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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
WILMINGTON DE







Happy 90th Anniversary of our Parish!



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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΑΓΙΑ ΤΡΙΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ





"Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection."

(Apolytikion of Presentation of Our Lord)

My beloved parishioners of Holy Trinity,

On February 2, we celebrate the Feast of the presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ into the Temple. As we read in Luke 2:22-40, the most Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, took her Son, baby Jesus, to Jerusalem on the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the Temple and fulfill the Law and the Jewish tradition, as it was described in Exodus 13:2 and Leviticus 12:6-8.

When they arrived at the Temple, they met a just and devout man, named Symeon. He was advanced in age, and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. When Symeon received Jesus Christ into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, and said: "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

The Righteous Symeon reminds us today that we all, as Orthodox Christians, have a commitment to live our lives in anticipation of the meeting with Christ. Our whole life must be a preparation for the great meeting with our Lord, our own "*Ypapanti*", and our entrance into His eternal Kingdom. Until then, we are asked and invited by the Church to meet our Lord every time we participate in the Sacramental life of our Church, and we partake of His precious Body and Blood.

In honor of the Feast of the Presentation and the continuation of our sacred customs and traditions, our Holy Orthodox Church has retained the tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification. The Service is called "The Forty-day blessing". During this Service, in imitation of Christ's forty-day blessing, the parents bring the newborn baby to the church, which is welcomed by the priest, who symbolizes St. Symeon. Then, the priest offers a series of prayers of blessing and purification, and then he takes the infant into his arms, and enters it into the Orthodox Church and the Sanctuary for the first time! Through this Service, both the mother, who was absent from the sacramental life of the Church for forty days, and the newborn baby are blessed. It is so wonderful and important to teach our young people and young couples these beautiful and essential traditions of our Orthodox Church!

On the Sunday after the Feast of the Presentation, in our Parish we celebrate Godparent's Sunday. This is a nice tradition, that reminds us of our great spiritual responsibility that we have as Godparents. On that day, we invite all Godparents to come to Church with their Godchildren, participate in Worship together and receive Holy Communion. We are also reminded that the person of the Godparent must always carry out the Light of Christ, have an active spiritual life, and see this responsibility as a life-long vocation and commitment.

May the newborn Christ, Who was presented into the Temple for our salvation, through the intercessions of His Holy Mother and the Righteous Symeon, bless our families, our Godchildren and Godparents, guide our lives and enlighten our paths to walk away from the darkness of sin and strive only for our salvation. Amen!

Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne

Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest



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Αγαπητοί μου ενορίτες,

Ο μήνας Φεβοουάριος είναι αφιερωμένος από την Αγία μας Εκκλησία στην Δεσποτική και Θεομητορική Εορτή της Υπαπαντής του Κυρίου μας. Γιορτάζουμε την εισαγωγή του Κυρίου μας στο Ναό των Ιεροσολύμων, σύμφωνα με τον Μωσαϊκό Νόμο, και την συνάντησή Του με τον Δίκαιο Συμεών. Αυτή η αγία «συνάντηση» ονομάζεται Υπαπαντή, αφού ο Ποεσβύτης Συμεών έλαβε στα χέρια του τον Ιησού Χριστό, τον πολυαναμενόμενο Μεσσία, Εκείνον που περίμενε για πολλά χρόνια, σύμφωνα με την υπόσχεση του Θεού.

Ο Δίκαιος Συμεών, καθώς έλαβε στα γηρασμένα χέρια του τον Κύριο, δοξολόγησε τον Θεό, και είπε ότι τώρα πια είμαι έτοιμος να φύγω για τον ουρανό...αφού τα μάτια μου είδαν την σωτηρία του κόσμου, τον Χριστό. Αυτή την σωτηρία που είχε εξαγγελθεί από την στιγμή της πτώσης του ανθοώπου, και την οποία περίμενε ο κόσμος. Βέβαια, οι άνθοωποι της εποχής του Χριστού περίμεναν ένα Μεσσία ως κοσμικό Βασιλιά, ο οποίος θα τους ελευθέρωνε από την

σκλαβιά και την δουλεία των Ρωμαίων, και όχι από την σκλαβιά της αμαρτίας και των παθών τους. Γι'αυτό τον λόγο ο Δίκαιος Συμεών όταν ευλόγησε την Παναγία της είπε: «ἰδοὺ οὖτος κεῖται εἰς πτῶσιν καὶ ἀνάστασιν πολλῶν ἐν τῷ Ἰσραἡλ καὶ εἰς σημεῖον ἀντιλεγόμενον» (Ματθ. 2,34), δηλαδή ότι ο Χριστός θα γινόταν ο λόγος για κάθε άνθρωπο είτε να σωθεί, είτε να μείνει εκτός της Βασιλείας του Θεού. Ο Χριστός γίνεται ανά τους αιώνες σημείο αντιλεγόμενο. Ο κόσμος μας είναι διχασμένος ανάμεσα στο καλό και το κακό. Άλλωστε για εμάς τους Χριστιανούς οτιδήποτε είναι όμορφο, καλό, ευγενές, διακριτικό, ηθικό, προέρχεται από τον Θεό. Δυστυχώς όμως η κοινωνία μας συνήθως διαλέγει το «κακό», δηλαδή αυτό που είναι αντίθετο προς το θέλημα του Θεού.

Η Αγία μας Εκκλησία μας καλεί καθημερινά σε έναν αγώνα πίστεως, όχι για να πολεμήσουμε κάποιν άνθρωπο, αλλά τα πάθη μας και τον κακό εαυτό μας. Ο αγώνας αυτός λέγεται «πνευματική ζωή» και γίνεται μόνο μέσα στην Εκκλησία και τα Ιερά Μυστήρια. Ο άνθρωπος από την πρώτη στιγμή που θα έρθει στη ζωή αυτή, λαμβάνει την ευχή της Εκκλησίας, και την τεσσαρακοστή ημέρα από την γέννησή του έρχεται στον Ιερό Ναό για να λάβει την ευλογία του «Σαραντισμού». Αυτή η ευλογημένη πράξη ακολουθεί το παράδειγμα της Παναγίας μας, η οποία οδήγησε τον Ιησού στο Ναό των Ιεροσολύμων και ευλογήθηκε από τον Συμεών, δηλαδή το γεγονός που τιμούμε στην εορτή της Υπαπαντής. Ο Ιερέας λοιπόν παίονει στα χέρια του το νεογέννητο βρέφος και το εισάγει στην Εκκλησία, ευλογεί τους γονείς και αναδόχους και τους προετοιμάζει για το «μέγα Μυστήριο» που είναι η Αγία Βάπτιση που θα επακολουθήσει.

Κάθε χρόνο, εδώ στην Ενορία μας, την πρώτη Κυριακή μετά την εορτή της Υπαπαντής εορτάζουμε την «Κυριακή των Αναδόχων». Φέτος είναι την Κυριακή 4 Φεβρουαρίου 2024. Προσκαλούμε λοιπόν όλες τις οικογένειες να έρθουν στην Θεία Λειτουργία με τα παιδιά και τους νονούς τους, να μεταλάβουν το Σώμα και το Αίμα του Κυρίου, και να ενωθούν πνευματικά μέσα από την Θεία Ευχαριστία. Αυτό βέβαια φέρνει μπροστά μας την μεγάλη ευθύνη που έχουμε όσοι είμαστε νονοί-ανάδοχοι, αλλά και την ευθύνη των γονέων όταν επιλέγουν νονούς για τα παιδιά τους. Υπενθυμίζω ότι ο νονός-ανάδοχος είναι πρόσωπο ιερό για εμάς τους Ορθοδόξους και έχει την ευθύνη να αναθρέψει πνευματικά το παιδί που αναλαμβάνει και να του διδάξει σωστά την Ορθόδοξη πίστη. Γι' αυτό προτρέπω όταν διαλέγουμε ανάδοχο για τα παιδιά μας να σκεφτόμαστε με πνευματικά κριτήρια, και όχι με φιλικά, συγγενικά, και άλλα.

Εύχομαι η χάρις της Υπαπαντής του Κυρίου μας να σας συνοδεύει και να ευλογεί τα παιδιά μας. Θα χαρώ να σας δω όλους στην Εκκλησία την Κυριακή 4 Φεβρουαρίου.

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Αρχιμανδρίτης του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου

Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος

2024 Parish Council takes the Oath of Office January 21, 2024









A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

February 2024

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

Greetings to all with God's blessings for health and happiness!

I want to thank everyone in the community for helping make the past year as your Parish President a memorable and humbling experience. We would like to remind everyone of the events and worship obligations planned for the upcoming month. Come and join these community events as they create an opportunity for unity and fellowship.

- Godparents Sunday on February 4
- HOPE/JOY Bible Bowl on February 10 @ St. Sophia in Jeffersonville, PA
- AHEPA holding their annual Superbowl Party in the AHEPA Room on February 11
- Our GOYANs follow up with their annual Basketball Tournament on February 17 &18

In case you haven't had a chance, do not forget to submit your Stewardship Pledge cards to the Church Office (or drop them off in the Narthex on Sundays). Your annual pledge supports everything we do and is used in all aspects of our worship, outreach, community life, and ministries. Your pledge will help us meet our yearly goal of \$300,000!

As always, if you have any thoughts and/or ideas for the benefit of the parish community (whether it impacts one person or hundreds), please feel free to reach out to myself, to one of the Parish Council members, Father Christoforos, or one of the organization heads.

Within our community, we have many opportunities to share love and care with others. Think about how we can support solidarity and love with each other and with the wider community.

Be safe and warm on these cold days as winter is wrapping up!

Sincerely,

Stephanos Karakasidis

We welcome the 2024 Parish Council and wish them a blessed and successful year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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President - Stephanos Karakasidis

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Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity



St. Agape Chapter

Dearest Philoptochos Sisters and Parishioners,

I hope this bulletin finds you all well. Congratulations to all who received the coin in their slice of Vasilopita.

It is time to renew our dues for 2024. For your convenience we've included a registration form in this bulletin which you can use to drop off or mail to the office to the attention of Jessica Marvel. Also included in this bulletin is the list of our 2023 paid members.

Our Membership Tea will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, in the Church hall. The flyer for our tea is also enclosed on a separate page in this bulletin. We look forward to seeing you all there for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and a chance to win some raffle prizes.

Our Chapter will be holding a fundraiser on Sunday, February 4, 2024, which is Godparents Sunday, where we'll be selling Loukoumades. Please complete the form provided in this bulletin as pre-ordering is highly recommended.

Our next meeting will be on February 11, 2024, after Divine Liturgy in the Philoptochos Room. We hope to see you there.

In Christ's service, Dena Verikakis

How does that Christopsoma & Koulourakia get done? Our Philoptochos hard at work!!





Kollyva for Memorials

The Philoptochos Society will prepare the tray of Kollyva for any family of our community. The cost of \$125 includes the Prosforon, oil and wine. Please allow at least a week and call the church office 654-4446 and Susie will contact the Philoptochos. Your donation of \$125 (less cost), will help Philoptochos Charities.

Philoptochos Membership 2023

Anagnostou, Anamaria Anagnostou, Anthoula Anastasiadis, Aglaia (Litsa) Archbell, Marianne Asimos, Kristie Aslaouridis, Eleni **Burpulis**, Maria Caras, Maria Michell Chambers, Kathy Christou, Aleka Christou, Evi Colborn, Nicole Coulaloglou, Michele Diamond, Lauren Doukakis, Helen Fampiou, Ioanna Fotakos, Sophia Geanopulos, Georgiean George, Mary Gianakis-Minella, Tia Gianelos, Stacey Graham, Catherine Kyritsis Gray, Eugenia Grigorakakis, Maria Grigorakakis, Terri Grivas, Eleni Grivas, Michelle Halakos, Effie Halakos, Georgia

Heliotis. Alexandra Hionis, Sophia Issaris, Katherine Joseck, Xanthi Kapordelis, Loula Karakasidis, Vickie Karakasidis, Eleni Karakasidis, Evangelia Kennedy, Jeanne Kirtses, Athy Kledaras, Olympia Kollias, Georgia Kolovos, Effie Koninis, Evdoxia Kromedas, Vasiliki Laskaris, Johanna Lempesis, Dimitra Leounes, Helen Liarakos, Ann Lomis. Toula MacKewiz, Irene Manis, Voula Maravelias, Diane Marvel. Jessica Mavridis. Maria Marcantonis, Agnoula Michell, Elaine Michell, Catherine Mistras, Soula Moutsatsos, Alexia Nannas, Alexandra Oikonomou, Elena

Papachrysanthou, Popi Papanicolas, Maria Pappoulis, Dimitra Patitsas, Presv. Maria Pennias, Stavroula (Stacey) Pettaris, Stravroula Psaltis, Cynthia Psihalinos, Magdalini Raisis MD, Irene Riggins, Margaret Righos, Elaine Rochonchou, Athena Schillinger, Karen Shahwan, Sofy Souleles, Alexis Tarabicos, Joanne K. Tarabicos, Sophia Thomas, Angelina Tsaganos, Joanna N. Tsaganos, Alexandra Tsaganos, Peggy Tsaganos, Joanne A. Tsavalas, Yvonne Tsionas. Anna Tsionas, Foula Vassilatos, Yvonne Verikakis, Dena Verikakis, Shannon Visvardis, Fotini Wolcott, Paraskevi Zerefos, Evie Ziccarelli, Cathy Zotos, Yiannoula



Haldas, Rodie

Hatzis, Katherine

Hantzandreou*, Libby

Haralambidis, Maroula

Spiritual Advisor

Papachrysanthou, Laura

Fr. Christoforos Oikonomidis

Honorary & Associate Members

Maria Burpulis Loula Kapordelis Margaret Riggins

James Faller & Tom Hatzis

We welcome our new members and look forward to working together with you in the coming year...

Kristi Asimos Michelle Coulaloglou Ioanna Fampiou Eugenia Gray Sophia Hionis Jessica Marvel Sofy Shahwan Shannon Verikakis

Evie Zerefos

If you would like to join Philoptochos please fill out the form on the next page and give to any Philoptochos Member, or send to the church office.



Philoptochos St. Agape Chapter Registration Form

Philoptochos means "Friend of the Needy" The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is a philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The society was established in 1931and currently has about 26,000 members in more than 400 active chapters nationwide. Philoptochos is Philanthropy, Fellowship, and Faith in Action. Philoptochos gives you the opportunity to contribute and offer hope to those in need, to promote fellowship in church, and to express your love of humanity through His work. We welcome you to join the ministry.

Yes, I would like to offer my love and service by joining the Philoptochos society in its Philanthropic Efforts:

Please accept my stewardship to be allocated as follows:

National Per Capita (Support National Philoptochos Projects) \$15.00

Metropolis Per Capita (Support Metropolis Philoptochos Projects) \$8.00

My Stewardship to our Local Chapter's Ministries \$12.00

Other: \$.00 TOTAL: \$.00

Please make checks payable to Philoptochos Society St. Agape Chapter

***Membership dues are \$ 35.00 starting January 2022, please include your payment along with this form & mail it to Jessica Marvel @ 202 Kirk Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19803 and email it to jessicamarvel@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!!!

Work #
* Circle preference of communication*
any of the following circle of interest:



"HAT'S ON" FOR OUR ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP TEA

Join us for a pleasant afternoon of fun, fellowship, and chances to win some wonderful prizes in our Fund Raiser Raffles.

We'd like to bring the Tea Party hat tradition to our next

Membership Tea

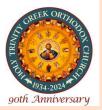
or

February 24 at 2:00pm

in the Holy Trinity Church Community Center.

Come and meet new and prospective members!
We'd love to see your prettiest hat, be it the
Fascinator or an English Tea hat; and if you'd like
please feel free to wear gloves and pearls too!

To RSVP
OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE CALL:
JESSICA MARVEL
302-388-9769



OR
POPI PAPACHRYSANTHOU
302-290-1717



YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

A huge thank you to our Holy Trinity Parish for your contributions for our Toy Drive. Your many contributions required several trips to The Ronald McDonald House and the Hope House so we could deliver some happiness and smiles to the children during the Christmas season.

Thank you for answering our call for your assistance.

May God Bless our Holy Trinity community.

In Christ's service, The Ministries of Philoptochos, GOYA, and JOY/HOPE

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GODPARENTS' SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Join us to celebrate this special bond between Godparents and Godchildren!

Celebrate together during the Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion together, and attend a special Sunday School lesson to celebrate this spiritual bond.

Coffee Hour sponsored by Sunday School immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Community Center.



SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

ron Mont DironMarton CONTACT: Amales Rassias@gmail.com Hara3@verizon.net 302-654-4446 Sunday School Christmas Pageant December 17, 2023



Holy Theophany ~ Great Blessing of Waters







Metropolis of New Jersey Christmas Tree Lighting December 12, 2023

JOY HOPE
Trip to
Sight & Sound
Theater
Lancaster, PA
December 22,
2023





Holy Trinity Altar Servers

Vasilopita Sunday ~ January 7, 2024





HOPE & JOY





Let's show our love for our community this month by making sandwiches for the homeless. Join us on Friday, February 9th at our Family Night as we prepare lunches for the less fortunate.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Feb. 3 DVYC Ski Trip Fri. Feb. 9 Family Night Sat. Feb. 10 Bible Bowl Fri. Feb 23 Dance Practice

If you would like to be added to the HOPE & JOY email list for more info on our events, please contact Angie at akarakasidis@yahoo.com



Youth Trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see "The Miracle of Christmas" on Dec. 22nd

Serving in February

Coffee Hours:

February 4 ~ Sunday School / Godparent Sunday

February 11 ~ Daughter's of Penelope / Family of Vasilis Christou

February 18~ No Coffee Hour/ GOYA TOURNAMENT

February25 ~ Parish Council



Narthex Duty:

February 4 ~ Group 1

February 11 ~ Group 2

February 18 ~ Group 1

February 25 ~ Group 2



Prosforon Offeror's



We are looking to update our Prosfora Offeror List.

If you would like to become a regular Prosfora Offeror, please contact the church office to be added to our list. You can offer prosfora for any service by bringing it in before the service starts. If you do not bake but would like to donate towards the purchase of prosfora that we presently buy from the Holy Protection Monastery, please send \$8 for each prosfora you would like to donate. (mark the memo on your check accordingly)

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Maximos Charalambides Vasilios Dargakis Joseph Demourtzidis Sebastian Dietrich Johnny Dietrich

+Ioannis Gerakios Alexander Hall

+Angelo Hall

+Demetri Karakasidis

+Ioannis Karakasidis

*+Alexandros Lurz Demetri Moutsatsos Demetri Psaltis Nicholas Psaltis

George Psihalinos

...Gerasimos Psihalinos Nicholas Rassias Stamati Roussos

+Demetri Thomas Savvas Thymakis

Alex Tsakumis

*+Nicholas Turley

+Paraskevas Verikakis

*+NektariosWiechecki

+Fotios Wolcott

+Jack Wolcott

+Josiah Wolcott

+Tonsured ~ *Reader All readers are also tonsured

ALTAR ASSISTANTS

Alexandros Matthews ~~~ Josiah Wolcott ~~~ Markos Zerefos



The Holy and Great Martyr Theodore the Commander

The holy Martyr Theodore was from Euchaita of Galatia and dwelt in Heraclea of Pontus. He was a renowned commander in the military, and the report came to the Emperor Licinius that he was a Christian and abominated the idols. Licinius therefore sent certain men to him from Nicomedia, to honor him and ask him to appear before him. Through them, however, Saint Theodore sent back a message that it was necessary for various reasons, that Licinius come to Heraclea. Licinius, seeing in this a hope of turning Saint Theodore away from Christ did as was asked of him.

When the Emperor came to Heraclea, Saint Theodore met him with honor, and the Emperor in turn gave Theodore his hand, believing that through him he would be able to draw the Christians to the worship of his idols. Seated upon his throne in the midst of the people, he publicly bade Theodore offer sacrifice to the gods. But Theodore asked that the emperor entrust him with the most venerable of his gods, those of gold and silver, that he might take them home and himself attend upon them that evening, promising that the following day he would honor them in public. The Emperor, filled with joy at these tidings, gave command that Theodore's request be fulfilled.

When the Saint had taken the idols home, he broke them in pieces and distributed the gold and silver to the poor by night. The next day a centurion named Maxentius told Licinius that he had seen a pauper pass by carrying the head of Artemis. Saint Theodore, far from repenting of this, confessed Christ boldly. Licinius, in an uncontainable fury, had the Saint put to many torments, then crucified. While upon the cross, the holy Martyr was further tormented -- his privy parts were cut off, he was shot with arrows, his eyes were put out, and he was left on the cross to die. The next day Licinius sent men to take his corpse and cast it into the sea; but they found the Saint alive and perfectly whole. Through this, many believed in Christ. Seeing his own men turning to Christ, and the city in an uproar, Licinius had Theodore beheaded, about the year 320. The Saint's holy relics were returned to his ancestral home on June 8, which is also a feast of the Great Martyr Theodore.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

In truth enlisted with the King of the Heavens, thou didst become for Him a noble commander, O trophy-bearer and Great Martyr Theodore. With the weaponry of faith didst thou arm thyself wisely and didst utterly destroy all the hordes of the demons, as a triumphant athlete of the Lord; wherefore we ever do faithfully call thee blest.

Kontakion in the Second Tone

In courage of soul, and furnished with the arms of faith, thou tookest in hand the word of God as though a spear and didst put thy foe to flight, thou great boast of martyrs, O Theodore; now together with them, O Saint, cease not to entreat Christ our God for all of us.



The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee The Triodion Begins

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it

declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the

Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."





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Pring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if D will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Malachi 3:10

2023 Stewardship

This is the final list of 2023 paid stewards of Holy Trinity.

2024 Stewardship

If you have not made your pledge for 2024, please do so as soon as you are ale. If you need a stewardship card, please call the church office @ 302.654.4446.

For Further Reflection...

Are you a contributing member of the Body of Christ? Are you actively serving God and sharing Him with others? Are you contributing to peace and unity within His Body? Do you worship regularly? Take a moment to evaluate your life in light of these principles.

We are called to apply our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills to the tasks that God places before us. If we do this humbly and prayerfully, the Body of Christ will function to its full potential.

The Biblical motivation for giving is grace; giving is an act of worship in response to the generosity of God. You are to give, Paul says, "as God has prospered you." In II Corinthians 8 and 9 he teaches clearly, "He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." God blesses those who give with generosity.

Giving is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?"



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Holy Trinity Food Pantry

28,563 Served in 2023 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

This is just one food pantry in Delaware. Families are allowed one visit per week. They must qualify and bring appropriate identification, such as a driver's license or birth certificate. They must also provide ID for all children in the family.



Approximately 200 volunteers stock shelves, pack groceries, unload deliveries and serve clients.

Recently, on St. Stephen's Facebook read the following:

"Many thanks to our neighbor, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for their donation of nonperishable food items for our <u>Lutheran Community Services</u> Food Pantry! We're grateful for their continued support for those in need of food. Special thanks to Steve Nicholas for delivering the food!"

According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study in 2020, 93,900 people in Delaware faced hunger-and of them 30,920 were children.

Thank you for your continued support!

Evie Fournaris, Tina Ganiaris, Johanna Laskaris, John Lazare, Sandy Nannas, Steve Nicholas, and Nikki Tsakataras

January 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room East

Soula Christopher, Tina Ganiaris and Johanna Laskaris sponsored the first meal of the year on Friday, January 12th to start off our new year of service. Tina and Johanna worked the kitchen that day to serve the meal to 135 men, women and children. We sincerely thank Aleka Christou, who will sponsor the meal in February, given in loving memory of her husband Vasili Christou.

All are welcome to help serve on the 12th of every month or at any time!

We sincerely thank all the individuals, families and organizations who generously supported this dining room in 2023.

Thank you for helping to serve the needy!

Various groups and individuals from our church donate the food to sponsor the luncheon meal at the 3rd and Walnut St location on the 12th of every month. This dining room will be closed on Sundays as of November 2023.

Any Sunday meal that falls on the 12th will now be served at the 2^{nd} and Jackson Street dining room.

If you, your family or organization would like to provide a meal, contact Nikkie Tsakataras at 302-655-2252 or Tina Ganiaris at 302-367-6758 for more information. Thank you!

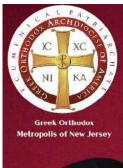
HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY

Churchings:

Apostolos Boukidis, son of Yianna & Christos Boukidis, received his 40 day Church blessing on January 15. We congratulate the family and pray the Lord will bless them as they prepare for baptism.

Memorials:

Agnes Dignam ~ 3 Years ~ January 28



Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey



Orthros and
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 18, 2024 9:00 A.M.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 808 N. Broom Street Wilmington, DE 19806

When you pray...

"THROUGH EVERY PRAYER AND ENTREATY REMAIN IN CONSTANT SUPPLICATION AT ALL TIMES IN THE SPIRIT BEING WATCHFUL IN THIS WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE SAINTS."

EPHESIANS 6:18

Prayers for Health...



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It's our favorite time of the year! Our annual Presidents' Day Weekend basketball tournament! Come out February 17th & 18th and support our GOYA and our GOYAns. We will be playing at the Hockessin PAL on Saturday and our church hall on Sunday. Please consider purchasing an ad in our tournament ad book. I'm sure many of you remember the fun but also how much work is involved, so if you are willing to volunteer or donate, please feel free to reach out.



Congrats and good luck to our girls' basketball team as they play St. Thomas Cherry Hill on their home turf in the finals.

Shout out to our dance group for competing in FDF in Annapolis!

Upcoming events:

2/3 DVYC Ski trip to Big Boulder
2/4 All-Star Basketball Banquet

@ St. Demetrios

2/17-18 Presidents' Day Weekend

Basketball Tournament

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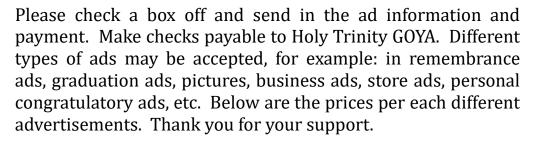


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GOYA CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas at Holy Trinity





Y. A. L. Young Adult League

YAL is Holy Trinity's Young Adult League. We recently resumed our monthly spiritual and social events for orthodox young adults ages 18 - 35. YAL's first event was a meet and greet with Fr. Christoforos and it was a great success with 18 attendees! On March 2nd, YAL is hosting a community event 'Comedy Taverna Night' starring Alisa 'Aliki' Raisis! Tickets include a comedy performance, 5 course family style meal, cash bar with beer and wine, music, and dancing! The next YAL event is Thursday February 1st at 6:30pm.



Pray for our College Students...

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ALTAR GUILD

Lent will be starting soon and in the March bulletin we will have the list of all the items that we will need for contributions toward the flowers, palms, lilies etc.

Below are the donations given for this month.

Elizabeth Pappas: Celebrating and honoring our family Steve, Karen & George Velitskakis: For the continued good health of our family George & Kristie Asimos: In memory of Nicholas & Stella Asimos

Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Guild. We welcome our newest member Diana Galaris to the organization.

Joanne Tarabicos and Evie Fournaris

If you wish to make a contribution towards an Icon or flower arrangement, please use the form below.

Please contact Joanne Tarabicos 302-239-4950, Evie Fournaris 302-475-5035 or use the form below for any request that you would want. Flower arrangements are \$50.00 for two small and \$100.00 for two large arrangements. Wreath donations are \$50.00.

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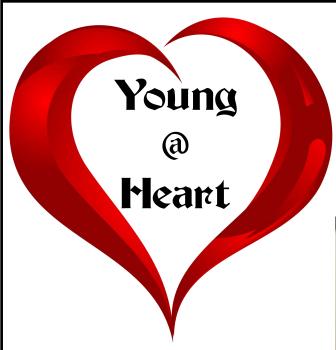
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To reserve your tables or spot send email to:
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Our next gathering is Thursday, February 8 @ 12pm

We hope to see you all there!





January 11, 2024 Vasilopita Celebration

Looking Forward...

February 8 ~ Our next gathering...

At our next gathering we will have a Guest Speaker Hisham Sherif from the Academy of Life-Long Learning at the University of DE. He is a retired Surgeon with 30+ years of clinical research experience in cardiovascular medicine and surgery. He is a strong advocate of better education and awareness of healthcare information as the basis for better decisions toward improved individual and community health. He will do an introduction with a video presentation and a Q & A time following the presentation. We hope you will join us for this exciting day! Bring a friend! Contact Yvonne Tsavalas with any questions (302-540-2891)

March 18 ~ Clean Monday

We will meet after the service and will have our annual Lenten Luncheon in the AHEPA Room.

Please bring a Lenten Dish to share!

April 11 ~ Regular Gathering May 9th ~ Elections & End of Year Luncheon (TBD)

A History of the Wilmington Greek Community



With the 90th Anniversary of the Greek Community in Wilmington at hand, it's a great time to reflect on our past and how we got to where we are as we look to the future.

November 30, 1939

The community kicked off the fund raising for the proposed church at the Broom Street property recently purchased from the Trustees of the T. Coleman and Alice duPont Estate via Equitable Trust Company. The event was held at the Hotel duPont. Co-Chairmen were restauranteur James Boines and Wilmington banker, J.K. Johnston.

According to newspaper articles, \$35,000 was pledged toward a goal of \$150,000. In attendance were many civic and business leaders of many faiths. Over 200 people were in attendance, including Archbishop Athenagoras, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North & South America, Demetrios Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States, Delaware Governor Richard McMullen, Wilmington Mayor Walter Bacon, and Washington attorney, Achilles Catsonis.

This photo, from the Delaware State Archives, shows (L to R) Demetrios Sicilianos, Archbishop Athenagoras, J.K. Johnstone, and James Boines.



Do you have family memorabilia related to church activities? Any photo, newspaper article, or memory is worth sharing as we chronicle our history. While the older stories are important as memories fade, recent memories are just as important. After all, what is current now, is going to be a distant (and possibly forgotten) memory in the future if it is not chronicled. Please email to klezaras@gmail.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAGN SUPPORTERS ~ Please Join Us

Thank you to following who have thus far pledged their financial commitment to the Phase II renovation project. Please submit your donor cards as soon as possible.

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Ο όρος Βυζαντινή Αυτοκρατορία ή Βυζάντιο αναφέρεται στήν Ανατολική Ρωμαϊκή Αυτοκρατορία. Ο όρος Βυζαντινή Αυτοκρατορία επινοήθηκε από τον Γερμανό ιστορικό Ιερώνυμο Γούλφ το 1557, έναν μόλις αιώνα μετά την "Άλωση της Κωνσταντινούπολης", ο οποίος στο έργο του Corpus Historiae Byzantinae εισηγήθηκε ένα σύστημα Βυζαντινής ιστοριογραφίας με σκοπό το διαχωρισμό αρχαίας Ρωμαϊκής από τη μεσαιωνική Ελληνική ιστορία.. Η επικράτηση του όρου όμως δεν έλαβε τόπο έως τον 17° αιώνα όταν Γάλλοι λόγιοι τον εκλαϊκευσαν.

Η γνώμη πολλών ειδικών, για την αλλαγή του ονόματος της σε "Βυζαντινή Αυτοκρατορία", μαρτυρεί μια υποβόσλουσα μακραίωνη έχθρα και υποτίμηση, ίσως και σύμπλεγμα κατωτερότητος. Το πρωτοφανές όνομα "Βυζάντιο", συσχετίζει τη Νέα **Ρώμη**, την **Κωνσταντινούπολη** δηλαδή, απλώς με μια αργαία Ελληνική αποικία, Βύζας, του 7ου π.Χ. αιώνα, προκειμένου να αποσυνδέση το ανατολικό τμήμα από την δυτική αυτοκρατορία, και να περιγράψει με τον τρόπο αυτό, την άλλοτε κραταιά Αυτοκρατορία, που αυτοπροσδιοριζόταν μοναδικός κληρονόμος της αυτοκρατορικής Ρώμης. Παρά τις θετικές, αρχικές προσπάθειες κάποιων δυτικών ιστοριογράφων, η μακρά παράδοση έλλειψης αδιαφορίας, κατανόησης παρεξηγήσεων ανάμεσα στις δύο πλευρές, οδήγησε σε μια νοοτροπία γκετοποίησης της Βυζαντινής ιστοριογραφίας.

Η Ανατολική Ρωμαϊκή Αυτοκρατορία ξεκίνησε με τα εγκαίνια της Κωνσταντινούπολης την 11^{ην} Μαΐου του 330 μ.Χ. και τελείωσε με την τελική της πτώση, την άλωση από τους Οθωμανούς Τούρκους, την 29^{ην} Μαΐου του 1453. Σ' αυτούς τους 11 αιώνες τα όριά της άλλαξαν πολλές φορές, αλλά στη μεγαλύτερή της έκταση διοικούσε εδάφη που περιελάμβαναν την Ιταλική χερσόνησο, τα Βαλκάνια, τη Μικρά Ασία, Συρία και Παλαιστίνη, την Αίγυπτο, τη σημερινή Τυνησία καθώς και μικρό τμήμα της Ιβηρικής γερσονήσου.

Από την Ρωμαϊκή αυτοκρατορία που κατελύθη το 476 μΧ, γεννήθηκε το "Εκχριστιανισμένο Ρωμαϊκό κράτος της Ανατολής" στο οποίο ο Δυτικός κόσμος οφείλει την διατήρηση του Ελληνικού και Ρωμαικού πολιτισμού του. Χρησιμοποιώντας διάφορες πηγές θα προσπαθήσω να περιγράψω στα επόμενα άρθρα μου την ιστορία αυτής της μεγάλης αυτοκρατορίας.

Various

Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas (Reformulation)
Eastern Roman Empire

The term *Byzantine Empire* or *Byzantium* is used for the *Eastern Roman Empire*, a term few people recognize today, even in Hellas. The term *Byzantine Empire* was coined by the German historian *Hieronymus Wolf in 1557*, just only a century after the "*Fall of Constantinople*", who in his work *Corpus Historiae Byzantinae* recommended a system of Byzantine historiography to separate the ancient Roman from medieval Greek history. The prevalence of the term did not take place until the 17th century when French scholars made it popular.

The opinion of many experts, with whom I agree even though I am not an expert, for the change of the name to "Byzantine Empire" indicates a long underlying hatred and degradation, perhaps due to an inferiority complex of the west to that great Hellenistic and Christian empire. By using the name "Byzantium", conveniently related the New Constantinople that is, with only the ancient Greek colony Byzas of the 7th BC century, thus disconnecting the eastern part of the Roman Empire. That once mighty Empire identified themselves as the sole heir of imperial Rome. Despite positive initial attempts by some Western historiographers, the long tradition of indifference, incomprehension and misunderstandings between the two sides led to a culture of isolation and alienation of the Byzantine historiography.

The Eastern Roman Empire began with the foundation of Constantinople, known today by its *Turkish name Istanbul*, which was originated from the Greek words *ES TIN POLIN*, to the city, on 11th May 330 AD and ended with the final fall, the fall of the Queen City to the Ottoman Turks, on 29th May 1453. In these 11 centuries, her limits have been changed several times, but its greatest extent ruled territories included the Italian peninsula, the Balkans, Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, modern Tunisia and small part of the Iberian Peninsula.

From the Roman empire, which was demised in 476 AD, the "*Christianized Roman Empire of the East*" was born, to whom the West owes the preservation of Greek and Roman civilization, its roots that is. Using various sources I will try to present in the future the history of this great empire.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 15th Sunday of Matthew 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy Sunday School Godparent's Sunday	5	6 6pm Boys Basketball Practice	7 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School & Dance 6:30pm Basketball Practice FAST	8 12pm Young @ Heart Gathering 6:30pm PC Meeting	9 5:30pm HOPE JOY Family Night FAST	10 St Haralambos 9am Orthros / Divine Liturgy 10am HOPE JOY BIBLE BOWL @ St Sophia, Jeffersonville
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