

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

HOLY TRINITY HERALD

MARCH 2023



The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her womb.

BIBLICAL STORY

The biblical story of the Feast of the Annunciation is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (1:26-39). The Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, who was living in Nazareth, and said to her, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you." Mary was perplexed and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

The angel told her not to be afraid, for she had found favor with God. He said, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary responded to the angel by asking how this could happen since she had no husband. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit and the power of God would come upon her, and that the child to be born of her would be called holy, the "Son of God."

The angel then proceeded to tell the Virgin Mary that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age (John the Baptist), and affirmed that with God nothing is impossible.

In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word." Upon her response, the angel departed.

It is on the Feast of the Annunciation, that Orthodox Christians commemorate both the divine initiative of God, whereby He took on flesh from the Virgin for our salvation, and the human response, whereby Mary freely accepted the vocation offered to her. He elected to become man, and He desired to do this with the willing agreement of her whom He chose as His mother. Mary could have refused, for she was not a passive instrument, but an active participant with a free and positive part to play in God's plan for our salvation. Thus, when on this and other feasts the Orthodox Church honors the Theotokos, the Mother of God, it is not just because God chose her but also because she herself chose to follow His will.



CHURCH SERVICES

1 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μ.μ.

3 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 5:30 μ.μ.
Α' Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

4 Μαρτίου, Σαββάτον
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 πμ (No Orthros)
Ψυχοσάββατον

5 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι
Katanyktikos Εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ

6 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα Βράδι
Απόδειπνος 5:00 μ.μ

8 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

9 Μαρτίου, Πέμπτη Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

10 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 5:30 μ.μ.
Β' Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

12 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι
Katanyktikos Εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ

13 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα Βράδι
Απόδειπνος 5:00 μ.μ

15 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

17 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 4:30 μ.μ.
Γ' Χαιρετισμοί 6:00 μμ

19 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι
Katanyktikos Εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ

20 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα Βράδι
Απόδειπνος 5:00 μ.μ

22 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

24 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι
Μέγας Εσπερινός του Ευαγγελισμού 7:00 μ.μ
Evangelismos or Annunciation Church

25 Μαρτίου, Σαββάτον
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 πμ
Ο Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου

26 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι
Katanyktikos Εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ

27 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα Βράδι
Απόδειπνος 5:00 μ.μ

29 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

31 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 5:30 μ.μ.
Ακάθιστος Ύμνος 7:00 μμ

March 1, Wednesday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 3, Friday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm
First Salutations 7:00 pm

March 4, Saturday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 (No Orthros)
3rd Saturday of the Souls

March 5, Sunday Evening
Katanyktikos Vespers 6:00 pm

March 6, Monday Evening
Compline 5:00 pm

March 8, Wednesday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 9, Thursday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 10, Friday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm
Second Salutations 7:00 pm

March 12, Sunday Evening
Katanyktikos Vespers 6:00 pm

March 13, Monday Evening
Compline 5:00 pm

March 15, Wednesday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 17, Friday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 4:30 pm
Third Salutations 6:00 pm

March 19, Sunday Evening
Katanyktikos Vespers 6:00 pm

March 20, Monday Evening
Compline 5:00 pm

March 22, Wednesday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 24, Friday Evening
Great Vespers of the Annunciation 7:00 pm.
Evangelismos or Annunciation Church

March 25, Saturday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

March 26, Sunday Evening
Katanyktikos Vespers 6:00 pm

March 27, Monday Evening
Compline 5:00 pm

March 29, Wednesday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 31, Friday Evening
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm
Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

You are invited by the OCMC Metropolitan Philadelphia Mission Committee

MOTIVATED BY A MISSION MINDSET

Learn how to cultivate a mission mindset which molds our world view, inspires our actions, and energizes thriving parishes!

Saturday, March 4

Registration is available online!
Sign up by Feb. 28 at:

www.ocmc.org/MetroPhilly-Retreat



Annunciation/Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church

7921 Old York Rd | Elkins Park, PA 19027



Retreat Leader:

Dan Christopoulos

OCMC Development Director &
First OCMC Missionary

Retreat Schedule

9:30 AM Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy

Continental Breakfast Following Service

11:15 AM Session I -

"The Forgotten Commandment - Jesus' last words"

Break

12 PM Session II -

"Aligning our Worldview to Christ's"

Break

1 PM Session III -

"'Inspired' Actions Which Change the World"

1:45 PM Retreat Concludes

Questions? Contact Barbara Louridas via
E-mail: barbaralouridas@gmail.com | Phone: (215) 429-9605



**SCAN TO RSVP
ONLINE TODAY**

1-877-GO-FORTH
(1-877-463-6784)

✉ events@ocmc.org



Holy Trinity Philoptochos invites you to
Let Your *Light* Shine!



**Saturday March 25th
at 1:00pm**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
7004 Ridge Ave
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234

Please RSVP to ekramvis@comcast.net
or call or text Ginny Kramvis at 609-513-2357
so we have enough materials for everyone!

The Philoptochos Society is a compassion club and an "army of agape!" The women of Philoptochos practice *Philanthropia*, and a commitment to helping those in need.

Level of participation is entirely an individual choice.

Join us for an afternoon of creativity and and make a candle holder out of clay, have fun, fellowship and food!

And find out more about joining our sisterhood.



LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF HOLY TRINITY EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ, ST ELPIDA CHAPTER
2023 REGISTRATION FORM

For my love of the Lord and the good works of the St.Elpidia Philoptochos Society, kindly accept my gift of:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ more \$ _____, for my 2023 membership*

Please make checks payable to: St.Elpidia Philoptochos Society

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

*Be mindful, that the first \$23. of your commitment is an obligation paid directly to National and Metropolis Philoptochos.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ Renew my membership

_____ I am a new member

YES! Contact me about helping with or to learn more about the following:

_____ Help plan, organize or work an event

_____ Festival baking

_____ Visit the sick/ill in private and/or nursing homes.

_____ Assist with P.B. & J. Club

_____ Host (or cohost) a Coffee Hour

_____ Prepare meals for the needy/homeless

_____ I would like to help wherever the help is needed most – please contact me

_____ I am not able to work on projects this year but support the Mission

The Ladies Philoptochos Society
Saint Elpidia Chapter 1040 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
7004 Ridge Ave. Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234



As we enter a New Year, we recognize and honor our Philoptochos members across the country. It is through the devotion and hard work of our women and men at every level that our beloved organization has grown into a formidable "Army of Agape" dedicated to serving our brothers and sisters in need.

January begins our annual Membership Drive! *The primary enrollment period for Chapter Membership is the first quarter of the calendar year; however, membership is an ongoing process of not only retaining current members but also recruiting new ones. Chapters are encouraged to employ a variety of ideas, activities, and resources to help invigorate their membership. Our aim is to "Invite, Embrace, and Involve" every woman to become a member of Philoptochos:*

Annual dues are \$25.00 per member. The National Philoptochos has amended annual local chapter dues to a form of "stewardship". Your donation is tax deductible. Please give what you can. We look forward to having you as a member and hope you will attend the meetings and learn firsthand about the inspiring sisterhood of Philoptochos.

Please complete form and include with payment. Checks are payable to: Holy Trinity Philoptochos Society. Dorrie Papademetriou dpapadem@comcast.net and Ginny Kramvis ekramvis@comcast.net are coordinating for questions and if payment made at church/in person. If payment by mail, send to the address indicated at the bottom of this form.

2023 St. Elpida Philoptochos Membership Drive Committee:

Athena Sacco, Dorrie Papademetriou, Sophia Demas, Presvitera Voula Liacopulos and Ginny Kramvis.

MISSION STATEMENT

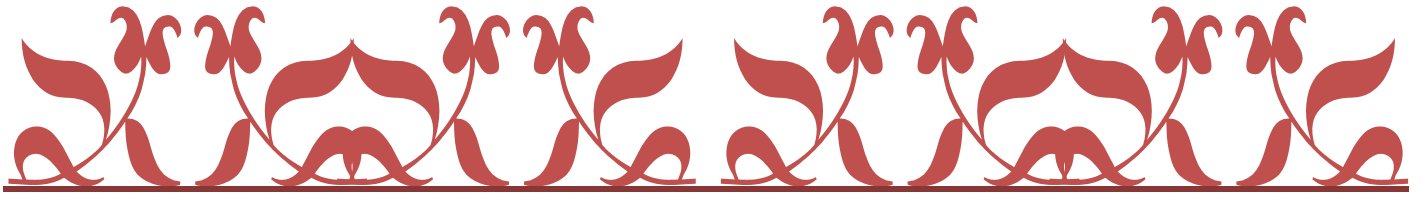
The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- 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 aid 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.

www.philoptochos.org

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Saint Elpida Chapter 1040 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
7004 Ridge Ave. Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234



SAVE THE DATE

Our Holy Trinity

St. Elpida Ladies Philoptochos

invites all to a

Lenten Retreat

Following Church services on

Friday, March 17, 2023, at 7.00pm

And a

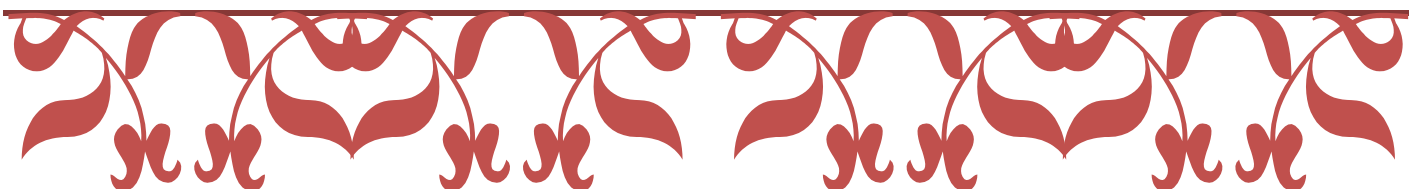
Palm Sunday Luncheon

Following Church services on

Sunday, April 09, 2023

More details will follow soon.

We look forward to welcoming you.



2023 ANNUAL YARD SALE

March 31st & April 1st



The Philoptochos Yard Sale will be on Friday & Saturday, March 31 & April 1. We are looking for donated items to sell at our Annual Yard Sale. Items can be dropped off starting Sunday, March 26 in the gym, thru Thursday, March 30th from 9am to 3pm. If someone needs to drop off anything in the evening or to volunteer call Kelly @ 609-412-0147 or Ria @ 609-457-0836 or Heather Koltoukis @ 609-816-6171 to make arrangements. We will also need hangers and plastic bags. We need YOUR help for set up, staffing and break down. For larger item donations please contact Heather before dropping off.

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Philoptochos – St. Elpida

March 2023 Herald **Sunday School**

March 5th is Sunday of Orthodoxy. All children are encouraged to attend church so they may participate in the icon procession.

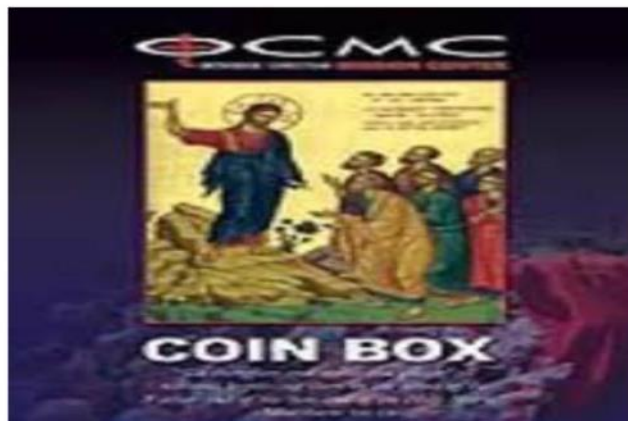
March 19th is Sunday of the Holy Cross. All children are encouraged to attend church so they may participate in the cross procession.

Save the Date! Saturday April 8th is Saturday of Lazarus liturgy, breakfast, and palm folding. All Sunday School students are encouraged to attend. This is an instructional liturgy for the children. Father George will explain the different components of the liturgy and Holy Week services. We need many hands to make palm crosses for our palm procession on **Palm Sunday April 9th!**

Save the Date! Friday April 14th is the Holy Friday Retreat from 11am-3pm. Please come and experience the true meaning of Pascha; the crucifixion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please see flyer and registration form in weekly bulletin.

Please attend Agape Vespers on Sunday **April 16th**. There will be an egg hunt for the children, and each child will receive a balloon to celebrate the Resurrection!

LENTEN COIN BOXES



**TAKE ONE HOME TODAY
FILL IT WITH YOUR DONATIONS
RETURN IT ON HOLY PASCHA**

*These funds will be used to support the ministries of the
Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)
to spread Christ's love around the world.*

COMMUNITY PASCHAL CARD

Family Name (as it will appear on card): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Donation (minimum of \$20): _____

*Please remit to: Holy Trinity, PO Box 769, Northfield, NJ 08225
Last day is Sunday, April 2nd*

SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

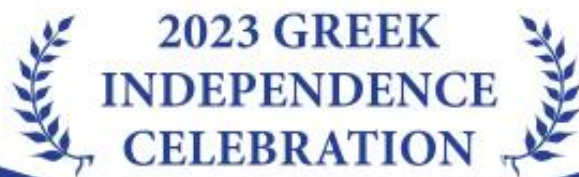
This year's Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, March 19th following the Divine Liturgy. All those parishioners who have sent in their stewardship cards for 2022 and/or 2023 will be eligible to vote.

Scheduling Meetings and Events

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts all parish ministries and organizations must call the church office to schedule all meetings, practices and events.



The Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley



FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Friday, March 31, 2023

1:30 p.m. - Meet outside at North Apron of City Hall

2:00 p.m. - Flag Raising Ceremony

*The Evzones will be there for this important ceremony
celebrating our Greek Independence Celebration*



The Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of
Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley

Invite you to attend

**ELEFThERIA
MEDAL &
DIGNITARIES
DINNER**

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 | 5:00 PM

HONORED GUEST

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

ELEFThERIA MEDAL RECIPIENT

Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the United States of America

Her Excellency Alexandra Papadopoulou

GRAND MARSHAL

Ambassador of the United States of America to the Hellenic Republic

His Excellency George J. Tsunis

DINNER: \$100 | STUDENTS: \$50

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1750 CLEMENTS BRIDGE RD, DEPTFORD, NJ 08096

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION

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PHILADELPHIA
GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023



GRAND MARSHAL
*Ambassador of the United States
of America to the Hellenic Republic*
His Excellency George J. Tsunis

ELEFThERIA MEDAL RECIPIENT
*Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic
to the United States of America*
Her Excellency Alexandra Papadopoulou

Ben Franklin Parkway and 22nd Street

Formation at 1:00 pm & Step-off at 2:00 pm

Parade will begin at 22nd and the Parkway marching towards City Hall

Immediately Following Parade Reception

Sheraton, "Liberty Ballroom", 201 N. 17th St, Philadelphia PA

ADMISSION FREE

Dance Performances | Refreshments | Light Food | DJ Makis

GOYA SKI TRIP



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PARISH NEWS

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.

CHURCH REMINDERS

Wearing masks is now optional in the church and throughout the community center. Those who are feeling sick should stay at home. We will continue to live-stream our church services.

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish council meeting on Monday, March 6th at 6:30 pm.

TLC BOARD MEETING

There will be a TLC Board meeting on Monday, March 13th at 6:30 pm.

SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year's Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, March 19th.

PASCHAL CARD

Please call Youla Mularz at 927-8187 . (minimum donation of \$20) to include your family name in the community paschal card.

GREEK PROGRAM

This year's Greek Independence Day Program will be held on Sunday, March 26th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

GREEK PARADE

This year's Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 2nd.

YOUTH SAFETY POLICIES

After Sunday School all of the children are to stay in the Fellowship Hall with their parents. The gym, classrooms and church areas will be off limits to the children after Sunday School has been completed.

SPECIAL TLC ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to ensure the safety of all our TLC children, the following procedures are being implemented effective immediately. During TLC school hours (Monday-Friday, 6:45 a. to 5:30 pm) all parishioners must be either buzzed in through the front door of the community center or must be checked in through the TLC main entrance. Any parishioner who has a key or fob to our facility must follow the same procedures.

PHILOTOCHOS

There is a Philoptochos Meeting on Sunday, March 5th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Philoptochos will continue to sell Shop Rite Gift Cards. Please see attached flyer (page 29) with information on how to purchase.

In an effort to create awareness and encourage participation of Philoptochos philanthropic initiatives and projects please like/follow our new Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinitys-Philoptochos-St-Elpida-Chapter-119236026143902/>

ADULT CONFESSIONS

The Lenten period is an important time of spiritual preparation for all Orthodox Christians. For this reason, everyone is encouraged to contact Father George, or any other spiritual father, in order to partake of the Sacrament of Confession.

LENTEN YOUTH PROCESSIONS

The youth of our community will be participating in the following events:

March 5: Icon Procession

March 19 - Cross Procession

April 8- Saturday of Lazarus

April 9 - Palm Procession

April 9- Evening - Girl's Candle Procession

April 12- GOYAn's Reading

April 14 - Afternoon & Evening Procession & Retreat

April 16- Agape Service at noon

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) . 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!

MEMORIALS

If you are planning a family memorial, please contact the church office far in advance of the date.

WEB PAGES FOR ORTHODOX BOOKS & RADIO

Conciliar Press: www.conciliarpress.com

Light & Life: www.light-n-life.com

Holy Cross Press: www.holycrossbookstore.com

St. Vladimir's Press: www.svspress.com

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

ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

Επειδή λάβατε το πακέτο της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς για το 2023, σας παρακαλούμε να στείλετε την κάρτα σας το συντομότερο. Σας παρακαλούμε να μην στείλετε χρήματα χωρίς να στείλετε και την κάρτα.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

Η Γενική Συνέλευση θα γίνει την Κυριακή, 19 Μαρτίου, μετά από την Θείαν Λειτουργίαν. Σας παρακαλούμε να λάβετε μέρος για την πρόοδο της ενορίας μας. Οι ενορίτες που έχουν στείλει κάρτες για το 2022 ή το 2023 θα μπορούν να ψηφίσουν.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

Το ετήσιο πρόγραμμα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου θα γίνει στις 26 Μαρτίου.

MARCH 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 Greek School Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30	2	3 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 5:30 1st Salutations 7:00 pm GOYA Discussion	4 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 3rd Saturday of the Souls OCMC Retreat Elkins Park F.H. Rental
5 Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am Icon Procession Philoptochos Mtg GOYA Mtg. Katanyktikos Vespers 6 pm.	6 Greek School Compline 5:00 pm PC Mtg. 6:30	7 Greek School	8 Greek School Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30	9 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30	10 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 5:30 2nd Salutations 7:00 pm	11 F.H. Rental
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WINTER FEAST 2023



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1ST MENS GATHERING



1ST MENS GATHERING



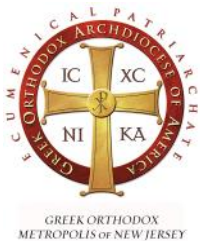
SUNDAY SCHOOL



COME VISIT OUR LIBRARY!

All parents and children are invited to stop by to check out a book...or two!

Help your child grow in the faith!



HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

7004 Ridge Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234
Phone: (609) 653-8092 · Fax: (609) 653-0375

Our Vision is...

to follow Christ as stewards of our faith, by fostering a loving and welcoming community through active service, worship, education, and fellowship.



Our Mission is...

to become disciples of Christ in thought, word and deed, through loving and humble service to God and mankind, while seeking salvation for all through the Holy Spirit.



Sunday of Orthodoxy

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

Apolytikion of Sun. of Orthodoxy

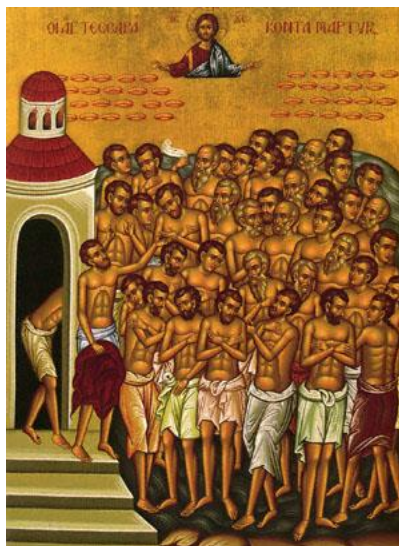
Second Tone

O Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, Your filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

Kontakion of Sun. of Orthodoxy

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The indescribable word of God became defined when He became incarnate of You O Theotokos. He restored our soiled image to what it was of old by joining it to His divine beauty. We confess salvation, and recount it in word and deed.



The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

These holy Martyrs, who came from various lands, were all soldiers under the same general. Taken into custody for their faith in Christ, and at first interrogated by cruel means, they were then stripped of their clothing and cast onto the frozen lake which is at Sebastia of Pontus, at a time when the harsh and freezing weather was at its worst. They endured the whole night naked in such circumstances, encouraging one another to be patient until the end. He that guarded them, named Aglaius, who was commanded to receive any of them that might deny Christ, had a vision in which he saw heavenly powers distributing crowns to all of the Martyrs, except one, who soon after abandoned the contest. Seeing this, Aglaius professed himself a Christian and joined the Martyrs on the lake, and the number of forty remained complete. In the morning, when they were almost dead from the cold, they were cast into fire, after which their remains were thrown into the river. Thus they finished the good course of martyrdom in 320, during the reign of Licinius. These are their names: Aca-cius, Aetius, Aglaius, Alexander, Angus, Athanasius, Candidus, Chudion, Claudius, Cyril, Cyrion, Dome-tian, Domnus, Ecdicius, Elias, Eunoicus, Eutyches, Eutychius, Flavius, Gaius, Gorgonius, Helianus, Heracli-us, Hesychius, John, Lysimachus, Meliton, Nicholas, Philoctemon, Priscus, Sacerdon, Severian, Sisinius, Smaragdus, Theodulus, Theophilus, Valens, Valerius, Vivianus, and Xanthias.

Apolytikion of 40 Martyrs of Sebastia

First Tone

Be entreated, O Lord, by the sufferings endured for You by the Saints, and we pray You, heal all our pain.

Kontakion of 40 Martyrs of Sebastia

Plagal of the Second Tone

O Forty Champions of the Lord, you abandoned the armies of the world and attached yourselves to the Mas-ter in heaven. Having gone through fire and water, O Blessed Ones, you worthily won glory from heaven and a multitude of crowns.

Got Sneakers?

GOYA will be accepting used shoes to donate to the GotSneakers Foundation.



Formal shoes, boots, and heels will not be accepted, however any donations of sneakers and walking shoes would be greatly appreciated. Boxes to leave donations in will be labeled and located at the entrances to the TLC, the northex, and the fellowship hall.

Final collection date is April 30th

How to Host the Coffee Hour

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

Set up in coffee room:

1. Prepare coffee urn with # of cups and amount of water. Instructions are pasted inside the door of one of the cabinets. Switch on the coffee.
 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.
- After coffee is served: Please clean up everything. Empty urn and clean. Count money.
Place in envelope marked

**PHILOPTOCHOS COFFEE HOUR,
DATE, NAME OF VOLUNTEER AND AMOUNT.**

Money is either given to Faten Dib or slipped under Father George's office door.

Donuts can be picked up free at Minos if you call at 6pm on Saturday evening to request donuts to be put aside. Minos opens at 7.00am on Sunday, pick up any time after that.

Coffee hour need not be an elaborate affair. It is NOT a competition as to who serves the best spread. Some ladies love to bake, others do not have the time.

We are thankful to anyone who volunteers just to host a simple coffee hour.

Scheduling Meetings and Events

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts all parish ministries and organizations must call the church office to schedule all meetings, practices and events.

REQUEST FOR GREETERS

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.

Please join us as we continue this meaningful ministry, creating more wonderful, first, and continuing impressions. The Great Commission of our Lord begins with us, as greeters, as we welcome everyone, sharing the love of Christ.

If anyone would like to join our wonderful Greeter Ministry, please speak to Ginny Kramvis or email ekramvis@comcast.net



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NOW 2 WAYS TO SUPPORT:

Option #1: For every \$100.00 dollars sold, Philoptochos earns \$5.00. Cards are available in \$50.00 and \$100.00 increments. Buy one or many. Keep for yourself or gift.

NEW Option #2: In lieu of purchasing a Shop Rite Gift Card, a monetary donation to help fund the Shop Rite Gift Card initiative. Any amount is appreciated and will make a difference!

Pay by cash or check. If by check please make it payable to

“Holy Trinity Philoptochos”

Demi Zalman is Chairperson of this fundraiser. Faten Dib fattouneh@hotmail.com 609-226-2691, Athena Sacco athenasacco@gmail.com and Maria Marinakis mariathesurfer@outlook.com 609-741-6237 are on point to assist.

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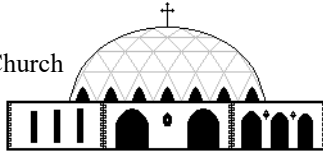
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4: OCMC Retreat (Elkins Park)
- March 18: GOYA Sights & Sounds (Cherry Hill)
- March 19: Spring General Assembly
- March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos
- March 25: Philoptochos Membership Event
- March 26: Greek Independence Day Program
- March 31: Flag Raising in Philadelphia
- March 31 & April 1: Philoptochos Yard Sale
- April 1: Eleftheria Banquet
- April 2: Greek Independence Day Parade
- April 8: Saturday of Lazarus
- April 9: Palm Sunday
- April 16: Resurrection
- May 6: Ocean City Block Party
- June 1-4: Greek Festival

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

Colossians 3:20