

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Metropolis of New Jersey**  
7004 Ridge Avenue & Mill Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

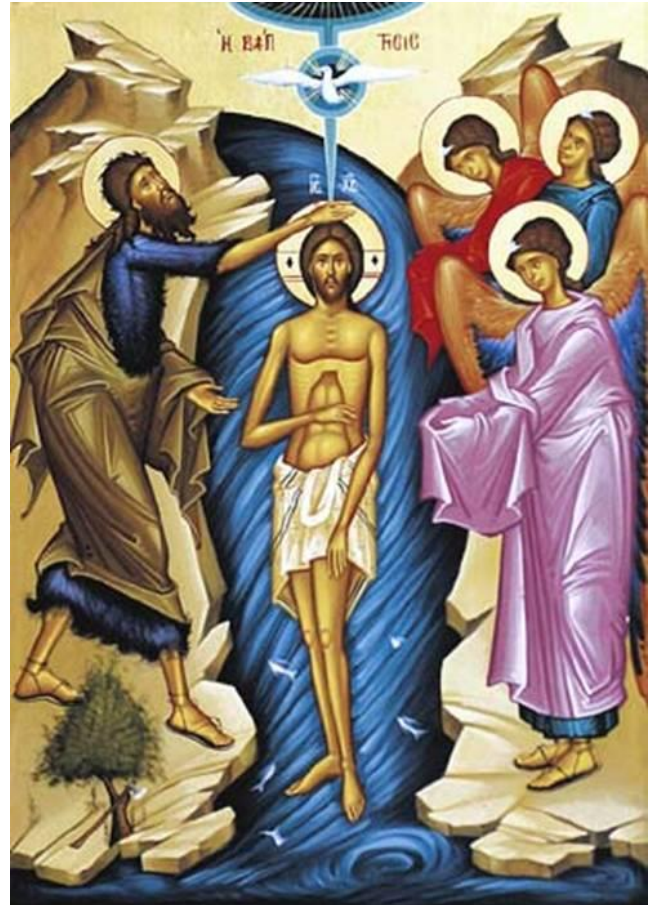


# **HOLY TRINITY HERALD**

## **JANUARY 2019**

### **Description of Theophany**

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Savior according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Savior also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvelous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22).



From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

***May We All Enjoy a Blessed New Year !***



## CHURCH SERVICES

### **1 Ιανουαρίου, Τρίτη**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ:  
Περίτομης του Κυρίου / Αγίου Βασιλείου

### **4 Ιανουαρίου, Παρασκευή**

Ορθρος, Μεγάλες Ωρες, 9:00 πμ

### **5 Ιανουαρίου, Σαββάτον**

Ορθρος, Μεγάλες Ωρες, Θεία Λειτουργία  
9:00 πμ  
ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

### **5 Ιανουαρίου, Σαββάτον Βράδι**

Μέγας Εσπερινός 7:00

### **6 Ιανουαρίου, Κυριακή**

Ορθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία 8:15, 9:30 πμ:  
ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

### **7 Ιανουαρίου, Δευτέρα**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ

### **16 Ιανουαρίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι**

Μέγας Εσπερινός στο Vineland 7:00  
Αγίου Αντωνίου

### **17 Ιανουαρίου, Πέμπτη**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ  
Αγίου Αντωνίου (στο Vineland)

### **18 Ιανουαρίου, Παρασκευή**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ  
Αγίου Αθανασίου και Κυρίλλου

### **25 Ιανουαρίου, Παρασκευή**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ  
Αγίου Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου

### **30 Ιανουαρίου, Τετάρτη**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ

### **2 Φεβρουαρίου, Σαββάτον**

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ  
ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

### **January 1, Tuesday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
The Circumcision of Our Lord

### **January 4, Friday**

Orthros, Great Hours, 9:00 am.

### **January 5, Saturday**

Orthros, Great Hours, Divine Liturgy of St. John  
Chrysostom, Great Agiasmos, 9:00 am.

### **January 5, Saturday evening**

Great Vespers 7:00 pm.

### **January 6, Sunday**

Orthros, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil and Great Agi-  
asmos 8:15 am.  
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

### **January 7, Monday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
St. John the Baptist

### **January 16, Wednesday Evening**

Great Vespers 7:00 pm., at Vineland  
St. Anthony

### **January 17, Thursday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
St. Anthony (at Vineland)

### **January 18, Friday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Sts. Athanasios & Cyril

### **January 25, Friday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Gregory the Theologian

### **January 30, Wednesday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs

### **February 2, Saturday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

**Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox Church**

**GREEK  
Winter Feast**

**January 25, 26, 27**

**Friday 5 to 10pm**

**Saturday 12 to 11pm**

**Sunday 12 to 8pm**



**Live Music  
Saturday**

**6pm to 11pm**



*Authentic Greek Food*

*Homemade Greek Pastries*



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# Godparent Sunday

February 3, 2019



Godchildren of all ages are encouraged to invite their Godparents.

Godparents are encouraged to invite their Godchildren.

Come celebrate this special relationship  
by attending church on this day to worship  
and receiving Holy Communion together.



## Philoptochos News

This year we saw first hand how generosity and love is boundless. With our Philoptochos giving \$6000 to worthy charitable organizations, we were blessed to receive \$6000 in additional philanthropic donations so that we can help even more people in need. How beautiful that the generosity of our members, was met with the generosity of two cheerful givers. The same amount that we lovingly donated was replenished! These new donations will help us continue to do the work Christ called us to do.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS for your inspiration and your love.  
THANK YOU PHILOPTOCHOS!

The Christmas Party was a wonderful and beautiful evening with our sisters coming together to celebrate the season. Our compliments to the host of the evening-- Faten Dib. Faten and Presbyteria Voula prepared a delicious meal and wonderful array of appetizers and desserts for all of us. We had fun in the kitchen preparing the feast as sisters to share with our members. Thank you to the officers and the board of Philoptochos for creating a beautiful setting for the event. Together we created a Christmas Wreath that we decorated with each person's heartfelt message and hope for the world. It hangs in the fellowship hall entrance to share our wishes with you. Tula Christopoulos led us in some festive Christmas carols in several different languages. Thank you Tula for spreading the Christmas spirit with your musical talent and also for bringing the great percussion instruments so we could play along!! Thank you to Christopher Dib for playing piano for us.

On Friday Nov 30 we decorated the church for Christmas. Thank you to Millie Michaelidis, Heather Kouloukis, Maria and Apostoli Marianakis for getting us in the Christmas spirit with beautiful evergreens and your special touch!

This December 7th we visited shut ins and sang Christmas Carols. Thank you to Ginny Kramvis for organizing the visitation and thank you Minos Bakery for preparing beautiful pastries to brighten the season for our friends.

This year our Angel Tree benefitted The Covenant House in Atlantic City. The Covenant House helps young people who are homeless. Thank you for showing your love to kids who are facing tough times. Your gifts and prayers are so important and really do make a difference.

Wishing you All Good Things in the New Year,

With Love in Christ,

Dorrie Papademetriou

# January 2019

## Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

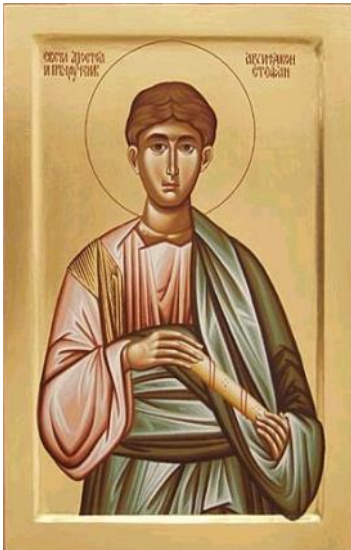
Sunday School begins again on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have wonderful classes and events planned for the rest of the year. Please bring your kids to Sunday School!

Please contact Sunday School Director Sarai Taraborrelli if you have any questions about Holy Trinity's Sunday School program.

You can reach Sarai at [sarai1southrey@gmail.com](mailto:sarai1southrey@gmail.com) or by cell at 857-225-2236.

## St. Stephen the Deacon Service Project



Volunteer Opportunity

**Join the PB&J Club!**  
**Come One, Come All!**

Help us make peanut butter and jelly  
Sandwiches for Sister Jean's Kitchen.

Come to the church's commercial kitchen on

**Thursday, January 17**  
5:30 to 7:00 pm

**RSVP to Donna Efstatos at [d.efstatos@gmail.com](mailto:d.efstatos@gmail.com)**  
**Donations of peanut butter and jam are appreciated.**

***Pizza will be served!***





## **HOLY TRINITY PB&J PROJECT FOR SISTER JEAN'S KITCHEN**

Nearly twenty years ago, a retired casino chef, Sister Jean Webster, opened her kitchen to a homeless man. Today, her operation has grown and relocated, providing food for 600 hungry and homeless people daily at the First Presbyterian Church in Atlantic City. No one is turned away, and there are no paid employees.

Each month the youth of Holy Trinity and the Holy Trinity Philoptochos make 350 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless and hungry through Sister Jean's Kitchen in Atlantic City. It costs approximately 42¢ to feed a person. Your financial donation of \$5 will feed 12 people. Please consider making a donation today, and be a part of this amazing mission.

# **\$5 feeds 12 people**

**Sister Jean: "there could never be too many sandwiches donated."**

*A project of Holy Trinity Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor)*

*Make checks out to: Holy Trinity Philoptochos*

*For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, contact Donna Efstatos at  
[d.efstatos@gmail.com](mailto:d.efstatos@gmail.com)*



# ORTHODOX MISSION TEAMS 2019

## *Changing Lives and Saving Souls*

### ***Share in a journey of faith ...***

In 1987, fifteen Orthodox communities in Kenya, who had no church in which to worship, received the first Orthodox Mission Team to help them construct a stone church. Since then, Mission Teams have built churches, schools and clinics, offered medical care, taught the faith, organized youth camps, and other outreach programs.

For over 30 years, the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)** has offered short-term Mission Team opportunities to individuals and parishes to put their faith into action. Over two thousand individuals have been witnesses of the Faith and have fulfilled the mandate of our Lord's call to "*go to all nations*".

Share your faith by presenting a *visible expression of the love* that exists within the Holy Orthodox Church around the world; *share the teachings* of the Orthodox Faith; *provide labor* to Orthodox communities; and *increase awareness* of overseas Orthodox churches and the unending mission efforts.

Apply today at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org).

## **ALASKA**

### **Youth outreach**

**Pilot Station** – Are you able to participate in a wilderness youth camp? This annual camp, near Pilot Station, teaches Yupik Alaskan traditions and the Orthodox faith. This is an opportunity for you to encourage and teach youth about the Orthodox Faith in the beautiful Lower Yukon. Team will be hosted by Fr. Stephen Heckman. \*

Dates: July 22 – July 31

Cost: \$1085

## **ALBANIA**

### **Teaching outreach**

**Tirana** - Experience the growth and vibrancy of the Church in Albania and participate in events that focus on the youth ministries of the Church. This Team is a collaborative effort with OCF Real Break and will be led by OCMC missionary Dn. Stephanos Ritsi. Register at Real Break <http://www.ocf.net/events/real-break-albania/>

Dates: March 1 – March 10

### **Youth outreach**

**Shen Vlash** – Make a difference in the life of a young person this summer by being a part of an annual camp at the Children's Home of Hope, located on the seminary grounds of historic Shen Vlash. The children at the Home of Hope are raised in an Orthodox environment and look forward to this Team every year. Team will be planned by OCMC missionary Pamela Barksdale. \*

Dates: June 18 – July 1

Cost: \$1160

## **GUATEMALA**

### **Health care outreach**

**Aguacate** - Provide health care and education in Aguacate, a predominately Mayan region of northern Guatemala. Show the love of Christ by sharing your talents as a health care provider at the Fr. Andres Giron Clinic. Team will be led by OCMC long-term missionaries.

Dates: November 8 – November 17 Cost: \$1385

## **INDONESIA**

### **Teaching outreach**

**Bali** – Assist the Orthodox Church in Indonesia by being part of a youth and family-focused ministry in Singaraja. Teach about the Orthodox Christian understanding of spirituality, prayer, family life, and fellowship.\*

Dates: June 24 – July 6

Cost: \$1270

**Medan** - Teach the Faith at three Orthodox schools, that are planting the seeds of Christianity in North Sumatera where Islam is a majority religion. Offer catechism to the faithful in Medan.

Dates: July 1 – July 13

Cost: \$1270

## **JAMAICA**

### **Youth outreach**

**Kingston** - Be a part of the second Orthodox Mission Team to Jamaica that will offer a Vacation Bible School and encourage the faithful who are experiencing a thirst for Orthodoxy and desire for a vibrant Church. Team will be led by Fr. Anthony Salzman.

Dates: August 8 – August 17

Cost: \$1140

Additional information and opportunities online at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org).



**ORTHODOX MISSION TEAMS 2019**  
*Changing Lives and Saving Souls*

## **KENYA**

### **Construction outreach**

**Mugeni** - Assist with construction at the St. Athanasius Orthodox Secondary School in the remote village of Mugeni in the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya. Help build the foundation of Orthodoxy by providing facilities that will prepare students for future studies.\*

*Dates: July 17 – July 29*

*Cost: \$1295*

### **Health Care outreach**

**Nandi** - Provide health care and health education in the Nandi region of western Kenya. The Orthodox Church in this region has a holistic ministry which includes vibrant Churches, schools and health care outreach. Health Care professionals needed.

*Dates: August 28 – September 7*

*Cost: \$1325*

### **Youth outreach**

**Butali** - Touch the lives of orphaned children by leading a camp program for the St. Tabitha Children's Home in the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya. This Team will bring joy and hope, by offering a fun-filled faith-based camp.

*Dates: March 15 – March 26*

*Cost: \$1195*

### **Teaching outreach**

**Kisumu** - Be a part of a vibrant women's ministry in the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya. This Diocese retreat brings women from different tribes and regions together for learning, fellowship and spiritual growth.

*Dates: August 10 – August 19*

*Cost: \$1285*

**Kisumu** - Contribute to youth ministry efforts of the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya at a conference for youth leaders and young adults. Individuals with experience teaching and youth work are encouraged to apply.

*Dates: December 8 – December 17*

*Cost: \$1285*

### **KENYA con't**

**Nyeri** - Contribute to youth ministry efforts of the Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya at a conference for youth leaders and young adults. Individuals with experience teaching and youth work are encouraged to apply.

*Dates: December 8 – December 17*     *Cost: \$1285*

## **MEXICO**

### **Construction outreach**

**Project Mexico** - Enjoy a week of work, witness and fellowship as you learn the importance of sharing the Orthodox Faith and the responsibility of *building up the Church* in a cross-cultural setting. OCMC is partnering with Project Mexico to build homes while introducing the vocation of Orthodox international missions. Register at Project Mexico [www.projectmexico.org](http://www.projectmexico.org)\*

*Dates: July 18 – July 24*

### **Teaching outreach**

**Vera Cruz** - Offer youth and adult catechism, experience worship services, and encourage the faithful in Zapote Bravo, Pisa Flores and San Esteban. Team will be led by Fr. Antonio Perdomo. Spanish speakers are requested.

*Dates: August 10 – August 17*

*Cost: \$745*

## **SWEDEN**

### **Youth outreach**

**Stockholm** - In this era of post-modernism, the youth of Sweden are looking to the Church for truth. Be a part of this first Team to Sweden and encourage the faithful in their Orthodox walk by leading a youth retreat.

*Dates: October 23 – November 4*

*Cost: \$1200*

\* Families are welcome to apply. Children may join if at least one parent participates.

*Additional Orthodox Mission Team opportunities – Alaska, Columbia, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya and more – available online at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org).*

### **Participation...**

- Complete a Mission Team Application with a reference from an Orthodox Priest.
- Active member of the Church, at least 18 years of age, and in good physical health.
- Participants are expected to travel on the scheduled dates and cover participation costs.

*Team dates, costs, locations and details are subject to change. Team members are encouraged to raise support, create awareness and engage others in the work of missions. Domestic travel to orientation and international airfare is not included.*

### **Information and Application...**

Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) ♦ 220 Mason Manatee Way – Saint Augustine, Florida 32086  
phone 1.904.829.5132 ♦ fax 1.904.829.1635 ♦ email [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org) ♦ web [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org)

**APPLY TODAY!**

## PHILOPTOCHOS MISSION STATEMENT

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness.

## Holy Trinity Coffee Hours

Please call or email Faten Dib 609-226-2691 or [fattouneh@hotmail.com](mailto:fattouneh@hotmail.com) today and offer to sign up for a Sunday to host the coffee hour! There are many Sunday's available and it is a great way for your family, or a few families together, to offer fellowship and refreshments to our community. We will post any available Sundays in the weekly newsletter and the monthly Herald.

In the event that no one signs up for a Sunday to host a coffee hour, only coffee will be available at the Fellowship Hall. So come one, come all and sign up today to host "Holy Trinity Coffee Hour".

Available Sundays for January, February & March:

January 13th & 20th

February 24th.

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.





# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019-2020



## CHRISTMAS 2018





# PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY



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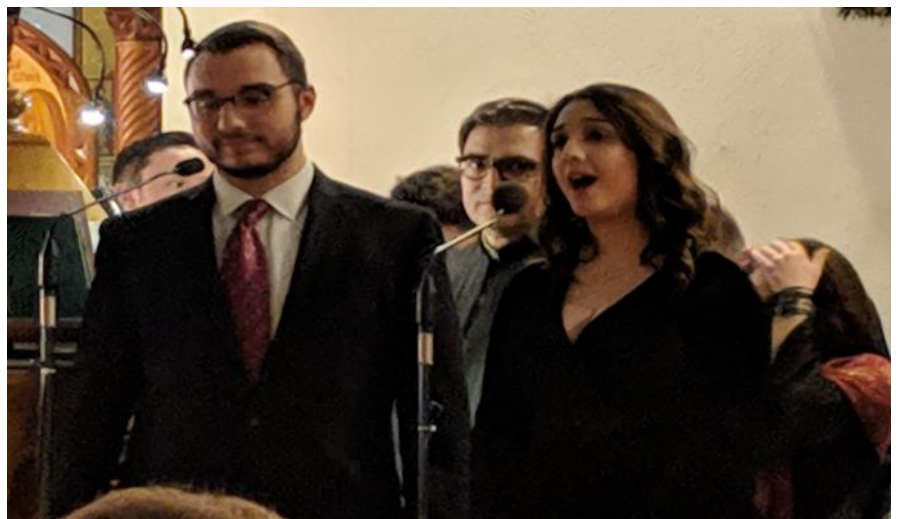


# PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY





# GOYA & YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR



# PB&J CLUB





# JANUARY 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Basil the Great	<b>2</b>  Greek School  Parish Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Orthros Great Hours 9:00 am	<b>5</b> Orthros Great Hours, Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom & Great Agiasmos 9:00 am  Great Vespers 7:00 pm
<b>6</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am Great Agiasmos  F.H. Rental	<b>7</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. John The Baptist  Greek School  TLC Meeting	<b>8</b>  Greek School  No Bible Study	<b>9</b>  Greek School	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  F. H. Rental
<b>13</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am  B.B. Championship Games Gym	<b>14</b>  Greek School  Parish Council Meeting 6:00	<b>15</b>  Greek School  No Bible Study	<b>16</b>  Greek School  Vespers Vineland	<b>17</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Anthony Vineland  PB&J Club 5:30-7:00 pm	<b>18</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Athanasios	<b>19</b>  F.H. Rental
<b>20</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am  Philoptochos Meeting	<b>21</b>  Greek School	<b>22</b>  Greek School  Bible Study 7:00	<b>23</b>  Greek School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Gregory the Theologian  Winterfeast	<b>26</b>  Winterfeast
<b>27</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am  Winterfeast  Greek Letter's Program in Wilmington	<b>28</b>  Greek School	<b>29</b>  Greek School  Bible Study 7:00	<b>30</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs  Greek School	<b>31</b>		



# PARISH NEWS

## BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group will continue meeting on Tuesdays, January 22nd and 29th at 7:00 pm. There is no bible Study on January 1st, 8th or 15th. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to share in this wonderful experience.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

All parishioners are reminded to send in their 2018 stewardship cards and/or pledges, even if this means sending them in during the beginning of January. We thank the 194 families who have sent in their stewardship cards for the year 2018. Stewardship packets for the year 2019 will be available in early January. Let us strive to give more generously than last year so that we can continue to strengthen this wonderful program.

## COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT PROGRAM

If anyone is interested in donating \$50 a week or \$200 a month so that the Come Receive the Light program can stay on the air, please contact the church office or Demi Zalman. The program airs on Sundays at 9:00am on channel 1020AM and 101.3 FM.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to those baptized Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves for the reception of the Sacrament by prayer and fasting. Blessed Bread is available for all our visitors at the very end of the Divine Liturgy.

## GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous will be meeting on Tuesday nights from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm at the church.

## PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish council meeting on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 pm.

## TLC BOARD MEETING

There will be a TLC Board meeting on Monday, January 7th at 6:00 pm.

## GREEK WINTERFEAST

Our 9th annual Greek Winter feast will be held January 25th, 26th & 27th. Please see Brian Sacco or Maany parish council member to volunteer.

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

Those who would like to have their homes blessed should call Lisa Mitoulis at 653-8092 ext. 5 to set up a convenient time.

## REGIONAL THREE HIERARCHS PROGRAM

A Regional Three Hierarchs Program will be held on Sunday evening, January 27th., in Wilmington. More details to follow as they become available

## PHILOPTOCHOS

There will be a Philoptochos meeting on Sunday, January 20th after the Divine Liturgy

## GODPARENTS SUNDAY

It is not too early to contact your Godparents or Godchildren in order to remind them that our annual Godparents Sunday will take place on February 3rd. We hope to have lots of Godparents and Godchildren worshipping in church that day.

## COFFEE HOUR

If you would like to host the coffee hour on a Sunday please call or email Faten Dib. (609-226-2691 or [fattouneh@hotmail.com](mailto:fattouneh@hotmail.com)) . If you are hosting the coffee hour please make sure that all products are nut free. We have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you!

## NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by friend or family member's drug addiction. As a Twelve-Step Program, they offer help by sharing experience, strength, and hope in a safe and anonymous forum. If you are or know someone who is impacted by someone else's drug addiction, please let them know about this meeting. Meetings are held every Thursday at 6:30pm.

## WEB PAGES FOR ORTHODOX BOOKS & RADIO

Conciliar Press: [www.conciliarpress.com](http://www.conciliarpress.com)

Light & Life: [www.light-n-life.com](http://www.light-n-life.com)

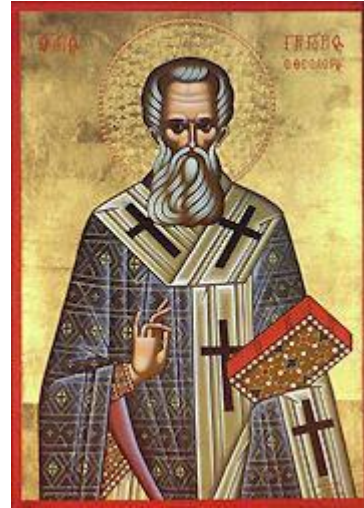
Holy Cross Press: [www.holycrossbookstore.com](http://www.holycrossbookstore.com)

St. Vladimir's Press: [www.svspress.com](http://www.svspress.com)

The link for Ancient Faith Radio and Ancient Faith Talk: <http://ancientfaith.com/>



## Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople



This great Father and Teacher of the Church was born in 329 in Arianzus, a village of the second district of Cappadocia, not far from Nazianzus. His father, who later became Bishop of Nazianzus, was named Gregory (commemorated Jan. 1), and his mother was named Nonna (Aug. 5); both are among the Saints, and so are his brother Caesarius (Mar. 9) and his sister Gorgona (Feb. 23). At first he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervour he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm. At Athens Saint Gregory was later joined by Saint Basil the Great, whom he already knew; but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. Another fellow student of theirs in Athens was the young Prince Julian, who later as Emperor was called the Apostate because he denied Christ and did all in his power to restore paganism. Even in Athens, before Julian had thrown off the mask of piety; Saint Gregory saw what an unsettled mind he had, and said, "What an evil the Roman State is nourishing" (Orat. V, 24, PG 35:693).

After their studies at Athens, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and Saint Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima (or Zansima), which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea. This consecration was a source of great sorrow to Gregory, and a cause of misunderstanding between him and Basil; but his love for Basil remained unchanged, as can be plainly seen from his Funeral Oration on Saint Basil (Orat. XLIII).

About the Year 379, Saint Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arians; by his supremely wise words and many labours he freed it from the corruption of heresy, and was elected Archbishop of that city by the Second Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381, and condemned Macedonius, Archbishop of Constantinople, the enemy of the Holy Spirit. When Saint Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to Saint Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left to them in the city. Saint Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and Saint Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech - the Syntacterion, in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son - before 150 bishops and the Emperor Theodosius the Great; in this speech he requested, and received from all, permission to retire from the see of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus, where he lived to the end of his life, and reposed in the Lord in 391, having lived some sixty-two years.

His extant writings, both prose and poems in every type of metre, demonstrate his lofty eloquence and his wondrous breadth of learning. In the beauty of his writings, he is considered to have surpassed the Greek writers of antiquity, and because of his God-inspired theological thought, he received the surname "Theologian." Although he is sometimes called Gregory of Nazianzus, this title belongs properly to his father; he himself is known by the Church only as Gregory the Theologian.

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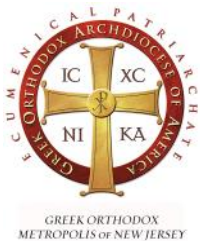
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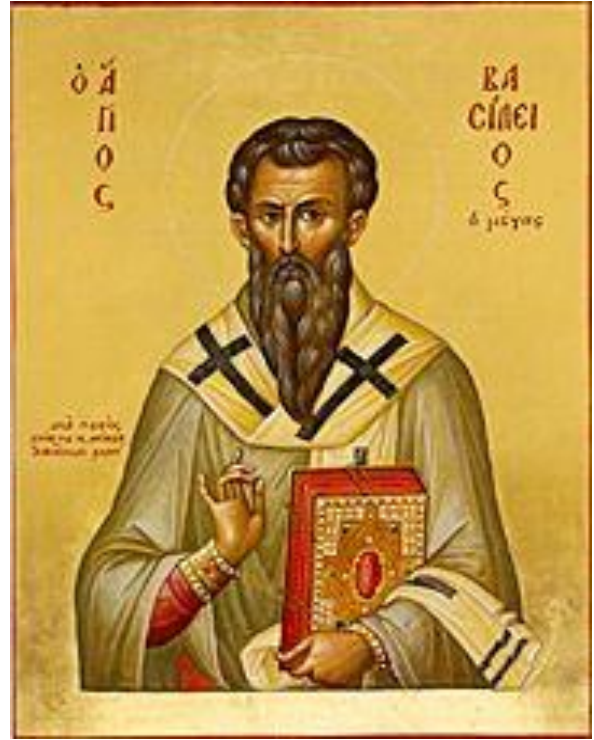


# Basil the Great

## Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. to), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucrati. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a fellow Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian." Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies.

About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. The Emperor Valens, and Modestus, the Eparch of the East, who were of one mind with the Arians, tried with threats of exile and of torments to bend the Saint to their own confession, because he was the bastion of Orthodoxy in all Cappadocia, and preserved it from heresy when Arianism was at its strongest. But he set all their malice at naught, and in his willingness to give himself up to every suffering for the sake of the Faith, showed himself to be a martyr by volition. Modestus, amazed at Basil's fearlessness in his presence, said that no one had ever so spoken to him. "Perhaps," answered the Saint, "you have never met a bishop before." The Emperor Valens himself was almost won over by Basil's dignity and wisdom. When Valens' son fell gravely sick, he asked Saint Basil to pray for him. The Saint promised that his son would be restated if Valens



agreed to have him baptized by the Orthodox; Valens agreed, Basil prayed. the son was restored. But afterwards the Emperor had him baptized by Arians, and the child died soon after. Later, Valens, persuaded by his counsellors, decided to send the Saint into exile because he would not accept the Arians into communion; but his pen broke when he was signing the edict of banishment. He tried a second time and a third, but the same thing happened, so that the Emperor was filled with dread, and tore up the document, and Basil was not banished. The truly great Basil, spent with extreme ascetical practices and continual labours, at the helm of the church, departed to the Lord on the 1st of January, in 379. at the age of 49.

His writings are replete with wisdom and erudition, and rich these gifts he set forth the doctrines concerning the mysteries both of the creation and of the Holy Trinity. Because of the majesty and keenness of his eloquence, he is honoured as "the revealer of heavenly things" and "the Great."

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## Anthony the Great



Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

The cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained, as mentioned above, about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress "initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God." Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life.

Saint Athanasius says of him that "his countenance had a great and wonderful grace. This gift also he had from the Saviour. For if he were present in a great company of monks, and any one who did not know him previously wished to see him, immediately coming forward he passed by the rest, and hurried to Anthony, as though attracted by his appearance. Yet neither in height nor breadth was he conspicuous above others, but in the serenity of his manner and the purity of his soul." So Passing his life, and becoming an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17 in the year 356, having lived altogether some 105 years.

## How to Host the Coffee Hour

**Requirements:** Desserts (Nut-free), Milk 1 gallon, Orange Juice

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  2. Place coffee cups, plates napkins, forks, spoons on the counter and milk jugs, basket of sugars. Everything is in the drawers.
  3. Take out the money box and place it on the counter.
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Dear Parishioners,

*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

Our wonderful greeter, Marge Adams, has moved to be near her family in Pennsylvania. We are very grateful and inspired by Marge, as she greeted and welcomed our parishioners and visitors, and we thank her for all the years she faithfully served on our Greeter Ministry, since 2013. We wish Marge all the best in her future home and surroundings. She will be greatly missed by all of us. We hope and pray that she will join us from time to time, which she has promised to do.

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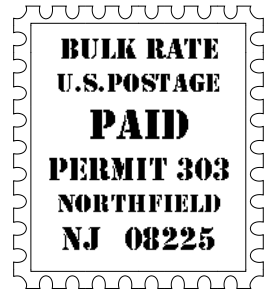
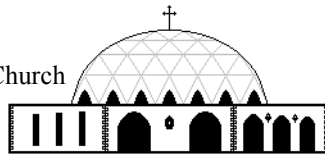
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| January 6:     | Epiphany                       |
| January 25-27: | Greek Winter Feast             |
| January 27:    | Regional Greek Letters Program |
| February 3:    | Godparents Sunday              |
| February 17:   | Triodion Begins                |
| March 3:       | Spring General Assembly        |
| March 11:      | Lent Begins                    |
| March 23:      | GOYA Sights & Sounds           |
| March 25:      | Annunciation of the Theotokos  |
| April 5 & 6:   | Philoptochos Yard Sale         |
| April 28:      | Resurrection                   |
| June 6-9:      | Greek Festival                 |

***“Christ is born!  
Glorify Him!”***