

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



# **HOLY TRINITY HERALD**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross**

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.





## CHURCH SERVICES

**1 Σεπτεμβρίου, Παρασκευή**  
**Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ**

**8 Σεπτεμβρίου, Παρασκευή**  
**Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ**

**9 Σεπτεμβρίου, Σαββάτον**  
**Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ**

**14 Σεπτεμβρίου, Πέμπτη**  
**Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ**  
**ΥΨΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ**

**23 Σεπτεμβρίου, Σαββάτον**  
**Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ**

**26 Σεπτεμβρίου, Τρίτη**  
**Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ**

### **September 1, Friday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Ecclesiastical New Year

### **September 8, Friday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
The Nativity of the Theotokos

### **September 9, Saturday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Sts. Joachim & Anna

### **September 14, Thursday**

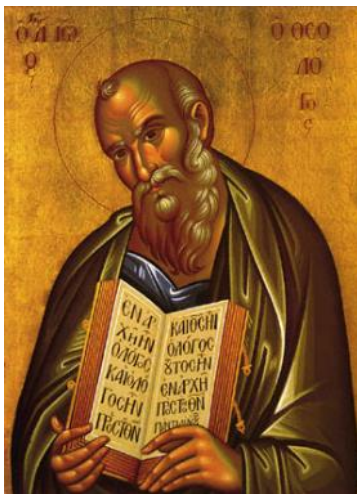
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### **September 23, Saturday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Conception of John the Baptist

### **September 26, Tuesday**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am  
The Falling Asleep of St. John



### **The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian**

This Apostle was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and the brother of James the elder. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. Only he of all the Disciples followed Him even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Saviour's Mother, as it were another son to her, and a brother of Christ the Teacher. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled to the brim with boiling oil. Coming forth therefrom unharmed, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Returning again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, he wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Catholic Epistles. In all, he lived ninety-five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100. He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle—a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Irenaeus says—is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).



His Eminence  
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America  
Patriarchal Vicar of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

cordially invites you to

*The Enthronement of*  
**HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS**  
*of NEW JERSEY*

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
10:30am

Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian  
353 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

Your presence and prayerful participation  
at this sacred and historical event  
is most appreciated.

On the occasion of the Enthronement  
a Luncheon will be held:

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
1:00 pm.

The Venetian  
546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07060

RSVP required by September 1  
908-301-0500 or  
EnthronementLuncheon@nj.goarch.org

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

Table of Ten.....\$1,500      Single Ticket..... \$150

**SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM LEVELS OF SUPPORT**

Benefactor.....\$10,000

Table of 10 for Luncheon, Prominent listing in Program

Patron.....\$5,000

Table of 10 for Luncheon, Listing in Program

Supporter.....\$2,500

4 Tickets for Luncheon, Listing in Program

Sponsor.....\$1,000

2 Tickets for Luncheon, Listing in Program

All net proceeds from sponsorships and tickets for the Enthronement Luncheon will be restricted to solely benefit  
the Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Programs



# Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

## Sunday School Registration Form 2023-2024

**NAME OF STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (2023/2024):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expected year of high school graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patron Saint/Feast Day:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Special interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies or other medical conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please discuss any Special Education needs with the Sunday School Director.***

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City and Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S):**

**Mother's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT CONTRACT:**

***I will assist in the following ways to ensure the success of the Holy Trinity Sunday School Program by committing to:***

**1) Regular attendance at the Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:30 AM.**

**2) Assist with the Sunday School Program in two areas:**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive (November):**

- ☐ Coordinate project
- ☐ Deliver food

**Children's Christmas**

**Liturgy/Breakfast:**

- ☐ Coordinate food donations
- ☐ Set up and serve breakfast/Clean up

**Christmas Play**

- ☐ Assist with play and practices
- ☐ Assist with costumes
- ☐ Set up sets
- ☐ Break down/Clean up sets

**Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy/Breakfast:**

- ☐ Coordinate food donations
- ☐ Set-up and serve breakfast/Clean-up

**Holy Friday Retreat:**

- ☐ Set up and serve lunch
- ☐ Clean up after event
- ☐ Coordinate and Supervise Craft Projects

**OTHER – SHARE YOUR TALENTS:**

- ☐ Teach church hymns or prayers
- ☐ Guest reader/Storyteller
- ☐ Art project
- ☐ Assist in the classroom
- ☐ Substitute Teacher
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have checked the areas above where I can assist.***

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Suggested donation of \$25 per child \*\*\***

**Please contact Sarai Taraborrelli if you have any questions:  
sarai1southrey@gmail.com/857.225.2236**

**CALLING ALL  
PRESCHOOLERS!!!**



PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER  
YOUR CHILD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
IF HE OR SHE WILL BE THREE  
YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1!

## Greek School Registration 2023-24

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age/birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal name (in Greek and English, (if known)) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred spelling of surname in Greek (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Nameday of the Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parents name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Mobile #s: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies /medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

People who may pick up my child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Steward of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church? Yes / No**

**Cost is \$100 for church stewards and \$250 for non-members (per child).  
Please mail registration forms, stewardship card, & Greek School costs to:**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

**Greek School Registration**

**PO Box 769**

**Northfield, NJ 08225**

**Make checks payable to:**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

# CAST ALL YOUR CARES ON ME

1 PETER 5:7

NAVIGATING **ANXIETY** THROUGH **FAITH**

## **DVYC FALL GOYA RETREAT!**



**SEPT 29-OCT 1ST, 2023**



**INNABAH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT 17**



**\$200/GOYAN, \$180/ADD. SIBLING**



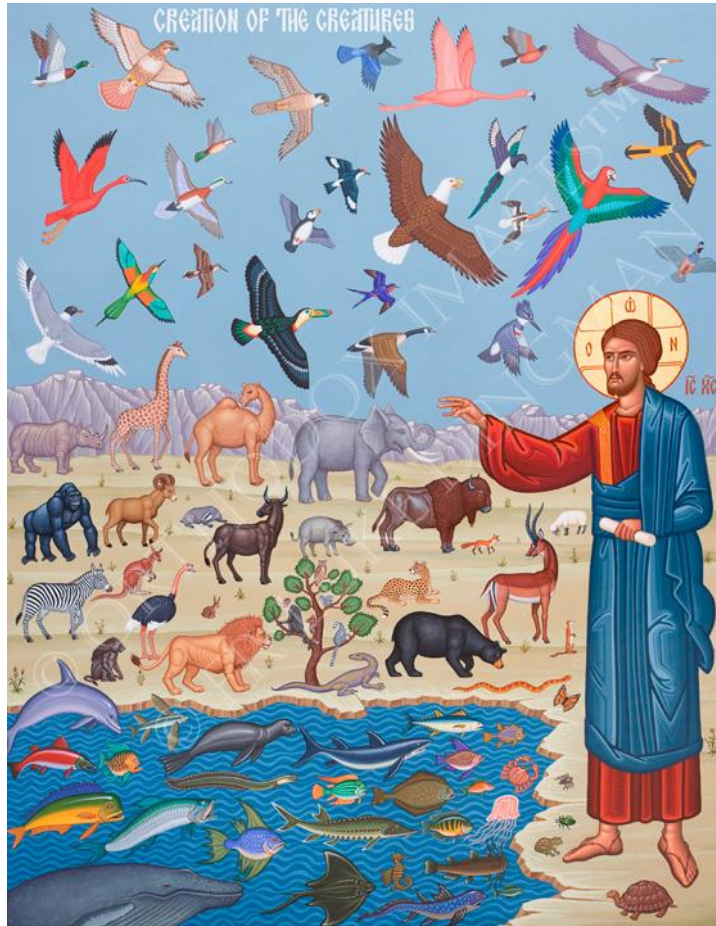
**DVYOUTHCOMMISSION@GMAIL.COM**



**METROPOLIS OF  
NEW JERSEY**

**REGISTER BY 9/10 FOR \$20/PP DISCOUNT!**





**PET BLESSING SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023  
Following the Divine Liturgy**

Please join us for our second annual Service  
for the Blessing of Pets  
on Saturday, September 9, 2023  
We will gather in front of the church  
for the prayer service.  
(Please make sure your pet is on a leash,  
Or in a cage in order to be safe)

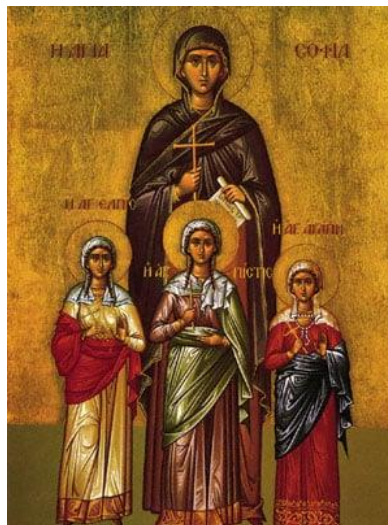
## Sunday School News

September 17<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Blessing. Please attend and celebrate the beginning of the year with a special blessing for Sunday School students and teachers.

September 24<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Sunday School. Please register for Sunday School this year! Please see the attached registration form (pages 4 & 5). Parents please review the back of the form to sign up for volunteer opportunities throughout the year. We need your help to make this another successful year of Sunday School!

If anyone is interested in donating juice and snacks items for Sunday School please contact Sarai Taraborrelli.

Please contact Sunday School Director Sarai Taraborrelli if you have any questions about the Sunday School program [sarai@southrey@gmail.com](mailto:sarai@southrey@gmail.com).



### Sophia & her three daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love

These Saints were from Italy and contested for the Faith about the year 126, during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Faith was twelve years old, Hope, ten, and Love, nine; each was tormented and then beheaded, from the eldest to the youngest. Their mother Sophia mourned at their grave for three days, where she also fell asleep in peace; because of her courageous endurance in the face of her daughters' sufferings, she is also counted a martyr. The name Sophia means "wisdom" in Greek; as for her daughters' names, Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity), they are Pistis, Elpis, and Agape in Greek, and Vera, Nadezhda, and Lyubov in Russian.

# PARISH NEWS

## BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group will resume meeting on Tuesdays September 26th at 7:00 pm., via Zoom. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to share in this wonderful experience.

## 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 132 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, September 18th.

## TLC BOARD MEETING

There will be a TLC Board meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 pm.

## ALTAR BOYS

Attention parents, please contact Father George as soon as possible, if your sons want to join the altar boys in September.

## GOYA BASKETBALL

Attention all GOYAns and future GOYAns:

Any boys or girls entering the 7th through 12th grade that are interested in joining the GOYA basketball team, please see Anthony Panetta. Sign up sheets as well as a date and time for the mandatory parents meeting will be provided soon. Thanks, and Believe in Blue!

## GREEK SCHOOL

Greek School will begin classes on the week of September 11th. Please mail the registration form on page 7 to the church office ASAP.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will begin classes on Sunday September 24th. The school blessing will take place on Sunday, September 10th. Please fill out the registration forms on pages 4 & 5.

## 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.

## 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!

## BLOCK PARTY

The Annual Fall Block Party will take place in Ocean City on Saturday, October 7th. Once again, we are expecting all parishioners to come out and lend a hand for the good of our parish.

## GOYA CROSS DIVING –SEPTEMBER 24TH

Dear GOYANS,

It's that time of year for participating in the Cross Diving. This year's event will be on Sunday, September 24. There are four categories of divers, and we can have one GOYAN for each category.

1 Senior Girl: 10th - 12th grade

1 Senior Boy: 10th - 12th grade

1 Junior Girl: 7th - 9th grade

1 Junior Boy: 7th - 9th grade

Please rsvp to Father George ASAP as we need to submit our names. Decisions will be made on a first come first serve basis. Please feel free to call or text me. 609-226-0528  
In Christ, Father George

## MEMORIALS

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

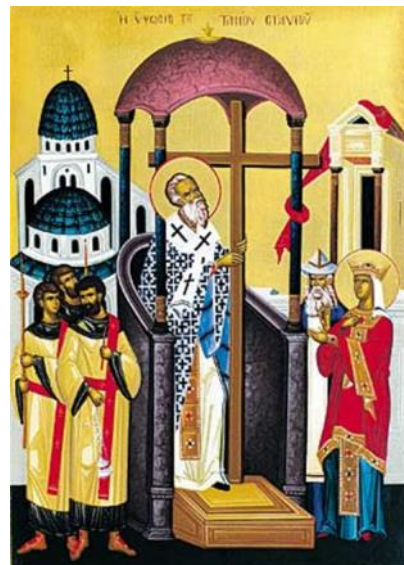
## PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos will continue to sell Shop Rite Gift Cards.

Please see attached flyer (page 17) 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/>



# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Ecclesiastical New Year  F.H. Rental	<b>2</b>   Gym Rental F.H. Rental
<b>3</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  First Day Trinity Learning Center	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am The Nativity of The Theotokos	<b>9</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Sts. Joachim & Anna 2nd Annual Pet Blessing  Gym Rental
<b>10</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am	<b>11</b>  Greek School Begins	<b>12</b>  Greek School	<b>13</b>  Greek School TLC Board Mtg. 5:30 pm.	<b>14</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Elevation of the Holy Cross	<b>15</b>  F.H. Rental	<b>16</b>  Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey  Gym Rental
<b>17</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am  School Blessing  GOYA Kick-off Meeting/Party/ Elections	<b>18</b>  Greek School Parish Council Mtg.	<b>19</b>  Greek School	<b>20</b>  Greek School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Conception of John the Baptist  F.H. Rental
<b>24</b> Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am  Philoptochos Memorial  First Day of Sunday School  Cross Diving	<b>25</b>  Greek School	<b>26</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am The Falling Asleep of St. John  Greek School Bible Study	<b>27</b>  Greek School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Gym Rental





**The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

## 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.

## 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 September:  
September 10th & 17th



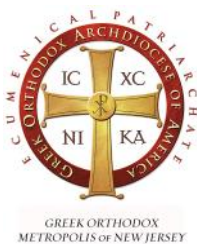
# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**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.*





## 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 [fattouneh@hotmail.com](mailto:fattouneh@hotmail.com) 609-226-2691, Athena Sacco [athenasacco@gmail.com](mailto:athenasacco@gmail.com) and Maria Marinakis [mariathesurfer@outlook.com](mailto:mariathesurfer@outlook.com) 609-741-6237 are on point to assist.

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

*"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  
[ekramvis@comcast.net](mailto:ekramvis@comcast.net)

## 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.

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### 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.



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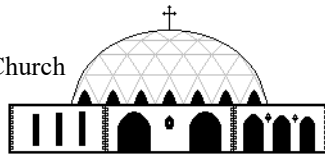
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1: Ecclesiastical New Year
- September 9: 2nd Annual Pet Blessing Service
- September 11: First Day of Greek School
- September 16: The Enthronement of His  
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- September 17: School Blessing
- September 17: GOYA Kick-Off Meeting, Party  
And Elections
- September 24: First Day of Sunday School
- September 24: Philoptochos Memorial
- September 29—October 1: GOYA Fall Retreat
- October 7: Ocean City Block Party
- November 4: Philoptochos Bid-n-Buy

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much. For that remains his forever."*

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