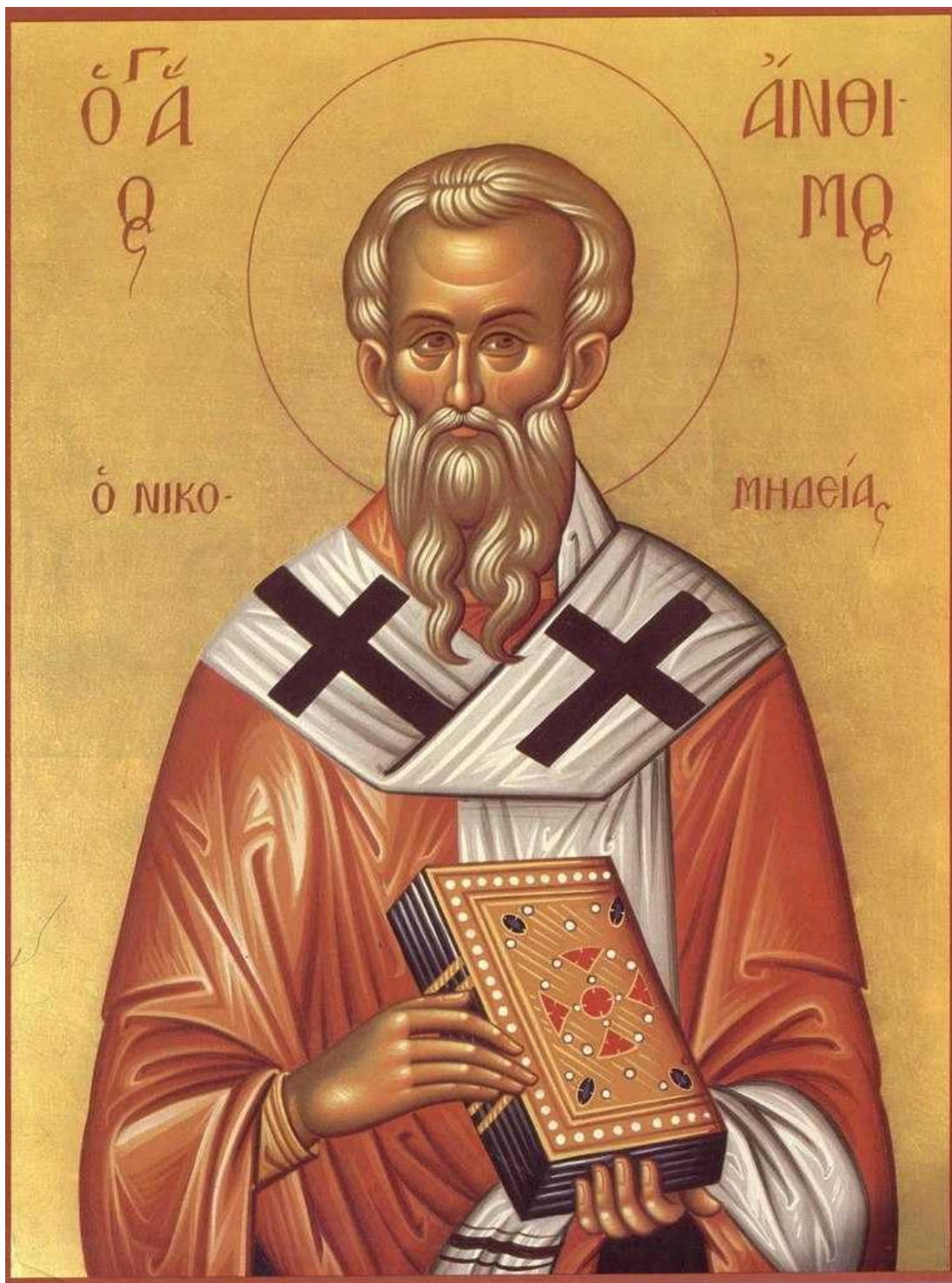


Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew



Sunday, September 3, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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On the Third Day of the month, we commemorate: St. Anthimos, the Hieromartyr of Nicomedia; Our Righteous Father St. Theoktistos and his fellow struggler St. Euthymios the Great; The Holy Martyr St. Polydorus of New Ephesus; The Translation of the holy relics of St. Nectarios of Aegina the Wonderworker and Bishop of Pentapolis

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. Mark 16:1-8	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	1 Corinthians 16:13-24	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Matthew 21:33-42	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 Hieromartyr: *“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 Anthimos. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.”*

Apolytikion of the Righteous One: *“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 Theoktistos 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: *“Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, “The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”*

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In memory of Maria Theofanous† **Vigil Light:** In memory of Demetra Kekis†
Large Candles: The Theofanous Family

Welcome Father Michael

Holy Trinity welcomes Father Michael Diamond and Presvytera Adamantia to our parish. In Fr. Peter's absence, Fr. Michael will celebrate the Divine Liturgy today.

Office Closed – September 4

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Liturgical Schedule

Friday, September 8, **Nativity of the Theotokos**, Orthros, 8:30 AM;

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 10, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 13, Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 14, **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, Orthros, 8:30 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.



Prayer Request

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, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen

St. Anthimos the Hieromartyr – September 3

Anthimos was born in Nicomedia and was raised from childhood as a true Christian. His body was mortified, his spirit humbled, his envy uprooted, his anger subdued, his sloth banished.... He had love for all and peace with all; he was prudent with all, had zeal for the glory of God and was forthright with all. It is no wonder that a man with such virtues was appointed bishop. St. Anthimos

governed as Bishop of Nicomedia during the cruel persecution of Christians under the villainous Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Streams of Christian blood were shed, especially in Nicomedia. One year, on the Feast of Christ's Nativity, twenty thousand martyrs were burned to death in one church. This took place during the time of Anthimos' episcopacy. Even so, the persecution did not end with this, but continued, and many Christians were cast into prison and kept there for torture and death.

St. Anthimos withdrew to the village of Semana, not because he was fleeing from death, but in order to continue encouraging his flock in the feat of martyrdom, so that no one would fall away out of fear. One of his letters to the Christians in prison was intercepted and turned over to Emperor Maximian. The emperor dispatched twenty soldiers to find Anthimos. The gray-haired and clairvoyant elder came out to meet the soldiers, brought them to his house, and treated them as guests--and only then revealed that he was Anthimos, whom they were seeking. The soldiers, astonished by Anthimos' kindness, suggested that he hide, saying they would tell the emperor that they could not find him. But Anthimos replied that he could not let himself transgress God's commandment against falsehood to save his life, and he went with the soldiers. Along the way, all the soldiers came to believe in Christ and were baptized by Anthimos. The emperor had Anthimos harshly tortured for a long time, and then had him beheaded with an axe. He glorified the Lord and went to his rest at the beginning of the fourth century.

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He who desires to be saved must be absolutely obedient to spiritual authority. Without obedience, a man can perish even with the greatest desire for salvation. The great saints, who prescribed obedience as the condition for salvation, also fulfilled the act of obedience. When St. Simeon chose the pillar for his asceticism, it struck the other ascetics as some kind of novelty. Because they did not know if this form of asceticism was of the Spirit of God or of the spirit of pride, the desert fathers sent spiritual men to determine the answer. The monks were to command Simeon in their name to come down from the pillar. If he did not want to come down, it would have meant that his elevation on the pillar was from the spirit of pride. But if he obeyed the command and began to descend, they were to leave him as he was, for his readiness to obey would show that his asceticism was from the Holy Spirit. When those sent arrived and told Simeon that the council of the holy fathers of the desert commanded him to descend from the pillar, Simeon immediately began to climb down the ladder. Seeing his obedience, they cried out to him rejoicing: "Do not come down, holy Father, but remain where you are. We see now that your asceticism is of God."

### **Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey – Sept. 16**

The Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate elected His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos to serve as the new Metropolitan of New Jersey. His Eminence will be enthroned on Sat. Sept. 16 at the Cathedral of St. John in Tenafly at 10:30 AM. You are cordially invited to attend this auspicious and historic event. If you would like to attend the Enthronement Service, registration is required. Please click the following link to register.

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## Delicious Phanouropites

Last Sunday, it was such a beautiful sight seeing so many Phanouropites offered in honor of St. Phanourios. We thank everyone who brought and offered these delicious cakes. Enough Phanouropites were brought that we even had a nice coffee hour to share, taste, and test each one of them.



*The Blessing of Phanouropites at Holy Trinity*

*Through the intercessions of St. Phanourios, Christ our God have mercy on us and save us.*

## Apolytikion of St. Phanourios

*“A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth;\* the hosts of angels keep an earthly festival now in splendor and radiant joy;\* from on high, they praise with hymns thy sufferings and struggles;\* and below, the Church doth laud the heavenly glory\* thou foundest by thy contests and pains, O glorious Phanourios.”*

## Religious Education Registration is Now Open

Please complete the online form for each student at your earliest convenience. The first day of classes is September 10. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the fall! Here is the link to register: [www.tinyurl.com/2023-24ReligiousEdRegistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/2023-24ReligiousEdRegistration). You can find the link on the church website <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/religious-education/>.

## ★ Teach Religious Education ★

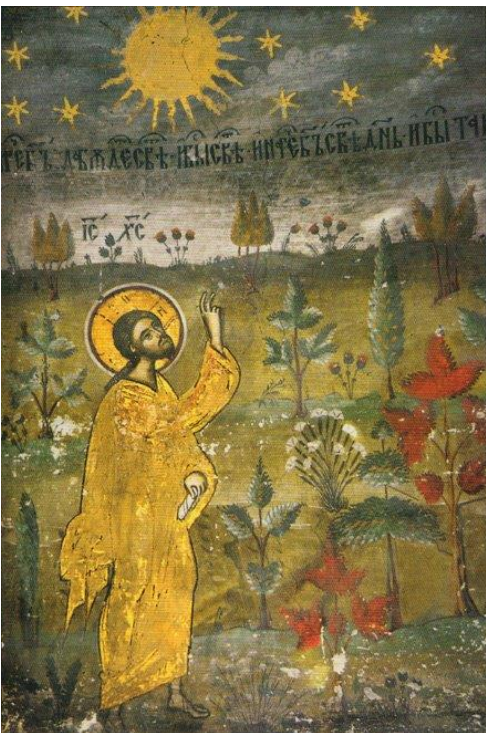
Looking for a fun way to serve the church and use your talents? Teach Religious Education! We have openings in Pre-K, 3, 8 and 9 grades and can use assistant teachers in various grades. Speak to Catherine Kelly, Iris Love or Father Peter for more details.

## 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. Beginning Tuesday, September 12, are grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Beginners and Advanced, and 3<sup>rd</sup>; and Thursday, September 14, grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. You can register at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/>

## Happy New Year – Xronia Polla Make a spiritual resolution!

September 1 is the start of the new Ecclesiastical Year. We call this The Day of Indiction. And just as we are accustomed to making resolutions on January 1, why not make a spiritual resolution beginning today. Or are we just going to wait to make a spiritual resolution.



### GIVE IT MORE TIME

Jesus once told a parable. When an owner came seeking fruit and found none, he said to the gardener, “Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?” The gardener replied, “Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and fertilize it. Perhaps it will bear fruit next year.”

GIVE IT MORE TIME! Give it another year! While we are grateful when God gives us another year, with each passing year we are brought closer to that day when we shall appear before Him face-to-face. Each year brings us closer to the Kingdom, closer to eternity, when the patient gardener, the Righteous Judge and Lord of the Universe, will come looking for fruit on our tree. But then there will not be another chance. It will be too late. The end will have come. There will not be another year. We will not be able to GIVE IT MORE TIME!

Thus on the Ecclesiastical New Year let us seize the opportunity to repent and bear fruit for God. Now is the opportune time (Kairos) for repentance and salvation.

# Upcoming Parish Events

**Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1**



**GreekFest is back! Food, Fun and Fellowship while celebrating our Greek Culture**

September 29th-September 30th, 2023

Friday: 3pm-11PM

Saturday 12-11PM

Sunday October 1st-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

Please sign-up to volunteer. Click on this link:

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

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

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



Dear Friend of Holy Trinity,

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church ("HTGOC") in Westfield, NJ will host its annual **GreekFest on Friday Sept 29th-Saturday Sept 30th**. Our parish invites you to our community to visit us and experience our Philoxenia, our faith, and authentic Hellenic culture. For over 50 years, our parish has been serving Westfield and the surrounding communities. Through the good works of our parish, the festival team, and partners, we support our ministries and local charitable organizations.

Become our partner and join the fun as we plan our largest fellowship event. Your sponsorship or advertising is a testimonial of your support, generosity, and patronage that directly enables our parish mission. As a business, your advertisement will reach thousands of attendees during the 2-day festival, **gain exposure to over 2,000 visitors and volunteers and our social media followers**. Our festival reaches patrons throughout New Jersey, including from Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Bergen, and Somerset counties.

Sincerely,

Fr. Peter Delvizi, Presiding Priest and the 2023 GreekFest Committee

**Please remember:**

- Spread the word through posting flyers, lawn signs, or find us on social media at NJGreekFest.
- Visit our website at [www.njgreekfest.com](http://www.njgreekfest.com).
- Repost and share on your social media feed(s).

## SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Grand Benefactor Sponsor\* \$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_

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Bronze Sponsor \$250 and above \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sponsorship of \$1,000 and above entitles donor to the following advertising inclusions: (i) HTGOC Promise Newsletter with over 800 recipients; (ii) GreekFest website; and (iii) large Festival Banners during Festival days.

### *Payment Options (for GreekFest donations)*

#### A. By Check:

1. Mark your sponsorship package from above.
2. Fill out the contact information below:

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mail check to: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

#### B. By Credit Card: Click link: [Holy Trinity Online Donation](#)

Or QR code:



Or visit: <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/>

# 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**

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

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

**Benefiting: Windy 25 Memorial Fund  
& Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Foursome Players (Event is Limited to 12 Foursomes. All registrations will receive an acknowledgment)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Check all that apply:*

|  |                                              |
|--|----------------------------------------------|
|  | Individual Golfer(s) @\$380                  |
|  | Foursome(s) @\$1,520                         |
|  | Sponsorship: Please indicate level           |
|  | We will donate a prize (describe)            |
|  | Sponsor a visiting Golfing Clergymen \$\$380 |
|  | Tee(s) or Hole Sponsor @\$150                |

For information, please contact the Golf Committee: George Colonias [admin@htgocnj.org](mailto:admin@htgocnj.org)  
 908-294-7414, George Paras [gparas@parasandparas.com](mailto:gparas@parasandparas.com) 201-681-5366

*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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