

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

HOLY TRINITY HERALD

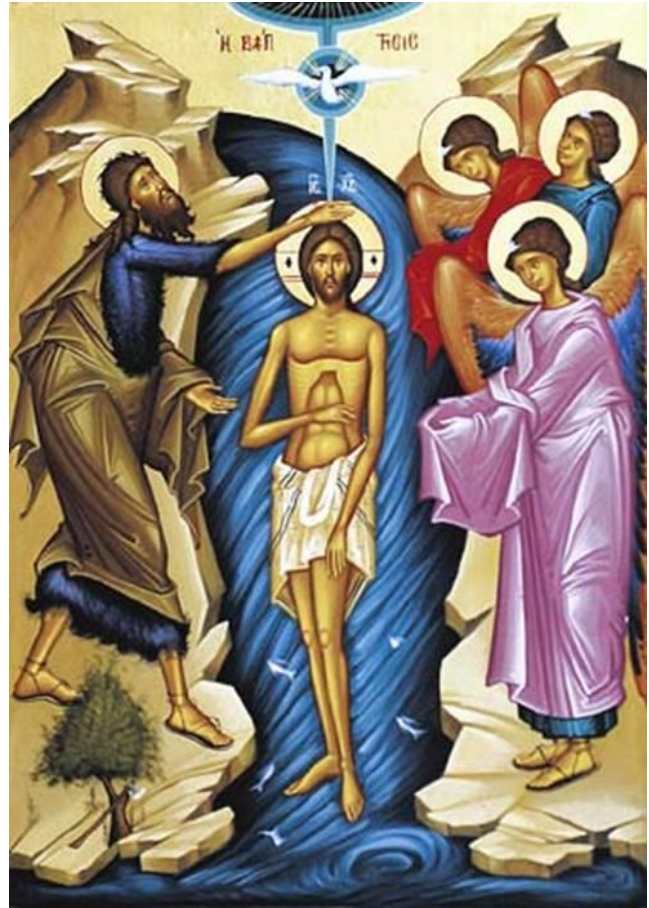
JANUARY 2024



Description of Theophany

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

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



May We All Enjoy a Blessed New Year !



CHURCH SERVICES

1 Ιανουαρίου, Δευτέρα
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 πμ
Περιτομής του Κυρίου / Αγίου
Βασιλείου

5 Ιανουαρίου, Παρασκευή
Ορθρος, Μεγάλες Ωρες, Μέγας
Εσπερινός Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 πμ
ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

6 Ιανουαρίου, Σαββάτον
Ορθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 πμ
ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

16 Ιανουαρίου, Τρίτη Βράδι
Μέγας Εσπερινός στο Vineland
Αγίου Αντωνίου

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

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

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

30 Ιανουαρίου, Τρίτη
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ

2 Φεβρουαρίου, Παρασκευή
Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00, 10:00 πμ

January 1, Monday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
The Circumcision of Our Lord

January 5, Friday
Orthros, Great Hours, Great Vespers, Divine
Liturgy of St. Basil & Great Agiasmos 9:00
am.

January 6, Saturday
Orthros, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysos-
tom and Great Agiasmos 9:00 am.
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 16, Tuesday Evening
Great Vespers 6:00 pm., at Vineland
St. Anthony

January 17, Wednesday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
St. Anthony (at Vineland)

January 18, Thursday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
Sts. Athanasios & Cyril

January 25, Thursday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
Gregory the Theologian

January 30, Tuesday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs

February 2, Friday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am
Presentation of Our Lord

**Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Church**

GREEK
Winter Feast

February 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Friday 5pm to 10pm

Saturday 12:00pm to 11pm

Sunday 11:30am to 8pm

DJ - JTK Entertainment

Saturday Evening

From 7 pm to 11 pm

Authentic Greek Food

Greek Dance Group Performance – Saturday

Homemade Greek Pastries



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Dine in or Take out



**His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
Cordially invites all the dedicated Faithful
of the Delaware Valley Region to the Annual**

2024 Greek Letters Day Celebration

Honoring the Three Hierarchs of our Orthodox Church



St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory the Theologian

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

808 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 302-654-4446
by January 19, 2023**



Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης Νέας Ιερσέης
κ. ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Σας προσκαλεί να συνεορτάσουμε
«Την Εορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών
και την Ημέρα των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων»



Κυριακή 28 Ιανουαρίου 2024, ώρα 4:00 μ.μ.

Ιερός Ναός Αγίας Τριάδος
808 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

Παρακαλούμε RSVP στο γραφείο του Ναού
(302-654-4446) έως τις 19 Ιανουαρίου 2024

Ambassador Awards Banquet

Congratulations to our honorees!

This year's GOYA honorees are:

Zoe Christakos - Youth Ambassador of Faith

Stamatis Kartofilis - Youth Ambassador of Hope

Rachael Kent - Youth Ambassador of Peace

Arianna Ng - Youth Ambassador of Love

Our adult honorees are:

Nancie Arsenis - Youth Worker Honoree

Tula Christopoulos - Parish Honoree

Richard Haviland - Senior Steward Honoree

Ekaterini Markouris - Philoptochos Honoree

Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom



This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

Christmas Pageant



Goya Christmas Party



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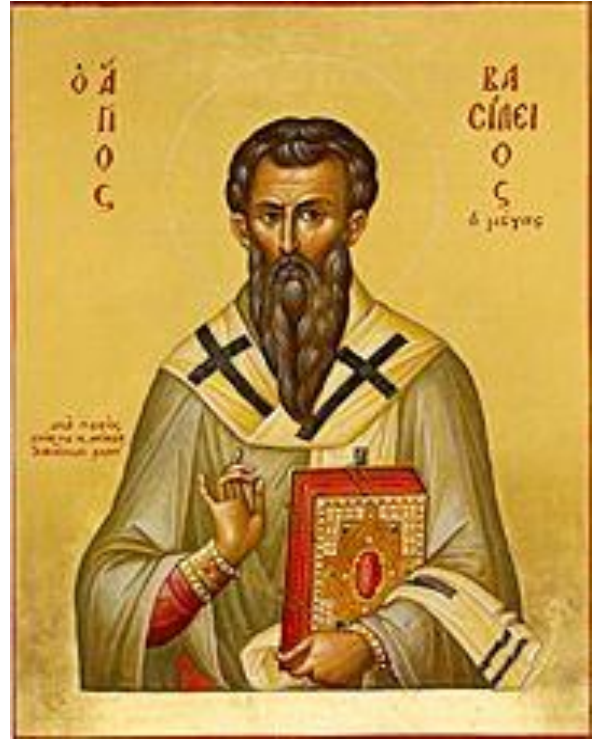


Basil the Great

Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. 10), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucrati. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a fellow Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian." Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies.

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



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

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

Saint Basil is also celebrated on January 30th with Saint Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom.

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

All parishioners are reminded to send in their 2023 stewardship cards and/or pledges, even if this means sending them in during the beginning of January. We thank the 155 families who have sent in their stewardship cards for the year 2023. Stewardship packets for the year 2024 will be available in early January. Let us strive to give more generously than last year so that we can continue to strengthen this wonderful program.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group will resume meeting on January 9th & 23rd, via Zoom. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to share in this wonderful experience.

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, January 15th at 6:00 pm.

TLC BOARD MEETING

There will be a TLC Board meeting on Wednesday, January 10th.

GREEK WINTERFEAST

Our annual Greek Winter feast will be held February 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Please see Brian Sacco or any parish council member to volunteer.

GREEK SCHOOL

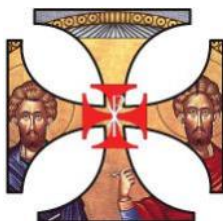
There will be no Greek School during Christmas break. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

PHILOPTOCHOS

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

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

Philoptochos will continue to sell Shop Rite Gift Cards. Please see attached flyer (page 21) with information on how to purchase.



HOUSE BLESSINGS

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

REGIONAL THREE HIERARCHS PROGRAM

A Regional Three Hierarchs Program will be held on Sunday evening, January 28th. See pages 4 & 5.

GODPARENTS SUNDAY

It is not too early to contact your Godparents or Godchildren in order to remind them that our annual Godparents Sunday will take place on February 11th. We hope to have lots of Godparents and Godchildren worshipping in church that day.

COFFEE HOUR

If you would like to host the coffee hour on a Sunday please call or email Faten Dib. (609-226-2691 or fattouneh@hotmail.com). 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.

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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH OF KOREA

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

As I announced in Church, our sister Church in Korea is experiencing some financial difficulties and appeals are being made to offer our financial support.

It is now much easier to send funds through the AOK Foundation that will forward our contributions directly to the Church in Korea.

Please click onto the following link and then click on the DONATE button.

<https://www.aokf.org/>

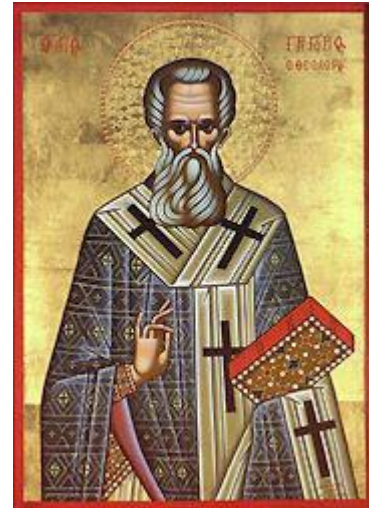
Thank you all for the steadfast support that has been provided to Metropolitan Ambrosios and the Church in Korea that he has shepherded with much love and commitment for many years.

In Christ,
Father George

JANUARY 2024

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| | 1 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Basil the Great | 2 Greek School | 3 Greek School | 4 | 5 Orthros, Great Hours, Great Vespers DL of St. Basil Great Agiasmos 9:00 am | 6 Orthros, DL of St. John Chrysostom Great Agiasmos 9:00 am EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD |
| 7 Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am Vasilopita Sunday GOYA BB Here | 8 Greek School | 9 Greek School Bible Study Zoom | 10 Greek School TLC Board Mtg. | 11 | 12 | 13 Gym Painting 9:00 am. |
| 14 Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am Special General Assembly | 15 Greek School Parish Council Meeting | 16 Greek School Great Vespers in Vineland 6:00 pm. | 17 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Anthony Vineland Greek School | 18 Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am St. Athanasios | 19 Gym Rental | 20 Gym Rental |
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Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople



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

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

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

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

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



Anthony the Great

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

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

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

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

Phone Directory for Holy Trinity

The church phone number is:
609-653-8092

The extensions are:

Father George: #12

Church Office: #16

TLC Front Desk: #13

Fellowship Hall Kitchen: #28

Commercial Kitchen: #29

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to announce a new way to give your Business or Service a face in our church community. We are opening up the opportunity to advertise your place of business in our church bulletins. The most important aspect of this opportunity is that not only will it enhance and promote your business but ALL of the money collected for advertising will go to the church. We are confident that this advertising opportunity will improve the exposure and revenues of your business. If you have an interest in obtaining more details we encourage you to speak to Athena Sacco athenasacco@gmail.com or [609-653-6775](tel:609-653-6775)) or any other parish council member. We thank you in advance for your participation and support.

PARISH WEB SITE

Our new web site has now been activated.

www.holytrinityeggharbor.com

Please visit the site often for updated information.

Group leaders should submit their group's information to the church office ASAP so that all the tabs can be activated.

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.

Godparent Sunday

February 11, 2024



Godchildren of all ages are encouraged to invite their Godparents.

Godparents are encouraged to invite their Godchildren.

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



GOYA Christmas Caroling



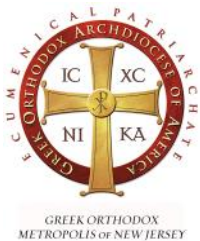
SUNDAY SCHOOL



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

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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.

*"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



SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

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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 and Athena Sacco athenasacco@gmail.com 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

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.

January 2024 Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Sunday School begins again on Sunday January 7th.

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

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

You can reach Sarai at sarai@southrey@gmail.com or by cell at 857-225-2236.

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 January:
January 14th, 21st & 28th





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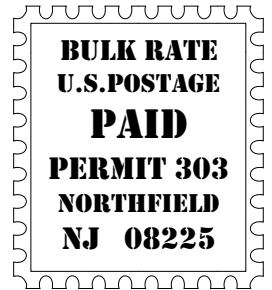
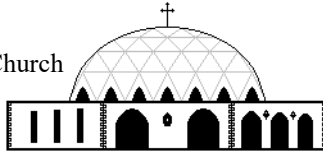
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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6: Epiphany
January 7: Vasilopita Sunday
January 14: Special General Assembly
February 2-4: Greek Winter Feast
February 11: Godparents Sunday
February 25: Triodion Begins
March 10: Spring General Assembly
March 15-16: Philoptochos Yard Sale
March 18: Lent Begins
March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos
May 5: Resurrection
June 6-9: Greek Festival

***“Christ is born!
Glorify Him!”***