

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

HOLY TRINITY HERALD

OCTOBER 2023



Saint Demetrios suffered in Thessalonica during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families of the province of Macedonia and was widely admired not only because of his noble ancestry and grace of bearing, but also for virtue, wisdom and goodness of heart surpassing that of his elders.

The military expertise of Saint Demetrios led Galerius, as Caesar of the Eastern Empire, to appoint him commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. But for all this, Demetrios remained ever aware of the underlying realities of life. Since faith in Christ had touched his heart, all the glory of this world meant nothing to him, and there was nothing he preferred to teaching and preaching the word of God.

Despite the persecution directed against Christians by the Emperor, Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. His words convinced them because they saw in the righteousness, peace and brotherly love that marked his life an illustration of the truth of which he spoke.

The Emperor Maximian had just won a series of brilliant victories over the Scythians and was on his way back to Rome when he halted at Thessalonica to receive the acclamations of the populace and to offer sacrifices in thanksgiving to the idols. A number of pagans, envious of the success of the Saint, took advantage of the Emperor's presence in the city to denounce Demetrios as a Christian. Maximian's astonishment gave way to violent indignation when he was told that Demetrios' was making use of his official position to spread the faith. Demetrios was summoned and confined in a cell, located in the basement of nearby baths.

Maximian arranged for games and gladiatorial combats to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaaios, a Vandal by origin. Such was this man's strength and skill in single combat that no one could withstand him. There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the baths where Demetrios was imprisoned and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy, and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaaios. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked



Saint Demetrios

themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the barbarian.

Rather than yield to the sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. He had heard Nestor calling upon the God of Demetrios and, supposing the Saint had used some kind of witchcraft, Maximian ordered his soldiers to go and thrust Demetrios through with their lances, without trial, in the depths of his prison cell. There were some Christians, including Demetrios' servant Lupus, present at his martyrdom, and when the soldiers had gone, they reverently buried the Saint's body. It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myron with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Time and again, during sixteen hundred years, Saint Demetrios has given proof of his benevolent care for the city of Thessalonica and its inhabitants. He has defended them from the attacks of barbarians, he has preserved them from plague and famine, healed the sick and comforted the afflicted.



CHURCH SERVICES

5 Οκτωβρίου, Πέμπτη Βράδι
Μέγας Εσπερινός 6:30 μμ
Αγίου Θωμά Cherry Hill

6 Οκτωβρίου, Παρασκευή
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00
Αγίου Θωμά (HERE)

17 Οκτωβρίου, Τρίτη Βράδι
Μέγας Εσπερινός 6:30 μμ
Αγίου Λουκά του Ευαγγελιστού
(στο Broomall)

18 Οκτωβρίου, Τετάρτη
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00
Αγίου Λουκά του Ευαγγελιστού (HERE)

23 Οκτωβρίου Δευτέρα
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00

25 Οκτωβρίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι
Μέγας Εσπερινός 6:30 μμ
Αγίου Δημητρίου (στο Wildwood)

26 Οκτωβρίου, Πέμπτη
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00
Αγίου Δημητρίου (στο Wildwood)

28 Οκτωβρίου, Σαββάτον
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00

1 Νοεμβρίου Τετάρτη
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00
Αγίων Αναργύρων

October 5, Thursday Evening
Great Vespers 6:30 pm
St. Thomas (Cherry Hill)

October 6, Friday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00
St. Thomas (Here)

October 17, Tuesday Evening
Great Vespers 6:30 pm
St. Luke (at Broomall)

October 18, Wednesday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00
St. Luke (Here)

October 23, Monday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00
James the Apostle

October 25, Wednesday Evening
Great Vespers 6:30 pm
St. Demetrios (at Wildwood)

October 26, Thursday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00
St. Demetrios (at Wildwood)

October 28, Saturday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00
Feast of the Holy Protection

November 1, Wednesday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00
Sts. Cosmas & Damianos

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

On Sunday November 5th, after the Divine Liturgy, we will be holding our Fall General Assembly. . Please take time to come to this meeting.

The Holy Trinity Philoptochos St. Elpida Chapter Presents

The 25th Anniversary Bid 'N Buy

Treasures by the Sea

Saturday, November 4, 2023


Gift Preview: 12:00pm

Lunch: 1:30pm

Adults: \$25

Kids under 12: \$15

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Egg Harbor Township, NJ



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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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Student's E-mail address: _____ Student's cell #: _____

Patron Saint/Feast Day: _____ Special interests: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

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

Come Join Us for a

HALLOWEEN OUTING

For JOY



Let's all get together
right after the
***"Boo at the Zoo"** event
at Cape May Zoo.
We will have pizza,
snacks, and little treats
for everyone!!



OCTOBER 28TH SATURDAY AT 2:00 PM
CAPE MAY ZOO
PAVILION #7 (NEAR THE PLAYGROUND)

\$5 DONATION PER FAMILY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Please RSVP at holytrinityjoyeht@gmail.com



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Luke the Evangelist



This Apostle was an Antiochian, a physician by trade, and a disciple and companion of Paul. He wrote his Gospel in Greek after Matthew and Mark, after which he wrote the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated both works to Theophilus, who, according to some, was Governor of Achaia. He lived some eighty-six years and died in Achaia, perhaps in Patras, the capital of this district. His emblem is the calf, the third symbolic beast mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), which is a symbol of Christ's sacrificial and priestly office, as Saint Irenaeus says.

Οκτωβρίου 18

Κοντάκιον Αγίου Αποστόλου Ευαγγελιστού Λουκά
Μαθητής γενόμενος τού Θεού Λόγου, σύν τῷ
Παύλῳ ἀπασαν, εφωταγώγησας τήν γήν, καί τήν
αχλύν απεδίωξας, τό θεῖον γράψας, Χριστοῦ
Ευαγγέλιον.



Thomas the Apostle of the 12



The name Thomas means, "twin." He was one of the Twelve, a Galilean by birth. Sophroneus (not the famous Patriarch of Jerusalem [7th Century, celebrated March 11], but a friend of Jerome's), quoted also by Jerome, says that Saint Thomas preached to the Parthians, Persians, Medes, Hyrcanians, Bactrians, and neighbouring nations. According to Heracleon, the Apostle died a natural death; according to other accounts, he was martyred at Meliapur. His tomb was known by Saint John Chrysostom to be at Edessa in Syria, to which city his holy relics may have been translated from India in the fourth century.

Οκτωβρίου 6

Κοντάκιον Θωμά Αποστόλου

Ο τῆς θείας χάριτος πεπληρωμένος, τού
Χριστοῦ Απόστολος, καί υπηρέτης ἀληθής, ἐν
μετανοία ἐκραύγαζε. Σύ μου υπάρχεις, Θεός τε
καί Κύριος.



October 28—Holy Protection of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the tenth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

The Feast is celebrated on October 1. In the 1950s, the Church of Greece began to observe the Feast on October 28.

Apolytikion of Holy Protection of the Theotokos

O Virgin, we extol the great grace of thy Protection, which thou didst spread out like a bright cloud beyond all understanding; for thou dost invisibly protect thy people from the foe's every assault. Since we have thee as our shelter and certain help, we cry to thee with our whole soul: Glory to thy great deeds, O most pure Maid. Glory to thy shelter most divine. Glory to thy care and providence for us, O spotless one.

Kontakion of Holy Protection of the Theotokos

Let us the faithful hasten to the Theotokos now and venerate her sacred veil, as we chant unto her, singing hymns to praise and honour her, as is fitting; for she shelt'reth with her shelter and all her faithful flock and preserveth them unharmed from all calamities, as they cry to her: Rejoice, Protection most radiant.

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group will resume meeting on Tuesdays October 3rd and October 24th 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 137 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, October 16th

TLC BOARD MEETING

There will be a TLC Board meeting on Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 pm.

GREEK SCHOOL OXI DAY PROGRAM

This year's OXI Day program will be held on Sunday, October 29th immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

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.

BLOCK PARTY

The Ocean City Block Party takes place on Saturday October 7th at 9th Street and Asbury Ave. This is a fundraiser that benefits the Church. Your help is needed. If you can lend a hand at all, or just some of the times below it would be appreciated.

-Friday October 6th help is needed from 4:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. to load the truck at the commercial kitchen. All of the equipment and supplies will be ready, we just need help getting them onto the truck.

-Saturday October 7th, 9th and Asbury Ave., Ocean City: 6:15a.m. to 8:00a.m. at 9th Street and Asbury Ave. in Ocean City - unload the truck and set up;

9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. any time between these hours help is needed to cut Gyro, make Gyro's, take customer's orders for pastries and gyros, run the registers, supply stations, etc.;

4:45p.m. to 5:45p.m. help is needed to load everything onto the truck;

6:15p.m. to 7:30p.m. help is needed at the commercial kitchen to unload the truck, wash items and put away.

Brian Sacco 609-412-2305 briansacco1@gmail.com

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) . 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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos General Meeting on Sunday, October 1st in Father's reception room after Sunday school.

Philoptochos Board Meeting on Monday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm.,

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/>



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.

ΜΠΛΟΚ ΠΑΡΤΗ

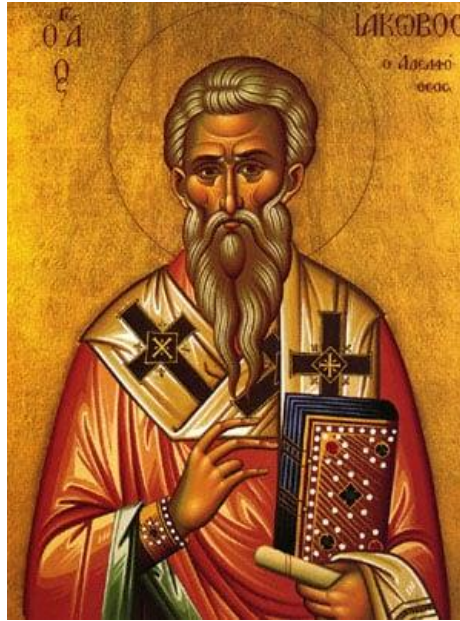
Το ερχόμενο Μπλοκ Πάρτη θα γίνει στις 7 Οκτωβρίου, στο Ocean City. Όπως κάθε χρόνο, χρειαζόμαστε πολλά χέρια για να έχουμε επιτυχία.

ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΟΧΙ

Τα παιδιά του Ελληνικού μας σχολείου θα μας προσφέρουν το ετήσιο πρόγραμμα της επρτής στις 29 Οκτωβρίου μετά από την Θείαν Λειτουργίαν.

OCTOBER 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am	2 Greek School	3 Greek School Bible Study	4 Greek School	5 Vespers at St. Thomas 6:30 pm.	6 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Thomas the Apostle	7 Ocean City Block Party
8 Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am GOYA Basketball Here	9 Greek School	10 Flu Clinic Gym Greek School	11 Greek School TLC Board Mtg. F.H. Rental	12 Building Committee Meeting	13	14 Gym Rental
15 Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am GOYA Oath & Meeting GOYA Basketball Broomall F.H. Rental	16 Greek School Parish Council Meeting	17 Greek School Vespers at St. Luke's	18 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Luke Greek School	19 Building Committee Meeting	20	21
22 Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am GOYA Basketball Cherry Hill	23 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am James the Apostle Greek School Philoptochos Board Mtg. 6:00 pm.	24 Greek School Bible Study	25 Greek School Vespers at St. Demetrios Wildwood	26 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Demetrios Wildwood Building Committee Meeting	27	28 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Feast of the Holy Protection JOY Event Cape May Zoo
29 Divine Liturgy 8:15 am 9:30 am OXI Day Celebration GOYA Basketball Here	30 Greek School	31 Greek School				



James the Apostle

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:40) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.

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 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 October:

October 1: ?

October 15: ?

October 29: ?



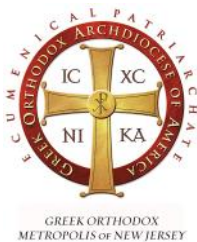
SUNDAY SCHOOL



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 609-226-2691, Athena Sacco athenasacco@gmail.com and Maria Marinakis 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

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
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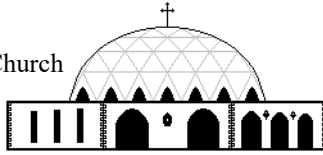
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7: Ocean City Block Party
October 10: Adult Flu Clinic—Gym
October 15: GOYA Oath
October 28: Joy Event
October 29: Oxi Day Program
November 4: Philoptochos Bid-n-Buy
November 5: General Assembly
November 8-9: St. Nektarios Services
November 15: Christmas Lent Begins

*“He who walks with the wise grows wise,
But a companion of fools suffers harm.”*

Proverbs 13:20