

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

# HOLY TRINITY HERALD



JUNE 2023

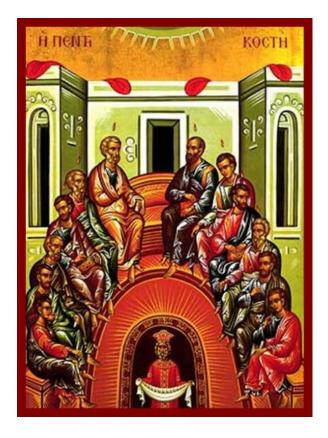
# Feast of Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the



coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).



# CHURCH SERVICES

3 Ιουνίου, Σαββάτον Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ Ψυχοσάββατον

4 Ιουνίου, Κυριακή Θεία Λειτουργία 8:15, 9:30 πμ FEAST OF PENTECOST

5 Ιουνίου, Δευτέρα Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ (Δεξίωση μετά από την Λειτουργία)

24 Ιουνίου, Σαββάτον Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ (At neighboring parishes)

29 Ιουνίου, Πέμπτη Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ Πετρου και Παυλου (At neighboring parishes)

30 Ιουνίου, Παρασκευή Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ (At neighboring parishes)

1 Ιουλίου, Σαββάτον Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ (At neighboring parishes) June 3, Saturday Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am Saturday of the Souls

June 4, Sunday Divine Liturgy 8:15/9:30 FEAST OF PENTECOST And Kneeling Vespers

June 5, Monday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am / 10:00 am
FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
(luncheon following services)

June 24, Saturday Divine Liturgy 9:00 am / 10:00 am Nativity of John the Baptist (At neighboring parishes)

June 29, Thursday Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul (At neighboring parishes)

June 30, Friday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles
(At neighboring parishes)

July 1, Saturday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am / 10:00 am
Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries
(At neighboring parishes)

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# Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1: 7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name. Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation. Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yah is gracious."

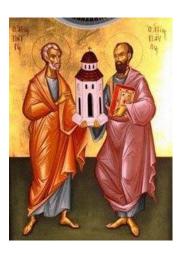
# Ιουνίου 29 Άπολυτίκιον Αποστόλων Πέτρου και Παύλου

#### Fourth Tone

Οι τών Αποστόλων πρωτόθρονοι, καί τής Οικουμένης διδάσκαλοι, τώ Δεσπότη τών όλων πρεσβεύσατε, ειρήνην τή οικουμένη δωρήσασθαι, καί ταίς ψυχαίς ημών τό μέγα έλεος.

Κοντάκιον Αποστόλων Πέτρου και Παύλου Second Tone

Τούς ασφαλείς καί θεοφθόγγους κήρυκας, τήν κορυφήν τών Μαθητών σου Κύριε, προσελάβου εις απόλαυσιν, τών αγαθών σου καί ανάπαυσιν, τούς πόνους γάρ εκείνων καί τόν θάνατον, εδέξω υπέρ πάσαν πλοκάρπωσιν, ο μόνος γινώσκων τά εγκάρδια.





# Ιουνίου 11 Άπολυτίκιον Βαρθολομαίου και Βαρνάβατων Αποστόλων

#### Third Tone

Απόστολοι Άγιοι, πρεσβεύσατε τώ ελεήμονι Θεώ ίνα πταισμάτων άφεσιν, παράσχη ταίς ψυχάς ημών.

Κοντάκιον Βαρθολομαίου και Βαρνάβατων Αποστόλων Fourth Tone

Ωφθης μέγας ήλιος τή Εκκλησία, διδαγμάτων λάμψεσι, καί θαυμασίων φοβερών, φωταγωγών τούς τιμώντάς σε, Βαρθολομαίε Κυρίου Απόστολε.

# Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles



The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when, in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero, and thus he ascended to the eternal habitations about the year 66 or 68, leaving two Catholic (General) Epistles to the Church of Christ.

Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at that time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, about midday there suddenly shone upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias (see Oct. 1), he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway- O wondrous transformation! - beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21). As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his unabating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings, the stonings, the shipwrecks, the journeys, the perils on land, on sea, in cities, in wildernesses, the continual vigils, the daily fasting, the hunger, the thirst, the nakedness, and all those other things that he endured for the Name of Christ, and which he underwent before nations and kings and the Israelites, and above all, his care for all the churches, his fiery longing for the salvation of all, whereby he became all things to all men, that he might save them all if possible, and because of which, with his heart aflame, he continuously traveled throughout all parts, visiting them all, and like a bird of heaven flying from Asia and Europe, the West and East, neither staying nor abiding in any one place - all these things are related incident by incident in the Book of the Acts, and as he himself tells them in his Epistles. His Epistles, being fourteen in number, are explained in 250 homilies by the divine Chrysostom and make manifest the loftiness of his thoughts, the abundance of the revelations made to him, the wisdom given to him from God, wherewith he brings together in a wondrous manner the Old with the New Testaments, and expounds the mysteries thereof which had been concealed under types; he confirms the doctrines of the Faith, expounds the ethical teaching of the Gospel, and demonstrates with exactness the duties incumbent upon every rank, age, and order of man. In all these things his teaching proved to be a spiritual trumpet, and his speech was seen to be more radiant than the sun, and by these means he clearly sounded forth the word of truth and illumined the ends of the world. Having completed the work of his ministry, he likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

# **MENS LAMB DINNER**









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# ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗ

Πύρινες γλῶσσες, ἡ φωτιά τοῦ Θεοῦ, πενήντα μέρες μετά τήν 'Ανάσταση τοῦ Κυρίου, στή σύναξη τῶν 'Αποστόλων στό 'Υπερῶο, γίνεται ἡ βάση τῆς πνευματικῆς ζωῆς κάτω ἀπό τή θεοφρούρητη σκέπη τῆς 'Εκκλησίας. 'Η θεία χάρη ἁπλώνει τίς δωρεές της καί στά βάθη τῶν συνειδήσεων ἀνάβει τό φῶς, γιά νά γνωρίσει ὁ ἄνθρωπος τόν ἑαυτό του. Καί δέν εἶναι βέβαια τοῦτο ἀπλά τό «γνῶθι σαυτόν» τῆς σωκρατικῆς ἀσκητικῆς ἀλλά ἡ αὐτογνωσία, μέ τή χάρη τοῦ 'Αγίου Πνεύματος. 'Ο ἄνθρωπος ἀνοίγει τά μάτια του στό φῶς πού θά τόν φέρει στήν ἀποκατάστασή του, στήν πρώτη ἀγαθή του φύση, τῆς ὁποίας τὰ ἴχνη μένουν, σέ θολά ἀπεικάσματα, στή νοσταλγία πού κατακαίει τά σπλάχνα του.

Δύο χιλιάδες χρόνια, ὕστερα ἀπό τό συγκλονιστικό αὐτό γεγονός πού σφραγίζει τή γενέθλια μέρα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ πάνω στή γῆ, ὁ ἄνθρωπος, παιδί τοῦ Θεοῦ καί πρόβατο τῆς μάντρας του, ἀποκοιμιέται πνευματικά τόσο, πού νά μή αἰσθάνεται τή φωτιά τῆς πύρινης γλώσσας. ᾿Αρνιέται νά σχολιά-ζει τά μεταφυσικά προβλήματα, δεμένος στή σιωπή τῆς μοναξιᾶς μέσα στόν πολύβουο περίγυρό του καί στήν ἔπαρση τῶν κατακτήσεών του. Ὁ πνευματικός του βίος βρίσκεται σέ κατάσταση ἀπελπισίας. Κανείς ἀγώνας, καμμιά ἀγωνία γιά ὑπέρβαση.

'Από αὐτό τό σημεῖο ξεκινᾶ καί ἡ τραγικότητα τοῦ σύγχρονου ἀνθρώπου. Πλασμένος γιά ν' ἀγαπᾶ ἀγνοεῖ ἡ ἀπωθεῖ τό ἀντικείμενο τῆς ἀγάπης του καί κατατρώγεται ἀπό τήν ἄρνηση καί τή βία. 'Απέρριψε τά φτερά τοῦ Θεοῦ πληγώνοντας τούς ὤμους τοῦ φύλακα ἄγγελου τῆς ψυχῆς του κι ἔφτιασε μέ τή δική του δυναμική τεχνική τά φτερά τοῦ ὑπεράνθρωπου, δίχως νά λογιάζει σέ ποιό πέλαγος ὀδύνης θά καταποντιστεῖ συντριμμένος. 'Υβριστικός ἀπέναντι τοῦ Θεοῦ, θά ὑποστεῖ τίς συνέπειες τῆς ἀλαζονείας του.

'Αλλά ὁ Θεός δέν ἐκδικεῖται. 'Η Πεντηκοστή εἶναι τό προϊόν τῆς εὐσπλαχνίας του. 'Ο Παράκλητος ἐνεργοποιεῖ τή χάρη ἀδιάλειπτα. 'Υπάρχει γιά ὅλους μας ἡ μεγάλη στιγμή πού θά μᾶς ἀπελευθερώσει ἀπό τή μοναξιά μας καί θά μᾶς ἀνεβάσει στίς ὑψηλές κορυφές ν' ἀναπνεύσουμε τόν ἀμόλυντο ἀέρα.

Δύσκολα δ ἄνθρωπος ἐκφράζεται γιά τίς σκοτεινές του πλευρές. Καί σιγά-σιγά συνηθίζει τή διαβίωση στό σκοτάδι. Κι' ὅμως ἡ Πεντηκοστή τόν περιμένει. Σημασία ἔχει νά νιώσει τήν ἔλλειψή της. Νά ἐξετάσει γιατί νοσεῖ ἡ ἀνθρωπιά του. Νά δεῖ τό παντοδύναμο χέρι τοῦ Θεοῦ νά σπᾶ τούς βράχους πού ὑψώνονται μέ σκληρότητα μπροστά του καί τοῦ κρύβουν τό Πνεῦμα του τό ἀγαθό. Νά αἰσθανθεῖ τήν πίστη του νά διαλύει τήν ἀμφισβήτηση καί νά γλυκαίνει τόν κακότροπο χαρακτήρα του. Νά νιώσει πώς εἶναι δεμένος μέ τό Χριστό.

Τό Πνεῦμα τό "Αγιο θά στηρίξει τίς καρδιές μας τίς τόσο εὐάλωτες ἀπό τό πονηρό. Ἡ συνέπεια τοῦ πνευματικοῦ μας ἀγώνα ὡς χριστιανῶν εἶναι ἡ σωτηρία μας καί τό δώρημα τοῦτο προϋποθέτει τήν ἐνέργεια τοῦ 'Αγίου Πνεύματος, τοῦ Παρακλήτου, στόν ὁποῖο καθημερινά ἀναπέμπουμε τίς δραματικές δεήσεις μας, νά 'ρθει σέ μᾶς, νά κατοικήσει ἐντός μας, νά μᾶς καθαρίσει ἀπό τούς ρύπους τῆς ἁμαρτωλότητάς μας, μέ τή συνδρομή τῶν δακρύων τῆς μετάνοιας καί νά μᾶς καταστήσει ἄξιους κληρονόμους τῆς βασιλείας τῶν οὐρανῶν.

'Αδιαφορία καί ἄρνηση στίς δωρεές τοῦ 'Αγίου Πνεύματος δδηγοῦν μοιραῖα στήν ὀρφάνια μας ἀπό τή χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ, τήν εἰρήνη, τήν ἀγάπη, τή χαρά, τή μακροθυμία, τήν πίστη, τήν πραότητα, τήν ἐγκράτεια, δηλαδή ὅλα ἐκεῖνα τά στοιχεῖα πού ἀποτελοῦν τήν ταυτότητα τοῦ ἀληθινοῦ χριστιανοῦ.

"Ας ἦταν δυνατό νά ξεχάσουμε γιά λίγο τά ὑλικά ἀγαθά τῆς καταναλωτικῆς κοινωνίας, γιά νά γευθοῦμε τούς καρπούς τοῦ 'Αγίου Πνεύματος, νά νιώσουμε πόσο γλυκός εἶναι ὁ Κύριος.

Τότε τό ἡγεμονικό του πνεῦμα θά όδηγεῖ τά βήματα τῆς ζωῆς μας στόν ἀληθινό της προορισμό.



# BEACH BLAST

# **E MISSION WALK**





# NOJUNES 2023 ON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Saturday of the Souls
				Festival	Festival	Festival
Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am  Pentecost Kneeling	Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Monday of the Holy Spirit Luncheon	6	7	8	9	10
Vespers Festival	Luncheon				Gym Rental	FH Rental Gym Rental
Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am	12	13	14	15	16	17
School Graduations						DVYC Beach Blast Mission Walk FH Rental
Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am	19	20	21	22	23	Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Nativity of John the Baptist At neighboring
	Parish Council Meeting				FH Rental	Parishes FH Rental Gym Rental
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# **PARISH NEWS**

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship packets for the year 2023 have been sent. Let us strive to give more generously than last year so that we can continue to strengthen this wonderful program. We thank the 124 families who have already sent in their stewardship donations.

#### 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.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

There will be a Parish council meeting on Monday, June 19th at 6:30 pm.

#### **GREEK FESTIVAL**

This year's Greek Festival will take place on Thursday June 1st thru Sunday, June 4th. Once again, we are asking for everyone's help and support. Please see any council member to volunteer.

## **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.

#### **MEMORIALS**

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

#### GRADIJATES

We are asking all those parishioners who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, to contact the Church office by June 4th. Please indicate the school from which you graduated and the name of the school you may be attending in the future. A special presentation will be made to all of our graduates on Sunday, June 2nd.

#### **GRADUATION PROGRAMS**

Our annual Greek School Graduation and Sunday School Graduation are schedules for Sunday, June 11th, following the Divine Liturgy.

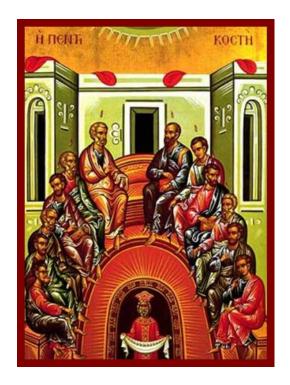
#### **COFFEE HOUR**

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!

#### **PHILOPTOCHOS**

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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinitys-Philoptochos-St-Elpida-Chapter-119236026143902/">https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinitys-Philoptochos-St-Elpida-Chapter-119236026143902/</a>



# 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

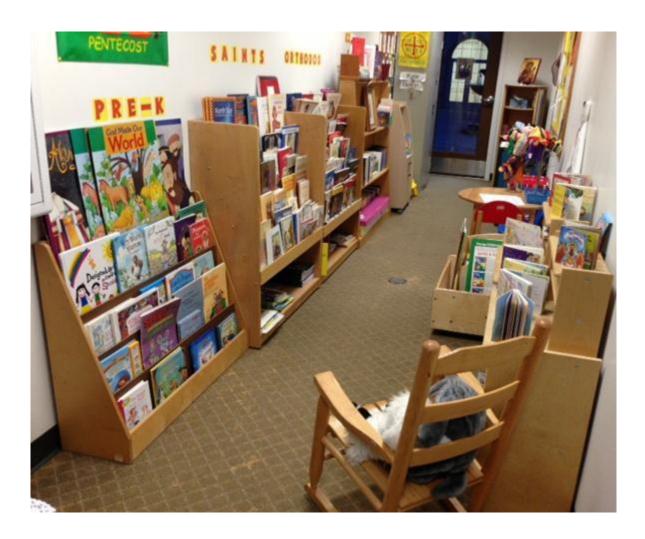
Please call or email Faten Dib 609-226-2691 or fattouneh@hotmail.com today and offer to sign up for a Sunday to host the coffee hour! There are many Sunday's available and it is a great way for your family, or a few families together, to offer fellowship and refreshments to our community. We will post 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 June & July: June 11th, 18th & 25th July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th







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# 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.







# SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

"BUY A GIFT CARD(S) S

OR

MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT!"

Shop Rite Gift Cards is a Philoptochos Fund Raising Initiative to help support the charitable needs of our community. Part of this initiative is Father George's active outreach to the local community by distributing these gift cards to individuals and families in need.

## 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 <a href="mailto:fattouneh@hotmail.com">fattouneh@hotmail.com</a>
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The Ladies Philoptochos Society Saint Elpida Chapter 1040 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 7004 Ridge Ave.

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"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



# You are invited BE OUR GREETER FOR THE DAY!

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

Many of you have been greeted as you entered church on Sundays and important Feast days and perhaps you are wondering about this ministry and how it serves our church.

- · Greeters help to make our parish a warm and welcoming place.
- Greeters assist visitors as well as new and regular parishioners.
- Greeters answer questions about our church, distribute bulletins and other parish forms, and fellowship with our visitors during coffee hour.

What most people do not know is that any Parishioner of Holy Trinity can serve as a greeter.

While we encourage regular greeters, we are always happy to have new members experience being a greeter and invite you to **be our Greeter for the day!** You can serve by yourself, with your spouse or with a family member or friend. General guidelines will be provided, but no special skills are needed. After all, it is all about a welcoming smile and making everyone feel a part of the church.

Our greeter program has completed its seventh year and we are very grateful for all our Greeters who helped make this ministry successful. I am sure that you have all felt its impact both personally and from others. I assure you that reaching out to our visitors has been a very positive experience. As we are always looking to enhance this ministry, please consider our invitation. You will find this a very rewarding experience in serving our Lord and His Church.

For more information or to volunteer please speak with Ginny Kramvis at 609 344-2967 <a href="mailto:ekramvis@comcast.net">ekramvis@comcast.net</a>

# **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

# PHILOPTÓCHOS 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.

# Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles June 30

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these: Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, the First-called; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who was also the Evangelist and Theologian; Philip, and Bartholomew (see also June 11); Thomas, and Matthew the publican, who was also called Levi and was an Evangelist; James the son of Alphaeus, and Jude (also called Lebbaeus, and surnamed Thaddaeus), the brother of James, the Brother of God; Simon the Cananite ("the Zealot"), and Matthias, who was elected to fill the place of Judas the traitor.





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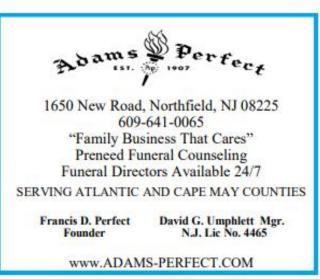
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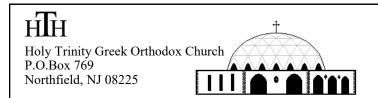
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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 1-4: Greek Festival

June 4: Pentecost - Kneeling Vespers

June 5: Holy Trinity Name Day

June 11: Sunday School & Greek School Graduations

June 17: DVYC Beach Blast

/ Mission Walk in Wildwood

July 16-22: Camp Good Shepherd-NJ

August 6: Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

September 10: School Blessings

September 17: Asbury Park

October 7: Ocean City Block Party

November 4: Philoptochos Bid-n-Buy

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, enlightened the whole world.

Aposticha of Agape Vespers