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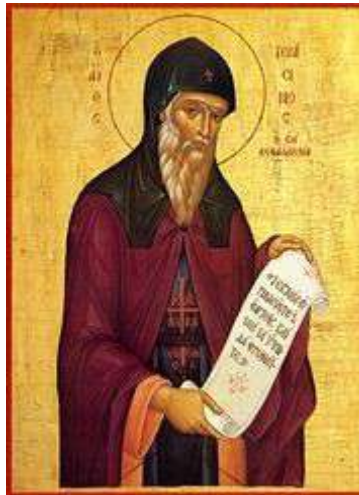


90th Anniversary

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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΑΓΙΑ ΤΡΙΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ



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.
(Apolytikion of Holy Protection of the Theotokos)



Dear beloved parishioners and friends,

As we are welcoming the month of October, and finding ourselves in the heart of the Fall, we should reflect on another great Feast of Panagia, called *the Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary*, which is celebrated on the 1st of October.

This Feast takes us back to the 10th century in Constantinople, the heart of the Byzantine Empire, when the Virgin Mary appeared at the Blachernae Church, holding her precious veil and spreading it over the faithful in the Church, as a protective covering for the faithful, against all enemies, visible and invisible. The Holy Lady was resplendent with heavenly glory, surrounded by Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Theologian and an assembly of Saints, while her protecting veil shone brighter “than the rays of the sun.” The Theotokos then beseeched her Son, Jesus Christ, to accept the prayers of all people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.”

It is known to all faithful that the Mother of God has always been -throughout Christian history- the protectress and refuge of all people. Most importantly, She is the connector between Heaven and Earth, between God and man. We pray to Her at every Orthodox Service saying: “O most Holy Theotokos save us!”, and we do that because we recognize that Her womb “became more spacious than the heavens” by bearing the incarnate Son of God. And since She is the Mother of God—then we can do nothing other, and nothing less, than ask her to pray and intercede unceasingly for us, for the salvation of our souls first, and secondly for our physical protection.

In 1952, the Church of Greece decided to transfer the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos from October 1st to October 28th, the day that Greece commemorates the “OXI Day” to indicate the great help and protection of the Theotokos to the Greek nation throughout its history, and especially during World War II and to remind the people of Greece of Her miraculous intervention during this most difficult period for the Greek people. There are countless accounts of many soldiers of that time who fought on the mountains to defend the sovereignty of their land. At the front, Greek soldiers, small in numbers and poor in supplies, saw the same vision everywhere: at nights, they could see a tall, slim female figure walking with her mantle resting on her shoulders. For the soldiers, She was none other than the Virgin Mary, the defender and general of the Greeks.

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Our Holy Orthodox Church has always honored and considered the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary as the protectress and haven of every faithful and any human being that resorts to Her. Panagia, through Her intercessory prayers, implores God to have mercy for on us sinners. She uniquely connects us to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She protects and safeguards Her people from every danger. She shields our Youth. She prays for the unborn, the sick and the elderly. She guards the monastics. She watches over the Church. She consistently, and incomparably protects and blesses all of us, Her children who pray to Her.

This October, my beloved children and friends, as we are getting busier with our worldly cares and concerns, let us all turn our attention, devotion and prayer to the Theotokos, the Mother of God, venerate Her Divine Shelter and Protection and thank Her for every beneficence She has provided to us. **We are so blessed and honored to have Her as our Mother and "certain help"**. Let us glorify God for His gift to us and align our lives according to the life that Panagia Herself lived out; a life of humility, forgiveness, obedience to God's will and unconditional love to everyone.

Only in the Church can we find real joy. Panagia, the Theotokos, is the Church. With Her blessing, we are graced by the Lord to have our Church and Parish, and through it we are connected to God. **That is the only way for our salvation.** Therefore, our Parish provides several spiritual and social opportunities every day and every week for everyone. Every Sunday we celebrate the Divine Liturgy and partake of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This cannot be replaced by anything else. Christ must be our priority: *"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you"* (Matthew 6:33). We also have many wonderful opportunities and activities for our Youth that should be embraced by every Greek Orthodox family of our Parish. And lastly, this year we are celebrating our 90th Anniversary, which challenges us to reflect on our past and reconstruct the future for our coming generations. Please join us at the festivities that are going to take place on November 2nd & 3rd, the Grand Anniversary Gala and the celebratory Divine Liturgy, and together let us move on to the completion of one century!

May our Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, always bless and protect you all!

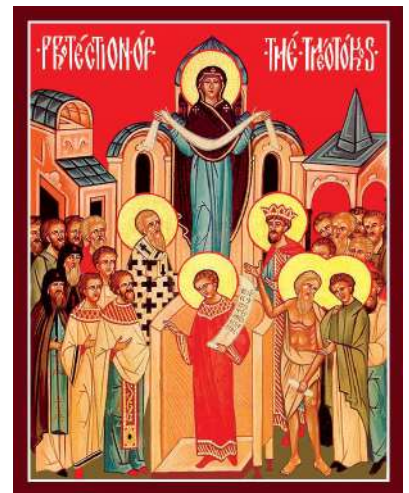
Archim. Christof. Oikonomidis

Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne
Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest

Αγαπητοί μου Ενορίτες,

Ο μήνας Οκτώβριος βρίσκεται στην καρδιά του Φθινοπώρου και μας βρίσκει πολύ απασχολημένους με πολλές διαφορετικές ευθύνες και υποχρεώσεις καθημερινά. Ιδιαίτερα μετά την ανάπαυλα και την ξεκούραση του καλοκαιριού, είναι δύσκολο για κάποιους να ξαναβρούν τον ρυθμό της καθημερινότητας. Μέσα λοιπόν σε αυτό το πλήθος των ασχολιών και της πολύβουης ζωής που ζούμε, έρχεται και πάλι η Παναγία μας να μας ανακουφίσει και να μας ελαφρύνει το βάρος και το άγχος που όλοι μας αντιμετωπίζουμε.

Την 1^η Οκτωβρίου εορτάζουμε και τιμούμε την Υπεραγία Θεοτόκο ως «Αγία Σκέπη». Η εορτή αυτή έχει τις ρίζες της στον 10^ο αιώνα μ. Χ. στην Κωνσταντινούπολη, όπου η Παναγία παρουσιάστηκε με θαυματουργικό τρόπο στο Ναό των Βλαχερνών και σκέπασε με το Ιερό της φόρεμα τον λαό που προσευχόταν. Από το Ιερό ένδυμα της Θεοτόκου πήγαζε αστραφτερό φως το οποίο σκέπαζε όλο τον κόσμο.



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Από τότε άρχισε να τιμάται η συγκεκριμένη εορτή και να τονίζεται ιδιαίτερα η δύναμη και η προστασία που παρέχει η Υπεραγία Θεοτόκος σε όλους τους ανθρώπους, ιδιαίτερα σε εκείνους που την αγαπούν και την τιμούν. **Κάθε πιστός Χριστιανός έχει την Παναγία ως προστασία και σκέπη**, μα πάνω απ'όλα ως το πνευματικό όχημα που θα τον οδηγήσει στην σωτηρία και την Βασιλεία των Ουρανών.

Ξεχωριστή τιμή αποδίδει ο Ελληνικός λαός στο πρόσωπο της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, και δεν είναι τυχαίο ότι σε κάθε κίνδυνο, κάθε φόβο, κάθε πειρασμό που αντιμετωπίζουμε, το πρώτο που θα πούμε είναι «Παναγία μου!». Ο λαός μας είναι τόσο ενωμένος με την Παναγία που πραγματικά την νιώθει σαν μητέρα του. Άλλωστε, ας μην ξεχνούμε το πόσο πολύ βοήθησε η Παναγία τον Ελληνικό λαό σε όλους τους αγώνες του,

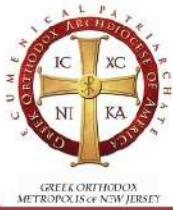
ιδιαίτερα στον πόλεμο του 1940. Υπάρχουν πολλές μαρτυρίες στρατιωτών που πολεμούσαν στην χιονισμένη Πίνδο και έβλεπαν μπροστά τους ολοζώντανη την ίδια την Παναγία, η οποία τους έδινε δύναμη και τους ενθάρρυνε να συνεχίσουν. Ήταν Εκείνη που τους σκέπαζε μέσα στα χιόνια και τις δύσκολες καιρικές συνθήκες και τους προστάτευε από τις σφαίρες του εχθρού. Δεν χωράει αμφιβολία ότι το έπος του 1940 αποτελεί ένα θαύμα καθώς ήταν αδύνατο να καταφέρουν οι Έλληνες όσα κατάφεραν, χωρίς την βοήθεια της Παναγίας. Και είναι πολύ όμορφο το ότι οι Έλληνες αναγνώρισαν την συμβολή της Παναγίας στον αγώνα τους και την ονόμασαν «Ελευθερώτρια». Μάλιστα, η Εκκλησία της Ελλάδος μετέφερε την εορτή της Αγίας Σκέπης από την 1^η στις 28 Οκτωβρίου, ημέρα που ξεκίνησε ο αγώνας του 1940, ώστε να δείξει την ευγνωμοσύνη της στην Θεοτόκο αλλά και να αναγνωρίσει την συμβολή της Παναγίας στους αγώνες του Ελληνικού Έθνους.

Αυτές τις ημέρες του Οκτωβρίου αγαπητοί μου, καθώς γιορτάζουμε και τιμούμε και πάλι την Παναγία μας, ας στρέψουμε την σκέψη μας και την προσευχή μας προς την Μητέρα του Θεού, και ας την παρακαλέσουμε να συνεχίσει να μας προστατεύει και να μας σκεπάσει με την Χάρη Της. Να συνεχίσει να ενισχύει τους Έλληνες αλλά και κάθε ανθρώπινη ψυχή που καταφεύγει σε Εκείνη στους δίκαιους αγώνες τους. Και ας μας φωτίζει όλους να βαδίζουμε με ασφάλεια στον δρόμο της σωτηρίας, που έρχεται μόνο μέσα από την Εκκλησία και τα ιερά Μυστήρια.

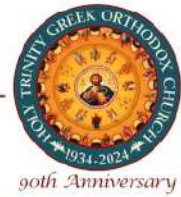
Εύχομαι μέσα από την καρδιά μου να έχετε όλοι την ευλογία και την προστασία της Παναγίας μας! **Η Ενορία μας είναι εδώ**, κοντά σε κάθε άνθρωπο και κάθε πιστό, να βοηθήσει και να υπηρετήσει τις πνευματικές μας ανάγκες και να μας κάνει να νιώσουμε την αγάπη του Θεού στην πράξη. Η Ενορία μας προσφέρει ευκαιρίες για ανθρώπους κάθε ηλικίας, ιδιαίτερος για τα παιδιά και τους νέους μας. **Πάνω απ'όλα όμως μας προσφέρει το μεγαλύτερο και σημαντικότερο δώρο: την Θεία Λειτουργία κάθε Κυριακή.** Εκεί είναι στιγμή που ενωνόμαστε με τον Χριστό και τους συναθρώπους μας και βιώνουμε την χαρά του Παραδείσου! **Μόνο η Εκκλησία μας προσφέρει πνευματική χαρά και σωτηρία.** Και φέτος που γιορτάζουμε 90 χρόνια ζωής και ιστορίας, οφείλουμε να ευχαριστήσουμε και να δοξολογήσουμε την Αγία Τριάδα για όλα όσα έχουμε καταφέρει και προσφέρει ως Ενορία όλα αυτά τα χρόνια, αλλά και να υποσχεθούμε ότι θα συνεχίσουμε με όλες μας τις δυνάμεις το έργο που παραλάβαμε από του πατέρες και τις μητέρες μας. Σας περιμένω όλους στους εορτασμούς για την επέτειο των 90 χρόνων της Ενορίας μας το Σαββατοκύριακο 2 & 3 Νοεμβρίου.

π. Χριστοφόρος Οικονομίδης
Αρχιμανδρίτης του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου
Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος





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90th Anniversary



90th

Anniversary Celebration

1934 - 2024

NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2024

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating our beloved
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community's Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

◆ 6PM

Reception



◆ 7PM

Anniversary Gala

"Waterfall" in Claymont, Delaware

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

◆ 8:30AM

Orthros & Hierarchical Divine
Liturgy presided by
His Eminence Metropolitan
Apostolos of New Jersey

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox
Church, Delaware



For more information and Gala reservations:

visit our website: holytrinitywilmington.org

call our Church office at: (302) - 654 - 4446

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THE HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

90th Anniversary Gala

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024
COCKTAILS AT 6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
DINNER AND DANCING TO FOLLOW

The Waterfall

THE GRAND BALLROOM
3416 PHILADELPHIA PIKE • CLAYMONT, DELAWARE

\$150/PERSON • \$95/10 AND UNDER

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BLACK TIE INVITED

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

I hope that this letter finds you well and in good health!

Thank you all for coming out for the Welcome back picnic! There was a great turnout and it was exciting to see everyone and also some new families to our community. Be on the lookout for our new members and introduce yourself to them. If you did not get a chance to sign up, please look in the bulletin for the contact information of the head of the organization or contact the Church Office.



Our church and community organizations have the calendar planned with great and exciting events; from youth retreats, hayrides, bible studies, workshops, and lectures, October is an exciting time. The one important event that we all need to remember is OXI Day, the 28th of October, the day the Greeks said “NO” to Italy.

In addition, we are hitting a major milestone in our community in November as we are celebrating 90 years as a parish!! This grand event will be held on November 2nd, at The Waterfall in Claymont, Delaware. We hope to see you there and partake this grand celebration!

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 on all aspects of our worship, outreach, community life, and ministries. Your pledge will help us meet our yearly goal!

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. Their information can be found in the bulletin. We look forward to everyone's ideas and participation.

We look forward to seeing you!
Stephanos Karakasidis

Holy Trinity Sunday School resumes ~ September 15





HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΑΓΙΑ ΤΡΙΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ



90th Anniversary

+ V. Rev. Archimandrite
Christoforos Oikonomidis

Re: Invitation to Support Our 90th Anniversary Gala

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

We hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Parish Council, we are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming 90th Gala celebration on November 2nd, 2024, at the Waterfall in Claymont, DE. This will be an evening dedicated to celebrating our community, our Greek heritage, and raising critical funds to support the ongoing efforts of our Church and Community.

The 90th Gala celebration promises to be a memorable evening filled with highlights of our past 90 years as a parish. Our goal is to document and reflect our history and celebrate our impact on our community; not only in Delaware, but also in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

Your support has been instrumental in helping us achieve our main goal to provide a place where our community can gather and have a place to worship. We kindly ask you to consider joining us for this special occasion as a valued guest, sponsor, or donor. There are several ways you can contribute:

1. **Purchase Tickets:** Your attendance is reflection of the success of the Greek Community in Wilmington over the past 90 years.
2. **Become a Sponsor:** There are 4 levels of Sponsorship available
 - **Bronze (\$1000)** – This includes two (2) tickets to the event and your name denoted on the list of Sponsors.
 - **Silver (\$2500)** – This includes four (4) tickets to the event and your name denoted on the list of Sponsors.
 - **Gold (\$5000)** – This includes six (6) tickets to the event, preferred seating, and your name denoted on the list of Sponsors.
 - **Platinum (\$10,000)** – This includes ten (10) tickets to the event, VIP seating, and your name denoted as a top Sponsor

You have received an invitation to the 90th Gala. For more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Church Office at 302.654.4446.

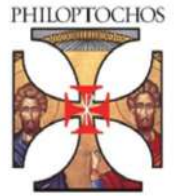
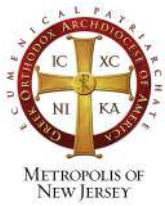
Your presence and support at the 90th Gala celebration will not only make the evening extraordinary but will also directly impact the mission of the Church. We are immensely grateful for your consideration and hope you will be able to join us in making a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Holy Trinity. Together, we can achieve remarkable things.

With Jesus Christ's love,

+ Archimandrite Christoforos Oikonomidis
Parish Priest

Stephen Karakasidis
Parish Council President



Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity St. Agape Chapter



Dearest Philoptochos Sisters and Parishioners:

I hope this bulletin finds you all well! It was wonderful to see everyone at our Annual Picnic which provided time to catch up with everyone in addition to signing up for our various ministries/organizations. I believe we all are looking forward to an exciting year filled with celebrations and events.

We held our first meeting on September 12 with a covered dish dinner. We had a great turnout and discussed a calendar full of events. We're excited to hold a holiday bake sale for Christmas this year. We'll have more information for you shortly.

While preparing for Philoptochos Sunday held on September 22, I read through minutes dating back to the 1950's. I was deeply touched at the hard work and dedication these women, these pioneers, exemplified. The urgent cry of the community was heard by these women during difficult times; through an economic downturn, and a world war, they endeavored to help their community. Philoptochos Sunday was a commemorative day to honor these women and the women of today who continue the mission of Philoptochos and to recognize the glorious 90th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

The much-requested pilgrimage to St. George in Taylor and Agia Skepi was a spiritual experience. The Sisters of Agia Skepi are loving and welcoming. They provided lunch and we were able to attend vespers prior to returning home.

As you may know, we have changed the date for our Annual Bid N Buy to NOVEMBER 22, 2024. Please see the enclosed flyer and call us to reserve your tables as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to the 90th Anniversary Gala on November 2, 2024. If you aren't a member of Philoptochos, please sign up and join us in our philanthropic endeavors.

In Christ's Service,
Dena Verikakis



Our 1st Welcome Back
Covered Dish Meeting

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.

*Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Wilmington, DE*

Luxury Raffle

*Yves Saint Laurent
Handbag*

\$20 per raffle

New Drawing Date!

*Drawing will be held at the annual Bid and
Buy on Friday, November 22nd at 6:00 pm.*

**To purchase a raffle, contact
Madeline Psihalinos**

856.275.3207

Angie Karakasidis

610.864.4621

Dena Verikakis

484.433.3896

We accept Venmo too!





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

September 9, 2024

To the Very Revered and Reverend Clergy,
The Archons of the Order of St. Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,
Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council and Metropolis Philoptochos,
Devoted Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils and Parish Philoptochos Chapters,
beloved youth and all faithful Orthodox Christians of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey,

My beloved in the Lord,

I hope and pray this letter finds all of you well, enjoying all of God's Heavenly blessings as we begin the New Ecclesiastical Year.

It is with tremendous joy and much excitement that after much prayer and thought, I write to announce to you that the new Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey is St. Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia. Blessed St. Iakovos of Evia is a modern-day saint who reposed in the Lord in 1991, was canonized by our Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2017, and whose Feastday is celebrated on November 22nd. Attached with this announcement, please find a short biography of this beloved Saint, who we now proudly proclaim as the Patron Saint of our sacred Metropolis.

I also have the great pleasure to announce that the first celebrations for St. Iakovos of Evia as the new Patron Saint of our Metropolis will take place with Great Hierarchical Vespers on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00pm and the Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on November 22, 2024, at 9:00am. The Divine Services will be held in the Chapel of our Metropolis Headquarters in Westfield, New Jersey.

Please share this announcement and biography of St. Iakovos of Evia with all of your beloved parishioners, so that together as one family we may rejoice and celebrate in this blessed news of our new Patron Saint.

Praying that our loving Lord, through the intercessions of St. Iakovos of Evia, continues to bless all of you and all the devoted parishioners of our Metropolis with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain,

With paternal love and blessings,

Metropolitan Apostolos
† APOSTOLOS

Metropolitan of New Jersey

New Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey St. Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia

Biography of Saint Iakovos (Tsalikis) of Evia

St. Iakovos of Evia was born on 5 November 1920 to pious parents in Asia Minor. Soon after he departed for Greece as a refugee, near Corinth.

By the age of seven he had memorized the entire Divine Liturgy although he was illiterate. In 1927 he went to elementary school and was distinguished for his performance. Everyone knew of his love for the Church. That same year Saint Paraskevi appeared to him and revealed his brilliant ecclesiastical future. In the coming years he would have many visions of various Saints. At this time, he was in continuous prayer and even reportedly healed people in his village.

From 1938 till the end of his life he lived in extreme asceticism, eating little, praying always, and working hard. He lost his mother in 1942 and was drafted into the army in 1947. Upon his return from the army in 1949 his father passed away, leaving him to care for his sister, Anastasia until her marriage in 1952.

At the age of 32 Iakovos became a novice monk at the Monastery of St. David in Evia and on December 19, 1952, he was ordained a priest by Metropolitan Gregory of Halkida. On June 25, 1975, he became Abbot of the Monastery. This monastery was quite dilapidated on his arrival and Father Iakovos lived in great poverty which affected his health. It was reported that he conversed personally with the saints including St. Paraskevi, St. John the Russian, and St. David of Evia, the patron saint of the monastery. The Elder did not live for himself but from the fruit of his prayer and fasting he gave counsel and help to the people who began flocking to him. Despite many illnesses he always made time for the faithful who came to the monastery.

Beginning in 1990 his health began to decline and on November 21, 1991, he celebrated the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion, and heard the confessions of several people. He died peacefully later that day with thousands of people attending his funeral with many shouting "A saint! A saint!" The Monastery of St. David has recorded over 300 testimonies of miraculous help connected with the prayers of the Elder Iakovos.

On November 17, 2017, the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate canonized St. Iakovos of Evia, officially numbering him among the saints to be commemorated on November 22nd.



Holy Trinity holds it's Annual Picnic and Ministry Sign-up September 8, 2024





HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
WILMINGTON, DE

GOYA News



90th Anniversary

Hello everyone!

GOYA season is here and we are excited to be back. We had our first GOYA meeting on Sunday 9/15 and it was very productive. Our GOYAnS shared excellent input and the Board looks forward to implementing many of the ideas discussed. Thank you to all who attended the meeting and those who could not make it can refer to the meeting minutes distributed via email for a summary of what was discussed. Please reach out to myself or any member of the board with any ideas you have.

Looking ahead:

- We will continue to have dance practice every Thursday from 7:00-8:30 pm
- Basketball practice every Monday (Girls 6:30-7:30 pm & Boys 7:30-8:30 pm)
- First GOYA dance @ Elkins Park on 10/18 ~ \$20 entry + a canned good to donate (Rodeo theme)
- Hopeful GOYA Event is tentatively scheduled for 10/19. Additional details will follow.
- DVYC Fall Retreat scheduled for November 8-10

We will share more information on an upcoming service project that the Board and Advisors are discussing. We will also be scheduling another GOYA meeting during October. Make sure to continue attending Church and Sunday School every week GOYAnS.

I look forward to seeing all of you again soon!



Vasili Dargakis
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**GOYA BOARD
OATH OF OFFICE
September 15**



Διάφορα

28^η Οκτωβρίου 1940

Δρ. Κωνσταντίνος Γ. Φούντζουλας

15 Αυγούστου του 1940. Ενώ οι Έλληνες εόρταζαν την ημέρα της Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου ένα Ιταλικό υποβρύχιο εβύθισε τό αντιτορπιλικό Έλλη στό λιμάνι της νήσου Τήνου χωρίς καμιά προειδοποίηση. Αυτό ήταν τό προεόρτιο της επιθέσεως της φασιστικής τότε Ιταλίας, συμμάχου της ναζιστικής Γερμανίας, εναντίον της Ελλάδος. Η υπόλοιπη Δυτική Ευρώπη, πλήν της Σουηδίας και Φιλανδίας, ουσιαστικών συμμάχων της Γερμανίας, της Μ. Βρετανίας, της Ισπανίας και της Ελβετίας, ευρίσκεται ήδη κάτω από τόν Γερμανικό ζυγό. **Η Τουρκία εκράτησε ουδέτερη στάση μέχρι 10 ημέρες πριν τό τέλος του Δευτέρου Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου οπότε επήγγε μέ τούς συμμάχους.**

Στίς 3 τό πρωί της 28ης Οκτώβριου του 1940. ο πρεσβευτής της Ιταλίας στην Αθήνα έδωσε τελεσίγραφο της κυβερνήσεώς του στον πρωθυπουργό της Ελλάδος Ιωάννη Μεταξά νά αφήσει τά Ιταλικά στρατεύματα νά περάσουν από την Ελλάδα, μέ προορισμό την Μέση Ανατολή. Τά πετρέλαια της Μέσης Ανατολής ήταν απαραίτητα για την Γερμανία και την Ιταλία πού δέν διέθεταν πηγές ενεργείας. Ο πρωθυπουργός της Ελλάδος απάντησε στό τελεσίγραφο μέ ένα **“ΟΧΙ”**. Ο δικτάτορας της Ιταλίας Μουσολίνι είχε απειλήσει ότι θα καταλάβη την Ελλάδα στέλνοντας 8 εκατομύρια ξιφολόγχες, όσος και ο πληθυσμός της Ελλάδος. Στίς 5 τό πρωί της 28ης Οκτώβριου, δύο μόλις ώρες μετά τό τελεσίγραφο, τά Ιταλικά στρατεύματα άρχισαν την επιθεσή τους κατά της Ελλάδος στά Ελληνοαλβανικά σύνορα. Τά πρώτα ανακοινωθέντα του ραδιοφωνικού σταθμού Αθηνών από τό μέτωπο έλεγαν απλά και λιτά ότι τά Ελληνικά στρατεύματα υπερασπίζονται τό πάτριο έδαφος. Ο Ελληνικός λαός σύσσωμος, μέ ενθουσιασμό αντάξιο τών προγόνων του ανταποκρίθηκε στό κάλεσμα στα όπλα. Μέ κάθε μέσον προωθήθηκαν οι στρατιώτες στα σύνορα. Οί Ελληνίδες γυναίκες, σαν άλλες Σπαρτιάτισες, κατευώδωναν τούς συζύγους, υίους και αδελφούς τους, μέ την ευχή νά επιστρέψουν νικητές.

Η Ιταλία διέθετε στρατιωτική υπεροπλία σε όλους τούς τομείς. Η Ελλάδα σε αντίθεση είχε μέν πολύ λιγότερο στρατό και πολεμικά υλικά αλλά ένα λαό αποφασισμένο νά πεθάνη για την ελευθερία και ανεξαρτησία του. Όταν ένας λαός έχει αποφασίσει νά πεθάνη για την ελευθερία του τότε κερδίζει. Οί Έλληνες κατώρθωσαν μέσα σε λίγες μόνο ημέρες νά

περάσουν στην αντεπίθεση. Ονόματα πόλεων όπως Σαραντάπορο, Τεπελένι, Αργυρόκαστρο και Άγιοι Σαράντα είναι συνυφασμένα μέ τό έπος τών Ελλήνων στον Ελληνοϊταλικό πόλεμο του 1940. Τά βουνά της Ηπείρου και της Βορείου Ηπείρου έγιναν ο τάφος τών Ιταλών. Ο ηρωϊσμός τών Ελλήνων ξεπέρασε κάθε όριο. Μέσα σε έξη μήνες, παρ' όλες τις προσπάθειες τών Ιταλών και του ίδιου του Μουσολίνι προσωπικά, οι Έλληνες είχαν απωθήσει του Ιταλούς μέσα στην Αλβανία. Παρ' ολίγο νά τούς πετάξουν στην Αδριατική θάλασσα.

Η **νίκη τών Ελλήνων** ήταν η **πρώτη συμμαχική νίκη** του Δευτέρου Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου. Ο Winston Churchill, ο μετέπειτα ωνομασθής Πατέρας της Νίκης, είχε ειπεί θαυμάζοντας τούς Έλληνες για τις νίκες τους ότι **“από τώρα και εμπρός δέν θα λέμε ότι οι Έλληνες πολεμούν σαν ήρωες αλλά ότι οι ήρωες πολεμούν σαν Έλληνες”**.

Στόν ηρωϊκό αυτόν αγώνα η συνεισφορά τών γυναικών ήταν μεγαλειώδης. Έστελναν δέματα μέ τρόφιμα και ρούχα πού έπλεκαν οι ίδιες στους Έλληνες στρατιώτες. Και όχι μόνο αυτό. Οί ηρωϊκές Ηπειρώτισες, άξιες απόγονοι τών Σουλιωτισών, κουβαλούσανε στην πλάτη τους, πάνω στα χιονισμένα βουνά της Ηπείρου, μέσα στην λασπη και στό κρύο, πολεμοφόδια και τρόφιμα στους στρατιώτες πού πολεμούσαν στό μέτωπο.

Η νίκη τών Ελλήνων κατά τών Ιταλών το 1940 καθυστέρησε την επίθεση του Χίτλερ κατά της Ρωσίας κατά έξη μήνες. Αποτέλεσμα αυτής της καθυστερήσεως ήταν ότι οι Γερμανοί αντιμετώπησαν τούς Ρώσους μέσα στον βαρύ Ρωσικό χειμώνα μέ καταστροφικά αποτελέσματα για αυτούς. Το κόστος όμως του Ελληνοϊταλικού πολέμου, της Γερμανικής κατοχής και του εμφυλίου πολέμου πού ακολούθησαν ήταν δυσανάλογα βαρύ για την Ελλάδα. Μέσα σε δέκα χρόνια υπήρξαν, σε συνολικό πληθυσμό οκτώ εκατομμυρίων, ένα εκατομμύριο νεκροί Έλληνες, πολύ ανάπηροι και μιά χώρα τελείως κατεστραμμένη. Τό τίμημά πού επλήρωσε η Ελλάδα για την ελευθερία της ήταν πολύ βαρύ. ‘Ας είναι αιωνία η μνήμη τών νεκρών αδελφών μας.

Παρ' όλες τις καταστροφές που υπέστη η χώρα στην δεκαετία 1940-1950, η Ελλάδα μετά από μόνο 21 χρόνια, χάρις στην εργατικότητα των Ελλήνων και Ελληνίδων, και την συνεχή συνεισφορά της Διασπορά της στην οικονομία της, συγκαταλέγεται σήμερα ανάμεσα στις 40 πλουσιώτερες χώρες του κόσμου.

Various

28th October, 1940

Dr. Constantine (Costas) G. Fountzoulas

15th August 1940. While the Hellenes were observing the Dormition of Virgin Mary, an Italian submarine, without any warning sank the Greek torpedo destroyer Elli, which was docked in the harbor of the island of Tenos. This was the prelude of the attack against Greece of the fascistic Italy, ally of the Nazi Germany. The rest of the Western Europe, except for Sweden and Finland, who were allies of Germans, and Great Britain, Spain and Switzerland, was under the German yoke. ***Turkey was and remained neutral until 10 days before the end of the Second World War at which time it joined the allied forces.***

At 3 o'clock in the morning of 28th October 1940, the ambassador of Italy in Athens gave an ultimatum to the prime minister of Greece, Ioannis Metaxas, demanding permission for the Italian army to go through Greece on its way to Middle East. The Middle East oil was necessary for both Italy and Germany because they did not have sufficient energy resources. Greece's prime minister answer was "NO" ("OXI"). Italy's dictator Mussolini threatened to send 8 million bayonets, one for each Hellene, to occupy Hellas. Only two hours after the ultimatum to the prime minister, the Italian troops attacked Hellas: from its borders with Albania at 5 o'clock in the morning of 28th October, 1940. The state radio of Athens announced in a laconic way that the Hellenic troops are defending the motherland. The Greek people, worthy of their glorious ancestors, responded enthusiastically to the mobilization to defend their country. They went to the front with all possible means. The Greek women, like the ancient Spartans mothers, were saying good-bye to their beloved husbands, sons and brothers and urging them to return home victorious.

Italy was militarily superior to Greece. It had a much bigger army, superior air force and advanced weapons. In contrast, Greece's main weapon was the decisiveness of its people to die for their freedom and independence. The prerequisite for winning a war is people not to hesitate to die for their freedom. The Hellenes, in a few days after the sudden attack,

counterattacked successfully. Names of towns like Sarantaporo, Tepeleni, Argyrokastró and Hagioi Saranta always remind us of the heroism and triumph of the Hellenes in the Greco-Italian war of 1940. The mountains of Epiros and of Northern Epiros became the grave for the attacking Italians. Within six months, despite the efforts of the Italians and Mussolini's personal efforts, the Hellenes had pushed the Italians well within Albania. They almost threw them in the Adriatic Sea.

The **victory of Hellenes** was the **first victory of the allies** of the Second World War. Winston Churchill, who afterwards was called the Father of The Victory, said in admiring the Hellenes for their victories, that **"from now on we will not say that the Hellenes fight like heroes but the heroes fight like the Hellenes"**.

The contribution of the Greek women in the war was tremendous. They were sending packages with food and clothes which they had themselves knitted for the fighting soldiers. In addition, the heroic women of Epiros, worthy descendants of the women of Souli, walking in the mud of the snowed mountains of Epiros, were carrying ammunition and food for the soldiers on their shoulders.

The victory of the Hellenes against the Italians delayed the Hitler's attack to Russia for six months. This delay forced the Germans to fight the Russians during the heavy Russian winter of 1942 with disastrous for them results. However, the cost of the Greco-Italian war, the German occupation that followed and the civil war were disproportionately heavy for Greece. From 1940-1950, out of 8 million Greeks there were one million dead, many wounded handicapped people, a completely destroyed country, and created seven hundred thousand refugees. The price Hellas paid for its independence was very heavy. Let their example inspire us to always raise our voice and our sword in defense of liberty and justice. Let the memory of the fallen brothers of ours stay with us eternally.

Despite all the destruction Greece suffered during the decade 1940-1950, after only 21 years, thanks to the industriousness of Greek men and Greek women, and the continuous contribution of Diaspora in her economy, Greece ranks today among the 40 richest countries of the world.

HOPE & JOY Newsletter

October



September 20th was our Welcome Back Night and we all had a great time. We started the night off with a pizza meal (Yum!) and then helped Philoptochos pack 100 snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House. The scavenger hunt was the highlight of our night. The children formed teams and worked together to search for details in our church, some that were easy and some that were more difficult to discover. They had a blast trying to find all the clues! We then ended our night with some dance practice and an ice cream sundae!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Fri., Oct. 11 | Hayride and Campfire |
| Fri, Oct. 25 | Dance Practice |
| Fri, Nov. 8 | Dance Practice |
| Fri. Nov. 15 | Dance Practice and Sandwich Prep |
| Sat, Nov. 16 | KidMission at St. George, Media |

Scan here to register your children, if you haven't already done so. For more information or any questions, please email Angie and Tania at hopejoyhtw@gmail.com



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School FAST	3 6:30pm GOYA Dance Practice in AHEPA Room FAST	4 FAST	5 6:30pm Vespers St Thomas, Cherry Hill, NJ
6 Clergy Sunday 3rd Sunday of Luke St Thomas the Apostle 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School	7 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	8 6pm Philoptochos Meeting 7pm OCF	9 8am PADUA HALL USE 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School FAST	10 12pm Young @ Heart Gathering 6:30pm GOYA Dance Practice	11 5:30pm HOPE JOY Hayride & Campfire FAST	12 12pm Serving at Emmanuel Dining Room
13 Founders Sunday Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School SS Canned Food Drive Begins	14 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	15	16 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School FAST	17 6pm Vespers St. Luke, Broomall, PA 6:30pm GOYA Dance Practice	18 St Luke @ Broomall, PA DVYC GOYA DANCE @ Elkins Park, PA FAST	19 2:30pm WEDDING
20 PC Sunday 6th Sunday of Luke St Gerasimos 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School 12pm GOYA Tournament Meeting Sunday School Teacher Meeting after Worship	21 6pm YAL Event Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	22 6pm Daughters of Penelope Meeting 7pm DVYC Meeting @ St Sophia, Jeffersonville, PA	23 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School FAST	24 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting Dance Practice 5:30pm HOPE JOY 6:30pm GOYA	25 5:30pm HOPE JOY Dance Practice 6pm Vespers St Demetrios, Upper Darby, PA FAST	26 St Demetrios the Myrrbearer 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy
27 7th Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School Sunday School FOOD DRIVE BEGINS 5pm IOCC Banquet @ Adlephia	28 OXI DAY Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	29	30 12pm Bible Study 12pm Philoptochos Serving at Emmanuel Dining Room 5:30p Greek School OXI DAY Greek School Program in the Church Hall FAST	31 6:30pm GOYA Dance Practice		

HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY

Churching's:

Athanasia Kirtsēs, daughter of Evan & Deborah received her 40 Day Blessing on September 8, 2024. We congratulate the family and pray the Lord will bless them as they prepare for baptism.

Baptisms:

Guiliana Pecorella, daughter of Matthew & Stephanie Pecorella, was baptized at Holy Trinity on September 7, 2024. Mark Pecorella acted as sponsor. We congratulate her and her sponsor and welcome Guiliana into the Orthodox faith.

Apostolos Bouikidis, son of Vasilios & Yianna Bouikidis, was baptized at Holy Trinity on September 15. Stella Pratsinakis & Andrew Karolidis acted as sponsors. We congratulate him and his sponsors and welcome Apostolos into the Orthodox faith.

Funerals:

Sultana Diamanty, fell asleep in the Lord on September 6, 2024. Her funeral was held at Holy Trinity on September 16, 2024. She is preceded in death by her beloved son, John and sister, Alex Costalas. She is survived by her beloved husband, Tom; her brother Larry Kirifides (Helen); her son, Michael (Lori); and her grandchildren, Thomas Luke (Haylie-fiancé), Christian (Anah); daughter-in-law Kathy; grandchildren Thomas John, Peter; and numerous nephews and nieces. May her memory be eternal.

Memorials:

Maria Constantinou ~ 40 Day ~ September 15

Voula Manis ~ 40 Day ~ September 15

Nicholas Calliagas ~ 40 Day ~ September 29

An Artoclasia was offered by George & Stavroula Pettaris on September 14 in honor of the Elevation of the Holy Cross and for the health and well being of their family.

An Artoclasia was offered by the Philoptochos Society on September 22 in loving memory of past members and for the health and well being of their present members.

The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year ~ September 1, 2024



FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Adamopoulos, Sotiere	Fournakis, Susan	Kirifides, Michael & Kerry	Piccirilli, Melissa & Joe
Agriantonis, Demetrios	Fournaris, Anna	Kirifides, Vasil & Eleftheria	Pispitsos, Pantelis
Almasou, Elias & Rasha	Fournaris, Emmanuel & Evie	Kirtsos, Petros & Athy	Pittaoulis, Steve
Amygdalos, Michael & Christine	Fournaris, George & Soula	Kledaras, Olympia	Pittas, Steve
Anagnostou, Anamaria	Galanis, Agnes	Klezaras, Michael & Kathy	Poulos, Vasilios & Eulampia
Anagnostou, Anthoula	Galaris, Rick & Diana	Kollias, Basil & Demi	Psaltis, John
Anastasiades, Litsa	Gatanis, Theodore	Kollias, Georgia	Psaltis, Nicholas
Andrianopoulos, Faith	Gatos, Paula	Koninis, John & Anastasia	Psaltis, Thomas & Cynthia
Angeletakis, Christos & Christina	Geanopoulos, Georgiean	Koninis II, John & Evdoxia	Psihalinos, George & Athina
Artemiadis, Panagiotis & Spyridoula	George, Mary	Kontis, Gus & Cindy	Psihalinos, Thomas & Magdalini
Asimos Sr, George	Georgiou, Constantinos	Kontodemos, Klianthis & Anthi	Raisis, Irene
Asimos, George & Kristie	Gerakios, Nikoletta	Kontomaris, Kostas & Melissa	Raisis, Leonidas & Irene
Athnasiadis, Fotios & Asmik	Gerakios, Sakelaris & Spiridoula	Kostas, John & Gale	Raisis, Pauline
Atsidis, Kostas & Eftihia	Gianelos, James & Stacie	Kostas, Nicholas & Stephani	Raisis, Spiros
Bacchieri, Stacey	Giannatos, Stavros & Terri	Kostos, Yianni	Raisis, William & Emily
Baker, Stephanie	Graham, Catherine	Kramedas, Matoula	Rapposelli, Hareklia
Bambacus, Meropi	Gray, David & Eugenia	Kromedas, Constantinos & Vasiliki	Rassias, Dion & Gina
Barrios, Luis & Dimitra	Grigorakakis, Maria	Kyranakis, John	Rassias, George & Amalea
Belitsas, Athanasios & Antonia	Grivas, Christopher & Michelle	Laletas, Earnest & Barbara Brockett	Regas, Constantinos
Bouloukos, Anastasia	Grivas, Demetrios & Helen	Laskaris, Johanna	Regas, Sofia
Burpulis, Kecia	Haddadin, Malik & Lina	Laws, Brian & Vasiliki	Rentoulis, Nicholas & Androniki
Burpulis, Stamatis	Halakos, Dimitri & Georgia	Lawson, Michael & Victoria	Richardson, Robert & Stavroula
Calliagas, Markella	Halakos, Evangelos & Donna	Lazare, John & Sandra	Riga-Crisp, Jason & Ekaterini
Calliagas, Nicholas+ & Katherine	Halakos, Garifalia	Lazopoulos, Emmanuel & Laura	Righos, Elaine
Caras, Constantine & Maria	Halakos, Ioannis & Eftihia	Lazopoulos, Jr., John & Christina	Roberts, Scott & Linda
Chahalis, Maria	Haldas, George & Beth	Lempesis, Dimitra	Roussalis, John & Valerie
Chambers, George & Katherine	Haldas, Harry	Liarakos, George & Ann	Saffos, John & Karla
Charalambides, Dino & Nia	Haldas, Nicholas & Rodie	Logullo, Desponia & Francis	Saitis, Mary
Chilimidos, Effie	Haldas, Thomas	Lomis, Toula	Savopoulos, Despina
Chilimidos, Jerry & Amy	Haldas-Long, Irene	MacKewiz, Irene & W. Lee	Schillinger, Robert & Karen
Christoforatos, Demetri & Dimitra	Hall, George & Michelle	Manoloudis, Michael & Kandi	Semos, Joanne
Christou, Alecca	Hantzandrou, George & Diane	Mantzavinos, Marianthi	Shahwan, Sofy
Christou, Christos & Evie	Hantzopoulos, Bill & Lisa	Mantzavinos, Spiros & Megan	Souleles, Nicholas & Alexis
Ciabattoni, Olga	Haralambidis, Maroula	Marvelias, James & Diane	Staab, Kristina
Coates/Zerefos, George & Evie	Hatzis, Katherine	Marcantonis, George & Agnoula	Staikos, Nicholas & Eirini
Colborn, Brian & Nicole	Hatzis, Tom & Bing	Marini, Irene	Stavropoulos, Xanthy
Constantinou, John & Carol	Heliotis, Alexandra	Marinis, Kalliope	Stavru, Nicholas & Maria
Coulaloglou, Michelle	Hionis, Sophia	Markatos, Harry & Susan	Stout, Robert & Voula
Courtis, Harry & Sophia	Humphrey, Caroline	Marvel, Jessica	Tarabicos, Christina
Courtney, Daniel & Condylia	Iliadis, Antonios & Vaia	Matulas, Anagnostis & Angela	Tarabicos, John & Joanne
Coustenis, Katherine	Iliadis, Dimitrios & Constantina	Mavridis, Prodromos & Maria	Tarabicos, Sophia
Dalianis, John & Vicky	Issaris, Katherine	McManus, Ryan & Theodora	Tawfik, Emad & Tania
Dandolos, Dimitrios & Carol	Joris, Irene	Michell, Constantine & Elaine	Theodorakis, Stamatis & Lisa
Dargakis, Minas & Kleo	Joseck, Anastasia	Michell, Theodore & Catherine	Theodorakos, Nicholas
Degermentzidis, Elias	Joseck, Xanthy & Fred	Milionis, Constantine	Thomas, Donald & Effy
Demetriou, Anna	Kalaitzoglou, Apostolos & Niki	Mistras, Antonis & Soula	Thomas, Richard & Angela
Diamanty, Thomas & Sue	Kalaitzoglou, Stavros	Mitoulis, Constantine & Kristen	Tsaganos, Alexandra
Diamond, Anthony & Lauren	Kaliakin, Victor & Leeza	Mitoulis, Nikolaos & Stella	Tsaganos, Anthony & Joanne
Diamond, Soula	Kamenakis, Efthimia	Moriello, Nicholas & Carissa	Tsaganos, Nicholas & Joanna
Diamond, Thomas	Kamenakis, Peter & Juli	Nannas, Theodore & Alexandra	Tsaganos, Peggy
Dickey, Irene	Kanas, Emmanuel & Valerie	Napoli, Francis	Tsaganos, Robert
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**As of September 20, 2024
 (287 families)**

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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Signature _____ Date _____

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Our operating budget for 2024 will be \$700,000.

We offer you this giving guide to assist you in determining your 2024 pledge. Please use the enclosed envelopes and give according to what God has blessed you.

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED CARD TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

ALTAR GUILD

The fall season has started and we had our first coffee hour on September 15, with our youth and parishioners in attendance. The oath of office was given to the newly elected GOYAns. We wish you good luck in this coming year.

The donation for September 14, The Elevation of the Cross, was given by Anna Demetriou: For the health of her family.

Don't forget the gala on November 2nd celebrating the 90-year anniversary of our church. Hope to see you all there.

Our next feast celebration is on November 21st, Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. Contact Evie Fournaris (302-475-5035) or Joanne Tarabicos (302-239-4950) if you are interested in donating.

The book store will be open on Sunday, October 13th and Sunday, November 10th. We have Icons, books and supplies for you and your home. Come and see what we have to offer.

Please use the form below for request during the coming months either for an Icon or bouquets of flowers for your celebration.

If you have a special request for a wreath or bouquets, please use the form below. The cost is \$50.00 for two small arrangements and \$100.00 for two large arrangements.

Please feel free to contact Joanne Tarabicos at 302-239-4950 or Evie Fournaris at 302-475-5035 or use the form below.

Name _____

Dedication _____

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MAY WE PRINT IT IN THE BULLETIN: YES _____ NO _____

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Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Altar Guild".

Mail to: Stacy Koninis, 2602 Brightwell Drive, Wilmington, DE. 19810



Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer & Great Martyr of Thessaloniki

Reading

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bathhouse. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bathhouse and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bathhouse. As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Apolytikion of Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

Third Tone

The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Dimitrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

Second Tone

God, who gave you invincible power and with care kept your city invulnerable, royally clothed the Church in purple with the streams of your blood, for you are her strength, O Dimitrios.



CALLING UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE STUDENTS

Join UD Orthodox Christian Fellowship!
OCF connects Orthodox students and those interested to Christ through gatherings & dinners.

Upcoming Events

- Dinner & Discussion: Oct 8th
- Icon Painting: Oct. 21st

Contact

Email: udelocf@gmail.com

Instagram: [@ud.ocf](https://www.instagram.com/ud.ocf)

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Serving in October

Coffee Hours:

October 6~ AHEPA

October 13 ~ Parish Council

October 20 ~ Philoptochos

October 27 ~ Sunday/Greek School / OXI Day Program



Narthex Duty:

October 6 ~ Group 2

October 13 ~ Group 1

October 20 ~ Group 2

October 27 ~ Group 1



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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All readers are also tonsured

ALTAR ASSISTANTS

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



Sunday
LECTURE
September 29

1:00 p.m.



Grammy-Award Winner Christopher King: The Evocative Music of our Greek Heritage:

A Multi-Media Presentation

Christopher C. King is an ethnomusicologist, writer, producer, and museum consultant. In 2002 he won a Grammy Award in the Best Historical Album category and has been nominated seven times. His book, "Lament from Epirus" brought The New York Times to Epirus and was the subject of a major documentary in 2017. Mr. King has worked as a digital preservation specialist for the Library of Congress and the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture. He has also presented his work at TEDx, the New York Public Library, the Gennadius Library, Megaron-Athens Concert Hall Music Library, & The Paris Review.

As editor of the Association for Recorded Sound Collections Journal, he has compiled the most complete collection of southern Balkan music in 78-rpm disc format. In 2022, Mr. King was awarded a Public Diplomacy Grant by the US State Department to lecture in Greece on the contributions of Greek-Jewish women to Greek folk music. He was recently awarded honorary Greek citizenship for his advocacy of the music of Greece, and now lives in Konitsa, Epirus.

808 N. Broom St. Wilmington, DE

No admission fee

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St Luke the Evangelist (October 18 - Feast Day)



The awesome figure of St Luke looms larger and larger out of both the New Testament and the pages of documented human history so that nearly two thousand years after his death his image has no less been diminished by time than that of the Nazarene, Jesus Christ, whom he so nobly served. His fellow apostle St. Paul called him the “glorious physician,” but that was only one of the many talents which this magnificent man applied in a service to God. He was a man of such monumental proportion as to make him appear incredible. His many gifts were spiced with unswerving loyalty, prolific creativity, and matchless perfection.

Hailing from the ancient city of Antioch, Syria, Luke was a Roman whose early conversion to Christianity is evidenced by his membership in the Christian Community of Antioch, prior to his emergence as an apostle, after meeting Paul. He had by that time developed a remarkable command of the Greek language and employed its idiomatic expressiveness in his beautiful narrative form of recording history. He became the Church’s most articulate historian and wrote with such sensitivity and clarity that his Gospel in the New Testament has been called the most beautiful book ever written.

Luke, a physician whose skills healed many of his suffering comrades, joined St. Paul on his second missionary journey, as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles. Their odyssey began in Troas, about 50A.D., and took them to Philippi, Rome, Caesarea, and ultimately to the Holy Land of Jerusalem. His prominence as a physician obscured his skills as an eloquent orator in the cause of Christ, but he was later to display a considerable talent as an artist whose icon of the Virgin Mary he gave to the Mother of God herself and which is now the prized possession of the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Although his skill as a physician and his talent as an artist may have by themselves given St. Luke a small place in history, it was his consummate gift as a writer that made him one of the greatest figures in all Christendom.

Luke’s contribution to the cause of Jesus Christ are beyond all measure, and his early influence on the Christian scene had enabled the Christian Church to rise to its ever increasing influence in human experience. One has only to read the book of Acts, and his Gospel as well, to realize the stature of this most holy man; however, it is reserved to the privileged few who can comprehend classical Greek that the sheer beauty of his language can be appreciated.

The praises of Luke as a writer may seem excessive, particularly since he is one of many authors represented in the New Testament, chief among whom are St. Matthew (the man), St. Mark (the lion), and St. John (the eagle). Among these, the fourth, St. Luke, suffers in comparison with the title “St. Luke” (the calf). But out of the twenty-seven books comprising the New Testament, none shines with the brilliance of those composed by St. Luke. He is considered to have excelled beyond the others in expressiveness, historical method, sensitivity of narrative, and idiomatic phrasing.

The patron saint of physicians and artists, St. Luke is surrounded by many legends and traditions that have not withstood the test of time. The discounted accounts of his martyrdom must now give way to the actual facts of life.

It is known that he remained a bachelor all of his life, devoting himself to the utmost degree to the cause of Christ. When advancing years curbed his campaigning, he withdrew to write his memorable accounts and died in Thebes at the age of eighty-four.

An appraisal of the contributions to Christianity by St. Luke cannot be measured by the number of words he wrote, the miles he traveled in missionary journeys, or the number of years he spent in exclusive dedication to the service of Jesus Christ. St. Luke, like so many who have given so much to all of us, is not to be appraised, only to be honored.

Celebrating the Elevation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14, 2024



Greek School Resumes...

The Greek School Agiasmos and Open House marked a promising start with 27 students and 5 new families in attendance. We are hopeful for more registrations in the coming weeks. We are excited to welcome everyone and look forward to a successful school year. See the flyer on the next page to get registered today!





GREEK SCHOOL - 2024-2025

Please join us on Wednesday,
September 18, 2024 @ 5:30pm
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- Pre K – 6th grade
- Dance
- Young adult classes –
beginners & advanced
- Ellinomatheia *Seal of
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There will be more information and exciting
news provided at the Open House!

Scan to register for Greek School!



For more information: please contact

Popi Tsaganos

(302) 598-3561

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To reserve your place and for **sponsorships**, see your parish rep or visit

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Tickets: \$85 per person

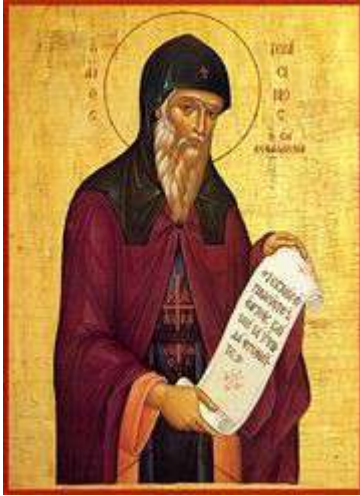
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Sponsorships received by Oct. 18 will be recognized in the program.



Saint Gerasimos of Cephalonia / October 20

Reading:

Saint Gerasimus was from the Peloponnesus, the son of Demetrius and Kale, of the family of Notaras. He was reared in piety by them and studied the Sacred writings. He left his country and went throughout various lands, and finally came to Cephalonia, where he restored a certain old church and built a convent around it, where it stands to this day at the place called Omala. He finished the course of his life there in asceticism in the year 1570. His sacred relics, which remain incorrupt, are kept there for the sanctification of the faithful.

Apolytikion in the First Tone

O believers, let us praise the protector of the Orthodox, The God-bearing miracle-worker lately appearing to us, the incarnate angel, divine Gerasimos. For he has rightly received from God the ever-flowing grace of performing healing. He strengthens those with diseases and he heals those with demons. And therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

Kontakion in the Third Tone

Now doth Cephalonia, with sacred songs of thanksgiving, call upon the multitudes of all the Orthodox Christians to extol the boast and glory of Orthodoxy, the divine and great Gerasimus, who is truly her deliverer and champion, who doth preserve her from all the harm of her foes.

Reading courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery / Apolytikion courtesy of St. Gregory Palamas Monastery
Kontakion courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery / Icon courtesy of St. Isaac's Skete



Longinus the Centurion / October 16

Reading:

This Martyr was in the service of Pontius Pilate at the time of Christ our Saviour's Passion. While standing guard at the Cross and beholding the earthquake and all that came to pass, he cried out with fear, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). After the Resurrection, he forsook the military and departed for Cappadocia, his homeland, where he preached Christ. By the agency of Pontius Pilate, Tiberius Caesar had him arrested and beheaded.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

With great joy the Church of Christ today rejoiceth on the festive memory of blest Longinus, the all-famed and godly prizewinner. And she doth cry out: O Christ, my foundation and might art Thou.

Reading courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery / Apolytikion courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery
Kontakion courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery



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Holy Trinity Food Pantry



We hope you all had a wonderful summer and ready to dive into some fall activities!

They are currently low on breakfast items including cereal and oatmeal. As always all of your donations make a difference! The pantry is now having to pay 50% of the cost of all food offered from The Food Bank of Delaware.

Can you spare 3 hours a month?

We're looking for volunteers to help us at St. Stephen's Church. We need help stocking shelves and packing groceries for distribution to families in need.

The Food Pantry is located at 1301 N. Broom Street. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-12 and Wednesday from 5-7. They are closed all major holidays. Applications are in the mailbox outside of the church office. Any and all help is appreciated!

In August we served 3,313 individuals, an increase of 250 people from the previous month.

Thank you and God Bless you for all that you do for those less fortunate.

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

September 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room East

142 men, women and children had a nice meal on a warm day, thanks to **Paulette Alexandridis** who sponsored our day of service on Thursday, September 12th as she has for many years now, given in loving memory of **Mary Manolakis**. The **Tarabicos Family** will sponsor the meal on Saturday, October 12th in loving memory of **James Tarabicos**.

All are welcome to help serve at the dining room that day or at any time!

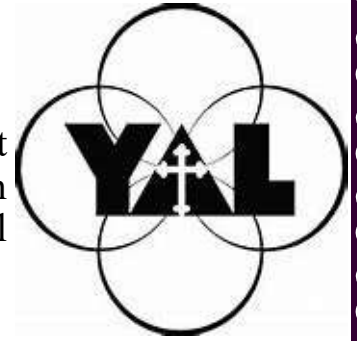
We sincerely thank all the individuals, families and organizations who generously support this dining room!

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.

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!

Y.A.L. News (Young Adult League)



Holy Trinity's Young Adult League had our first event in August to welcome everyone back! We met at Woodside Creamery in Hockessin and enjoyed ice cream together! It was a beautiful summer night and wonderful to see new and familiar faces.

In September, we will be taking a pilgrimage to St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA to venerate the myrrh streaming Icon of Panagia. Then visiting the Holy Protection Monastery in White Haven, PA.

More information about future YAL events will be announced soon!

***YAL is a group for all young adults 18-35 years old.**

Married, engaged, single, all are welcome!

For more information call Anna Fournaris

@ 302.562.3414



The Young at Heart welcomes everyone back!

Our next meeting will be

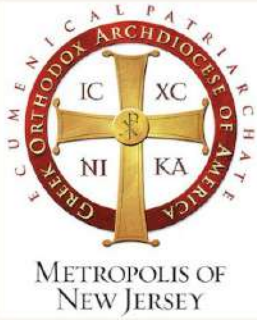
Thursday, October 10 @ 12pm.

We meet in the AHEPA Room!

For more info about joining our group call:

Dimitra Pappoulis @ 302.753.3941

or Sophia Hionis @ 302.893.8850



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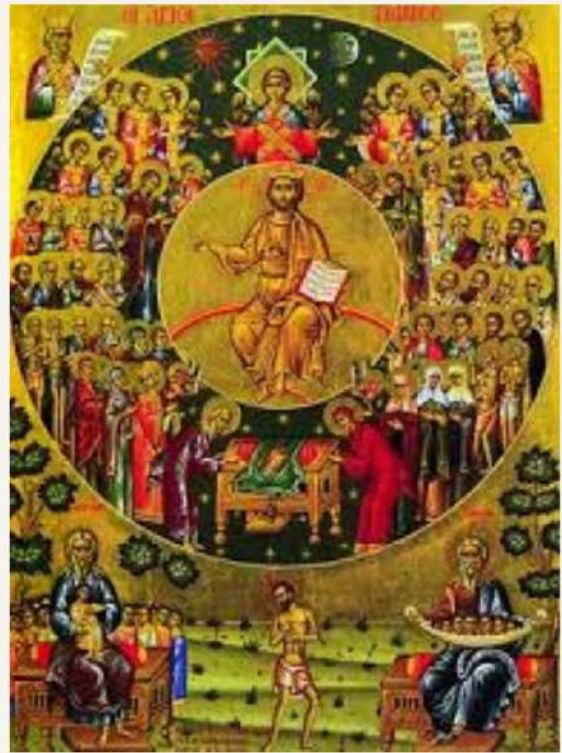


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