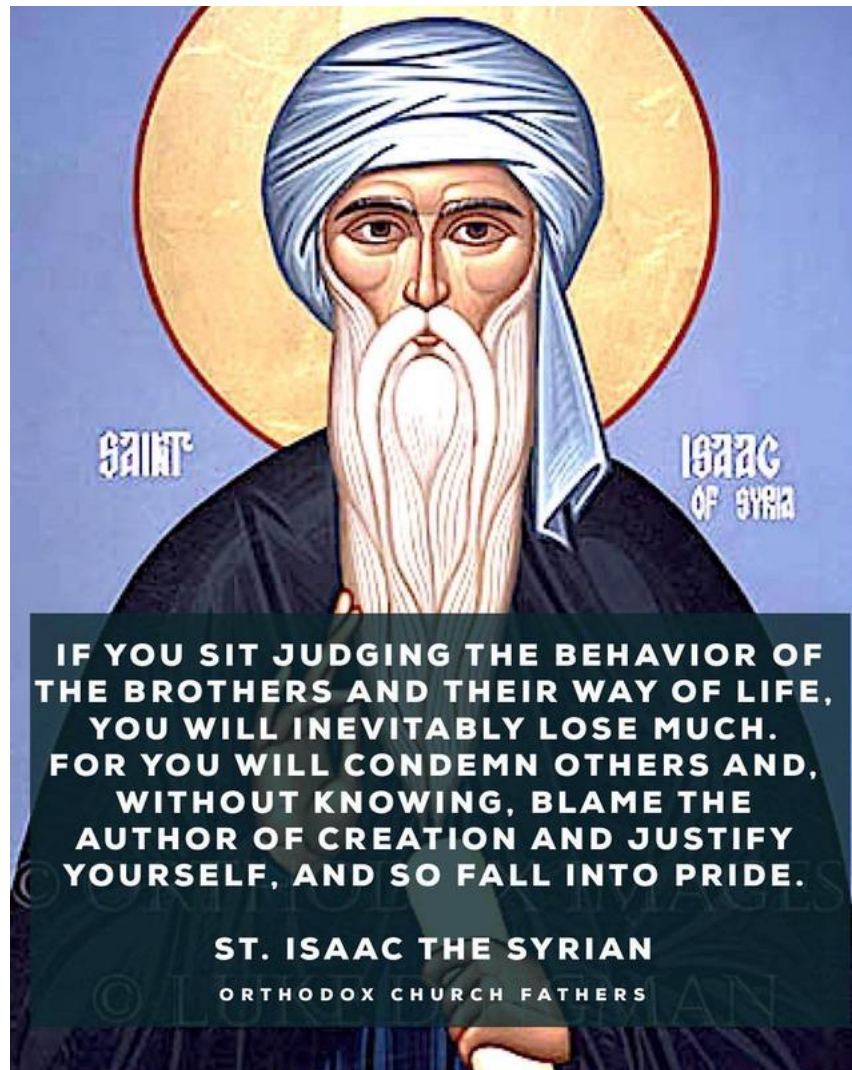


Second Sunday of Luke



St. Isaac The Syrian

September 29, 2024

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

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[Live streaming services](#)

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

Second Sunday of Luke

On this Sunday, September 29, we commemorate our Righteous Father St. Kyriacos the Hermit; St. Petronios the Martyr; St. Malachi the New Righteous Martyr; St. Dionysios I, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Fourth Tone

Ἦχος Δ΄

Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:9-20	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 6:31-36	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion: “To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.”

Apolytikion of St. Kyriacos: “As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate* and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Kyriacos, our God-bearing father.* Since you received the spiritual gifts* by fasting and vigilance and prayer,* you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls* of those who run to you with faith.* Glory to Him who gave His might to you;* glory to Him who placed a crown on you;* glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.”

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

Sunday, October 6, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 13, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In loving memory of Andreas and Kiriaki Nikolakopoulou

Sacraments and Rites

Churching: Today a 40-day blessing of Leo Constantin Cojocar, son of Razvan and Ioana Cojocar, will be held.

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Andreas † 5 years, and Kyriaki † 10 years Nikolakopoulou. Eternal be their memories.

Welcome

The parish of Holy Trinity welcomes those visiting our community today. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Please celebrate with us at the GreekFest 2024.

Anniversary Luncheon in Honor of Fr. Peter & Pres. Victoria – 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. \$30/adult; children 6-13 \$10; and children under 6 free. For more info contact the parish office or a parish council member.

The Righteous St. Kyriacos the Recluse – September 29

Kyriacos was born in Corinth to John and Eudoxia. His father John was a presbyter and his kinsman Peter was Bishop of Corinth. In his early youth, the bishop ordained Kyriacos a reader in the cathedral church. Reading Holy Scripture, the young man marveled at God's providence: how God glorified all His true servants and how He arranged the salvation of the human race. At age eighteen, Kyriacos' desire to lead a more spiritual life led him to Jerusalem. There he entered the monastery of a godly man Eustorgios, who gave him his first instruction in the monastic life. After that, he went to St. Euthymios who foresaw that he would be a great spiritual father. He clothed him in the schema and sent him to St. Gerasimos at the Jordan, where Kyriacos spent nine years. Following the death of Gerasimos, he returned to the Monastery of St. Euthymios, where he remained in stillness for ten years. Then, fleeing the praise of men, he moved from place to place. He finally lived a life of asceticism in the community of St. Chariton, where he ended his earthly sojourn of 109 years. As a celebrated ascetic and miracle-worker, St. Kyriacos was massive and strong in body, and remained such into deep old age, despite strict fasts and vigils. In the wilderness, he sometimes ate only raw greens for years. He was very zealous for the Orthodox Faith, denouncing all heresies, especially that of Origen. He said of himself

that, since he became a monk, the sun had neither seen him eat nor become angry with anyone. According to the Rule of St. Chariton, the monks ate only once a day, after the setting of the sun. Kyriacos was a great light, a pillar of Orthodoxy, the adornment of monks, a mighty healer of the sick, and a gentle comforter of the sorrowful. Having lived long for the benefit of many, he took up his habitation in the eternal joy of his Lord in the year 557 A.D.



REFLECTION

In ignorance, many people labor more to avoid suffering in old age and terminal illness than to avoid the torments of hell in the life after old age and death. Such was the case of an unmarried and avaricious man who, from year to year, and with ever greater passion, amassed for himself unnecessary wealth. When asked why he strove so much to pile up excess wealth he replied: “I am gathering it for my old age. This wealth will heal and feed me in old age and sickness.” And indeed, his foreboding came true. In old age, a long-lasting illness befell him. He distributed his accumulated wealth to physicians so they would heal him, and to servants so they would care for him and feed him. His wealth was spent, but the illness continued. The physicians and servants abandoned him, and he fell into despair. His neighbors brought him bread until his death, and he was buried at the expense of the community. He had used all his wealth for that which he had intended it. God had sent him the illness with a desire to change his reckless want and to help those in need. With all his wealth, he was unable to alleviate his sufferings and never considered helping to alleviate the sufferings of those who could benefit from his charity. Thus, when he died, he took with him neither his money, nor faith, nor hope, nor charitable deeds, nor virtue, nor prayers, nor repentance. In the end, he was an empty vessel who poured out his wealth upon himself and thus wasted the chance to inherit eternal life.



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

Get Weekly Emails by Subscribing

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

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](#).

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.

Joy/Hope

Join us for apple picking on Saturday, October 12, 10:30 AM, at Wightman Farms in Morristown. Joy Hope and the Holy Trinity Family are welcome to partake in the fun fall festivities. The cost is \$25 per person to be paid directly to the farm. Fee includes entry to the farm, a hayride, a pumpkin, and access to the apple picking and picnic area. There is an additional fee to pick apples. Please RSVP to Kathy Paone at 201-344-4049 or joyhopehtgoc@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so we can pick a meeting spot.

Goya Clothing Drive Fundraiser - October 26

The next GOYA clothing drive will be held on October 26 from 10:45 AM-12:45 PM in the church parking lot. The list of acceptable items to donate are: clothing, curtains, scooters, towels, bed sheets, blankets, bikes, strollers, belts, handbags, scarves. Please help make this event successful.

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, October 9, 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

September 27 - 29, 2024

GreekFest 2024

Sunday is the last day of Holy Trinity GreekFest. In place of fellowship hour, we ask that you spend some more time on Sunday at the parish festival as we celebrate it being tremendously successful. We thank all the volunteers who helped make this a huge success. Most especially we thank Jimmy and Anthe Angelidis for chairing the entire festival and all the chairs of the various committees. The festival is a huge endeavor but one pulled off because of the love that we have for our parish, our Hellenic roots, and one another.



September 27, 28, 29

Friday 3 pm - 11pm	Saturday 11 am - 11 pm	Sunday noon - 5 pm
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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*

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.**



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

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

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 _____

Sunday, 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

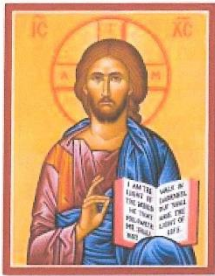
Seating Selection

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)



**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

<https://tinyurl.com/ycx247yj>

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



**12
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**

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CLOTHING
DRIVE**

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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07090

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

Accepting: Clothing, shoes (in a separate clear bag), pocketbooks, belts, baby accessories, hats, scarves, gloves, briefcases, ties, blankets, sheets, tablecloths, towels, curtains, bedding, stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, car seats w base, strollers, small toys/games 2 feet or less.

Not Accepting: large toys, board games, books, puzzles, pots & pans, glass, electrical devices, baby cribs, high chairs, VCR tapes, furniture, outdoor playsets, sports equipment.

**Sat.
Oct 26,
2024**

10:45-12:45

DRIVE THROUGH & DROP OFF



GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠