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Happy 90th Anniversary!

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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΑΓΙΑ ΤΡΙΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ



"For all these things, we thank You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit: for all things we know and do not know, for blessings manifest and hidden that have been bestowed on us"

(Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)



My beloved parishioners,

The month of November marks the culmination of our 90th Anniversary celebrations which has become a source of joy and unity for our Parish and a reason to recollect our past and plan for the future! As I have mentioned several times, it is amazing, heartwarming, and even brings tears to our eyes when reflecting on our past and looking at the present, we realize that the efforts and sacrifices of our ancestors, the founders and visionaries of this blessed community, have come to fruition; that their hard labor was not in vain. For 90 consecutive years now, Holy Trinity has been faithfully serving as a beacon of Orthodoxy in the broader area, and as a witness of Christ's salvific message to everyone in a spirit of love, inclusion, and understanding.

Considering this celebration and pondering at the many gifts and blessings that God has given us, we can boldly proclaim with David: "How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts!" (Psalm 91:6). How great is the Lord who has given us His Church to be our refuge and haven, to be united with Him and His people, and to find our way to Heaven! It is truly a blessing that we have our Orthodox Church in our lives!

Our Church teaches us that the Saints are "God's Friends" and our role and faith models. November is a month filled with celebrations and commemoration of great Saints that serve as connectors between God and the faithful and as fervent intercessors for our souls. Among the many Saints we honor in November, let me mention some that stand out and are very honored and respected by the faithful:

- The Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damianos and their mother Theodota (November 1st)
- The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel and the other Bodiless Powers (November 8th)
- •St. Nektarios the Wonderworker (November 9th)
- •St. Menas of Egypt (November 11th)
- •St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (November 12th)
- •St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (November 13th)
- •St. Phillip and St. Matthew the Disciples (November 14th & 16th)
- The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (November 21st)
- •St. Iakovos of Evia (November 22nd), the new Patron Saint of our Sacred Metropolis
- •St. Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria (November 25th)
- •St. Stylianos (November 26th)
- St. Andrew the First-called Apostle (November 30th)



This is a manifestation of how God protects His people and covers them over with His Grace by honoring and celebrating the Saints of our Orthodox Faith, who either died for Christ or dedicated their lives to Him, and thus becoming our examples and protectors by praying to them and requesting their intercessions.

Moreover, every year, in the last week of November we celebrate Thanksgiving. Though this is not an Orthodox Church feast, it has become an integral part of the American life, history and tradition, and it clearly demonstrates the character and ideals of the American Nation.

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Thanksgiving Day, as proclaimed by George Washington in 1789 is "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God". This Feast, which serves as the unifying force which connects everyone without exception, creates in us the need to show our gratitude to God for all the good things He has bestowed upon us. We should all exclaim: I thank you Lord for my life and everything I have. For my family. For this beautiful country and the multiple opportunities it provides us. For the precious gift of freedom and independence. In other words, let's say a "thank you" to God for everything. From an Orthodox perspective, we can say that this celebration is perfectly harmonized with the spirit and ethos of our faith.



The Apostle Paul encourages us to "give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20) and "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Col. 3:15-17)

Nevertheless, the quintessence of our Orthodox Faith is the Holy Eucharist (in Greek Ευχαοιστία which means Thanksgiving). During the Divine Liturgy we praise and glorify God the Creator, and we are called to thank Him for everything: for everything we see and do not see, for all that we know but also for those things that our limited human mind cannot perceive. Before the Holy Consecration of the Gifts we pray to God by saying: "It is proper and right to hymn You, to bless You, to praise You, to give thanks to You, and to worship You in every place of Your dominion. [...] You brought us out of nothing into being, and when we had fallen away, You raised us up again. You left nothing undone until You had led us up to heaven and granted us Your Kingdom, which is to come. For all these things, we thank You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit: for all things we know and do not know, for blessings manifest and hidden that have been bestowed on us". Therefore, the National Holiday of Thanksgiving helps us realize that we are called to glorify and thank God daily and continuously for everything we have and are. The ultimate expression of Doxology and Thanksgiving is the partaking of His most Sacred and Immaculate Body and Blood.

This year's Thanksgiving celebration will be once again an opportunity for us to gather with our loved ones, break bread and rejoice in one another's company. And this will be our opportunity to express our feelings of love and gratitude to them. However, please let us not forget to also express -at ALL times- our sincere gratitude to the Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for every breath we take, for everything we are and everything we have, for our home, family, work, gatherings, and relationships. Let us teach our children to do the same, so that they may thank God for all His good gifts and continue this beautiful tradition of Thanksgiving, keeping in their hearts the true meaning of this feast.

Last but not least, as a Church family and community, celebrating 90 bright years, let us remember all those who came before us, worked hard to build and bring this beautiful community and Church to this point and showed us the way so that we, in the 21st century, have a wonderful Greek Orthodox Parish to practice our faith and share our tradition. Let us be thankful to them and promise them that we will make every effort possible to preserve, maintain, and pass on to the next generations our Orthodox Faith and Tradition, and to build an even stronger future, safeguarding and protecting our rich history.

Happy Thanksgiving! Please remember to thank your people, family and friends, and don't be frugal in expressing your love and feelings to them.

May the Grace of the Holy Trinity, our God, be upon you, your families and our beloved Community!

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Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Έφτασε ο Νοέμβοιος! Ο μήνας που μας βοίσκει μεταξύ Φθινοπώοου και Χειμώνα. «Ο Νοέμβρης με βροχή, σκάβει, σπέρνει όλη τη γη» λέει μια παφοιμία, γι'αυτό και ονομάζεται και «σποφιάς, βφοχάφης και ανακατωμένος» αφού τώφα είναι η εποχή της σποφάς, των βφοχών, της αφχής συγκομιδής της ευλογημένης ελιάς και των ακατάστατων καιφικών συνθηκών. Για την Ενοφία μας όμως είναι ένας πολύ σημαντικός και ιδιαίτεφος μήνας καθώς γιοφτάζουμε τα 90 χφόνια της Κοινότητάς μας και χαιφόμαστε γιατί ο εοφτασμός αυτός έχει γίνει αιτία ενότητας, υπεφηφάνειας και ενθουσιασμού ανάμεσα στα μέλη της ενοφίας μας.

Έχω πει πολλές φορές αυτό το χρόνο, με την ευκαιρία της επετείου των 90 ετών, ότι πραγματικά συγκινούμαστε όταν σκεφτόμαστε το παρελθόν και την ιστορία της Κοινότητάς μας, και θυμόμαστε όλους εκείνους που ξεκίνησαν το έργο της Εκκλησίας μας με όνειρα, πίστη στον Χριστό και αισιοδοξία για το μέλλον. Οι πατέρες και μητέρες μας κουράστηκαν, στερήθηκαν, και δούλεψαν σκληρά ώστε εμείς σήμερα να έχουμε την Εκκλησία μας, την Αγία Τριάδα, τον ευλογημένο αυτό χώρο μέσα στον οποίο γεννιόμαστε, ζούμε και αναχωρούμε από τον κόσμο. Η Εκκλησία μας είναι ο επίγειος Παράδεισος μέσα στον οποίο λαμβάνουμε την σωτηρία μέσω των Αγίων Μυστηρίων.

Για τον λόγο αυτό, αλλά και για πολλούς άλλους, είμαστε ευγνώμονες στους ιδουτές της Ενορίας μας, και τους ευχαριστούμε που μας παρέδωσαν αυτό το μεγάλο δώρο: την Εκκλησία μας. Πρέπει λοιπόν να δοξολογούμε καθημερινά τον Θεό που μας αξίωσε να είμαστε μέλη της Μίας, Αγίας, Καθολικής, και Αποστολικής Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας και να μετέχουμε στην σωτηρία. Σε αυτή την πνευματική πορεία δεν είμαστε μόνοι, έχουμε ο ένας τον άλλο, αλλά πάνω απ'όλα έχουμε τους Αγίους μας. Αυτοί είναι οι «φίλοι του Θεού» αλλά και οι δικοί μας φίλοι, οι οποίοι μεριμνούν για μας, μας σκεπάζουν με την προστασία τους και πρεσβεύουν στον Πανάγιο Θεό για τα δικά μας αιτήματα και την δική μας σωτηρία.

Καθημερινά στο ορθόδοξο εορτολόγιο τιμούμε την μνήμη πολλών Αγίων, χιλιάδων Αγίων, άλλων γνωστών και άλλων αγνώστων. Κατά αγαθή συγκυρία όμως, τον μήνα Νοέμβριο εορτάζουμε πολλούς γνωστούς και αγαπητούς στον λαό μας Αγίους. Ο μήνας ξεκινά με την μνήμη των Αγίων Αναργύρων και συνεχίζει με τους Ταξιάρχες, τον Άγιο Νεκτάριο, τον Άγιο Μηνά, τον Άγιο Ιωάννη τον Ελεήμονα, τον Άγιο Ιωάννη τον Χρυσόστομο, τους Αγίους Αποστόλους Φίλιππο και Ματθαίο, την Αγία Αικατερίνη, τον Άγιο Στυλιανό, και τον Άγιο Ανδρέα τον Πρωτόκλητο. Στην καρδιά του Νοεμβρίου τιμούμε τα Εισόδια της Παναγίας μας ενώ στις 22 Νοεμβρίου εορτάζουμε τον Όσιο Ιάκωβο τον εν Ευβοία, Ηγούμενο της Ιεράς Μονής Οσίου Δαβίδ, ο οποίος πρόσφατα ανακηρύχθηκε από τον Σεβασμιώτατο Μητροπολίτη μας κ. Απόστολο ως Προστάτης και Έφορος της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως Νέας Ιερσέης.

Συνειδητοποιούμε λοιπόν ότι η Αγία μας Μητέρα, η Εκκλησία, μας σκεπάζει με την χάρη των Αγίων μας, φέρνοντας καθημερινά στη μνήμη και τη ζωή μας τα φωτεινά τους παραδείγματα. Άλλωστε ξέρουμε από την διδασκαλία της Εκκλησίας μας ότι οι Άγιοι είναι οι «οδοδείκτες» μας, δηλαδή εκείνοι που με το παράδειγμά τους μας καθοδηγούν και μας φέρνουν στον δρόμο της σωτηρίας. Γιαυτό ακριβώς πρέπει να δίνουμε στα παιδιά μας Χριστιανικά ονόματα, ονόματα Αγίων δηλαδή, ώστε να έχουν τον Άγιο του οποίου το όνομα φέρουν, ως πρότυπο και παράδειγμα στη ζωή τους.

Οφείλουμε λοιπόν αδελφοί μου να δοξολογήσουμε και να ευχαριστήσουμε τον Πανάγιο Τριαδικό Θεό διότι μας έχει δώσει την Εκκλησία Του, ώστε να βρίσκουμε παρηγοριά, βοήθεια, ανακούφιση, θεραπεία, και σωτηρία. Σε λίγες μέρες θα γιορτάσουμε και την Εορτή των Ευχαριστιών, η οποία ενώ δεν είναι Ορθόδοξη εορτή αλλά μια Αμερικανική παράδοση, παρόλα ταύτα μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να σκεφθούμε και να συνειδητοποιήσουμε τις αμέτρητες ευεργεσίες που μας έχει κάνει ο Θεός και όλα τα δώρα που μας παρέχει η Χάρη Του καθημερινά. Πολλές φορές δεν τα βλέπουμε όλα αυτά και τα θεωρούμε δεδομένα, αλλά τίποτα δεν είναι δεδομένο σ΄ αυτή τη ζωή. Ας ευχαριστήσουμε λοιπόν τον καλό μας Θεό για όλα όσα μας χάρισε, και συνεχίζει απλόχερα να μας χαρίζει σ΄ αυτή τη ζωή και να τον παρακαλέσουμε να μας δεχθεί και στην αιώνια Βασιλεία Του. Άλλωστε η συμμετοχή μας στην Θεία Λειτουργία μας ενώνει με τον Θεό και τους συνανθρώπους μας, γιαυτό και ονομάζεται Θεία Ευχαριστία. Ακόμα, να μην ξεχνούμε να ευχαριστούμε τους ανθρώπους που είναι γύρω μας καθημερινά, την οικογένειά μας, τους φίλους μας, τους συνεργάτες μας. Τέλος, ως Ελληνορθόδοξη Κοινότητα οφείλουμε να ευχαριστούμε συνεχώς τους προγόνους μας που δημιούργησαν και μας παρέδωσαν όλα όσα έχουμε εμείς σήμερα αλλά και όλους εκείνους που καθημερινά εργάζονται αφιλοκερδώς και με περίσσια αγάπη ώστε να προοδεύσει η Ενορία μας και να διαδοθεί το μήνυμα του Χριστού και της Εκκλησίας μας στα παιδιά μας, τους νέους μας, αλλά και κάθε άνθρωπο που προσέρχεται σε μας και ζητά την βοήθεια του Θεού.

Χρόνια πολλά και ευλογημένα αγαπημένοι μου Ενορίτες, Να έχετε μια ευλογημένη και ευτυχισμένη Εορτή των Ευχαριστιών, και να μην ξεχνάτε να λέτε «ευχαριστώ» και να δείχνετε τα συναισθήματα και την αγάπη σας στους ανθρώπους σας. Η Αγία Τριάδα να σκεπάζει την Ενορία μας και τις οικογένειές μας! Με το καλό να γιορτάσουμε και τα 100 χρόνια της Ενορίας μας!

π. Χριστοφόρος Οικονομίδης Αρχιμανδρίτης του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος



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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



Reception



Anniversary Gala

"Waterfall" in Claymont, Delaware

For more information and Gala reservations:

wisit our website: holytrinitywilmington.org

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

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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





Young @ Heart's Christmas Gathering!

We will be gathering for a Christmas Luncheon

n

December 12th ~ at 12pm

Walter's Steakhouse (802 N Union Street, Wilmington, DE)

Cost: \$48.50 per person (gratuity included)

Lunch will be

Appetizer: Mussels Crostini

CHOOSE ONE MAIN COURSE:

Shrimp Scampi Salmon Orange Roughy

All served w/Rice, Tossed Salad and rolls Fresh Brewed Coffee or Tea Dessert: Strawberry Crisp

Please RSVP by December 1, 2024 to Dimitra Pappoulis @ 302.753.3941 or Sophia Hionis @ 302.893.8850

Please send your check for \$48.50 per person, made payable to Young @ Heart to:
Young @ Heart 808 N Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806



Fun will be had! Good food will be enjoged! Fellowship will take place!

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Come and join us as we celebrate the birth of our bord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

As we end October, we honor the Greek heroes, military, religious, and civilians, who sacrificed their lives for freedom, whose dedication and commitment to the ideal pushed the Italians back. And while the events seem long ago (1940), the memories are still evident in the odes and songs we recite and sing every October.

This leads us into November, when our community comes together to celebrate a major milestone...Our 90-year Anniversary Gala, which will be held on November 2nd at The Waterfall in Claymont, DE. This is a major event for us in the greater Wilmington area and is one not to be missed. So, if you haven't already RSVP'd, we hope to see you at this memorable



celebration. In addition, His Eminence, Metropolitan Apostolos, will be in attendance at the Gala as well as preside over Divine Liturgy on Sunday November 3rd.

As a reminder, we will hold our Parish Assembly on November 17th. Please make every effort to attend as we discuss the business of the Church and hear updates from our organizations and ministries.

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 and it helps ensure that your contact information is up to date.

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.

Enjoy the Fall and we look forward to seeing you in November! Stephanos Karakasidis



The Young at Heart News

Our next meeting will be
Thursday, November 14 @ 12pm
Guest Speaker will be Dr. Alexia Moutsatsos
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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All Canned Food & Non-Perishable Food

Support this year's Sunday School Ministry THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

by generously donating canned and non-perishable foods to support local needy families. Please bring your donation to the bin outside the church office no later than:

November 17, 2024



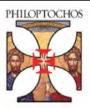
All contributions will be donated to:







Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity St. Agape Chapter





Dearest Philoptochos members and Parishioners,

I hope this bulletin finds you all well. On October 13 we held the second Breast Cancer Sunday at church. Thank you to our parishioners for their generous donation in the tray collection. We continue to support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and pray that a cure for this terrible disease is found quickly. On October 19, our Philoptochos chapter attended and supported the Philoptochos chapter at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Atlantic City, NJ.

Don't forget to reserve your table for our Bid N Buy on November 22!! (see the flyer in this bulletin for details!)

Mrs. Yvonne Vassilatos has requested that I include the Philoptochos Day tribute held September 22, in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Trinity, so in honor of her request, below is the tribute.

The evolution of the St. Agapi Chapter of the Philoptochos Society can be traced back to 1929 before the parish was established. Recognizing the need to assist young Greek families during the turbulent times of the Depression, this group of women who were known as Elpis assisted families in education and brought clergy to celebrate liturgies in local churches of different denominations. In 1939 the Greek community was officially incorporated and purchased the Broom Street property that would serve as the future church. Since the church was now becoming a reality, the ladies wanted to align with the faith more closely. Interestingly, in 1931, then Archbishop Athenagoras I officially founded the Philoptochos Society to help the needy and promote family events through music, education and performances.

In 1942, Wilmington's Philoptochos St. Agape Chapter was officially chartered, and its first president was Demetra Kramedas. Philoptochos worked diligently and supported the American and Greek War relief efforts in fundraising activities as well as assisting with the construction of the new Church. Following Mrs. Kramedas, Mrs. Geanopoulos served as President and with her drive and the assistance of all Philoptochos members, they aided in the furnishing of the Church, in addition to donations which included the original dome icons of the Prophets Amos, Abbakoum, and Jonas, the marble pulpit and the churches chandeliers. In 1952, the first Divine Liturgy was celebrated at this Holy Trinity Church and in that same year, the Philoptochos ladies opened their first bank account in Wilmington, which we continue to use to this day.

We have carried out our mission humbly, and respectfully. We are an Army of Agape who marches forth and is prepared to assist in the needs of our parish, in addition to the outreach into Greece. Year after year, our small but mighty Philoptochos chapter has fulfilled our National Commitments which total over 28 national and international organizations. In 2023 we raised 2,659,447 nationally and allocated \$1,861,159 in funding these organizations. \$458,799 in grants to the Children's Medical Fund for purposes including locomotive training for children with paralysis, the Cradle Program, air purifiers for three floors of a home, assistance for families of children with cancer, education, and the list can go on. \$414,211 in emergency support was allocated to Greece, Maui, Ukraine, and Turkey and Syria for essentials like food, medicine and clothing.

Locally, our chapter has prepared bagged lunches for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their loved one are hospitalized, we donate our time and food to the Emmanuel dining room on a monthly basis, we sent a substantial amount to the Monastery of Ypseni in Rhoades, Greece, we made a generous donation to the Holy Cross Seminary School in participating in the first "Walking with Christ" initiative to assist our seminarians and also donated baskets for a raffle and food for the initiative. As always, we prepared gift baskets for our members who are homebound for Christmas and Easter, participated in a Toy Drive along with our youth ministries and distributed the toys to a homeless shelter and to the Ronald McDonald House. We donated to an organization that helps those who been trafficked and are attempting to enter society. We hosted the communion breakfast and held the first Loukoumades sale benefitting our Social Services commitment. As always, we baked and prepared the sweets for our annual Festival and worked diligently to assist in making our Festival a huge success. We now have a Philoptochos page as a drop down on our website, a bulletin board which lists our upcoming events and continue to prepare the koliva for memorials. Knitting baby hats and booties for our mothers and new babies entering the church and giving of small icons to newly married couples continues. Just last month, along with community donations, we packed 115 back packs filled with supplies for students at the Urban Promise School who are underserved.

We are an Army of Agape. Nationally we are an army of 25,000. Locally we are a small but mighty army of 100. Join our Army of Agape, helping those in need both locally, nationally, and internationally. You won't regret it. In Christ's Service.

Dena Verikakis

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.



The Philoptochos
pilgrimage to
St. George Orthodox Church
in Taylor, PA to venerate
the myrrh streaming
Icon of Panagia,
and then on to
Agia Skepi Monastery
in White Haven, PA.





A Philoptochos Day tribute held September 22, in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Trinity. We honored a few of our past presidents, Yvonne Vassilatos, Alexandra Tsaganos, Sophia Tarabicos, Elaine Righos, Helen Doukakis, Georgia Halakos, and Vickie Karakasidis, We offered a Memorial Service in loving memory of our past members and an Artoclasia for the health and well being of our present members and families.













Ladies Philoptochos Society Saint Agape Chapter Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Wilmington, Delaware Christmas Cookie Sale











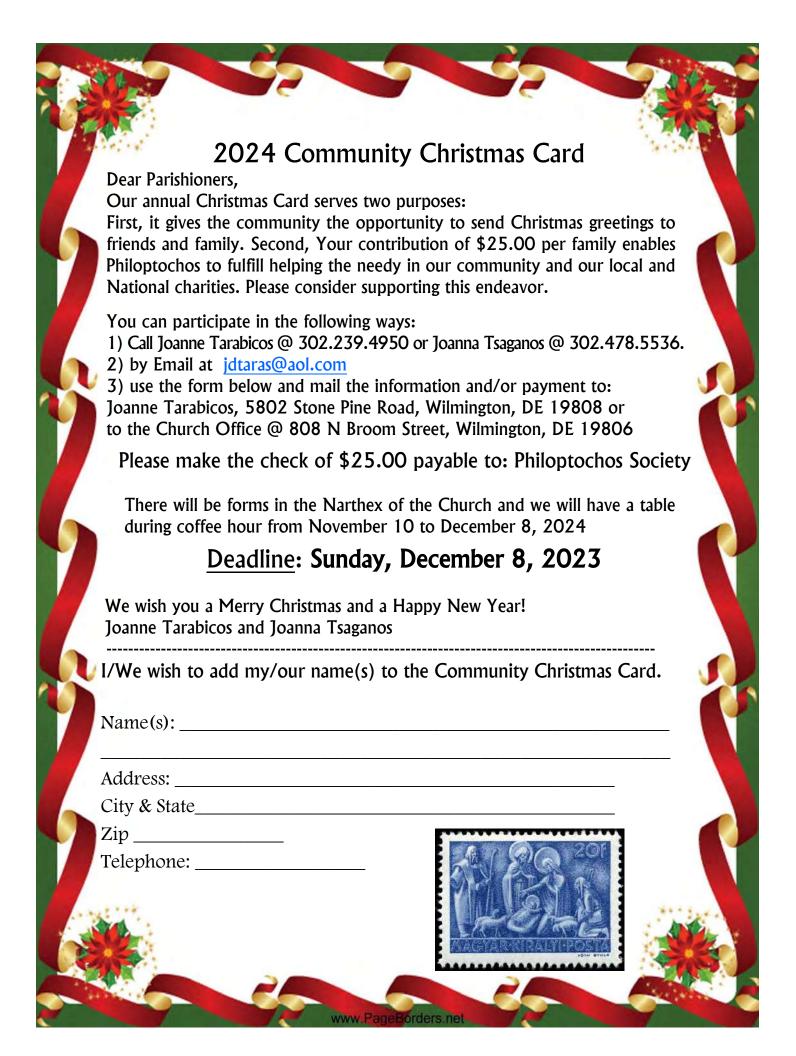
Orders are due by November 20th, 2024 Orders can be picked up December 17th & 18th between 3:00-7:00 in the church hall Contact Eleni Karakasidis at (302) 898-6047 with any questions

Name:		Telep	Telephone #:		
Item	Pieces	Price	Quantity	Total	
Koulourakia	12	\$12			
Variety Box	4 Koulourakia 4 Almond 3 Kourambiedes 3 Melomakarona 2 Baklava	\$28			
Baklava	8	\$24		10	

Total Amount Due:

Make checks payable to Philoptochos Society and mail to:
Popi Papachrysanthou, 726 Mill Creek Lane
Bear, DE 19701

(302) 290-1717





The Philoptochos Ladies will be baking homemade Christopsomo for the Holidays!! Please use this form for your order. The bread can be picked up during Coffee Hour following Church Services on December 22nd. Call Maria Grigorakakis at 302.584.5239 for your order. Order Deadline is December 13th. Cost: \$18.00

Name:	Phone #:	Phone #:	
# of Breads	Amount enclosed:		

Make checks payable to Philoptochos Society and mail to: Popi Papachrysanthou, 726 Mill Creek Lane, Bear, DE 19701, 302.290.1717





Vasilopita (New Year Sweet Bread) Order Form

The Philoptochos Ladies will be selling delicious Vasilopita from Holy Protection Monastery for your 2025 New Year Celebration!! Please use this form for your order. The bread can be picked up during Coffee Hour following Church Services on December 22nd. Call Maria Grigorakakis at 302.584.5239 for your order. Order Deadline is December 13th. Cost: \$23.00

Name:	Phone #:
# of Breads	Amount enclosed:

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JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE / November 13 Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The grace of your words illuminated the universe like a shining beacon. It amassed treasures of munificence in the world. It demonstrated the greatness of humility, teaching us by your own words; therefore, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede to Christ the Logos for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

You received divine grace from Heaven, and by your own lips taught all to worship the One God in Trinity. All-blessed, venerable John Chrysostom, deservedly, we praise you for you are a teacher clearly revealing things divine.

Reading:

This greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators was born in Antioch the Great in the year 344 or 347; his pious parents were called Secundus and Anthusa. After his mother was widowed at the age of twenty, she devoted herself to bringing up John and his elder sister in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John received

his literary training under Anthragathius the philosopher, and Libanius the sophist, who was the greatest Greek scholar and rhetorician of his day. Libanius was a pagan, and when asked before his death whom he wished to have for his successor, he said, "John, had not the Christians stolen him from us." With such a training, and with such gifts as he had by nature, John had before him a brilliant career as a rhetorician. But through the good example of his godly mother Anthusa and of the holy Bishop Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), by whom he was ordained reader about the year 370, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. From the years 374 to 381 he lived the monastic life in the hermitages that were near Antioch. His extreme asceticism undermined his health, compelling him to return to Antioch, where Saint Meletius ordained him deacon about the year 381. Saint Meletius was called to Constantinople later that year to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council, during which he fell asleep in the Lord. In 386 Bishop Flavian ordained John presbyter of the Church of Antioch. Upon his elevation to the priesthood his career as a public preacher began, and his exceptional oratorical gifts were made manifest through his many sermons and commentaries. They are distinguished by their eloquence and the remarkable ease with which rich imagery and scriptural allusions are multiplied; by their depth of insight into the meaning of Scripture and the workings of God's providence; and, not least of all, by their earnestness and moral force, which issue from the heart of a blameless and guileless man who lived first what he preached to others. Because of his fame, he was chosen to succeed Saint Nectarius as Patriarch of Constantinople. He was taken away by stealth, to avoid the opposition of the people, and consecrated Patriarch of Constantinople on February 28, 398, by Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who was to prove his mortal enemy.

At that time the Emperor of the East was Arcadius, who had had Saint Arsenius the Great as his tutor (see May 8); Arcadius was a man of weak character, and much under the influence of his wife Eudoxia. The zealous and upright Chrysostom's unsparing censures of the lax morals in the imperial city stung the vain Eudoxia; through Theophilus' plottings and her collaboration, Saint John was banished to Pontus in 403. The people were in an uproar, and the following night an earthquake shook the city; this so frightened the Empress Eudoxia that she begged Arcadius to call Chrysostom back. While his return was triumphant, his reconciliation with the Empress did not last long. When she had a silver statue of herself erected in the forum before the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Saint Sophia) in September of 403, and had it dedicated with much unseemly revelry, Saint John thundered against her, and she could not forgive him. In June of 404 he was exiled to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia. From here he exchanged letters with Pope Innocent of Rome, who sent bishops and priests to Constantinople requesting that a council be held. Saint John's enemies, dreading his return, prevailed upon the Emperor to see an insult in this, and had John taken to a more remote place of banishment called Pityus near the Caucasus. The journey was filled with bitter sufferings for the aged bishop, both because of the harshness of the elements and the cruelty of one of his 310 guards. He did not reach Pityus, but gave up his soul to the Lord near Comana in Pontus, at the chapel of the Martyr Basiliscus (see May 22), who had appeared to him shortly before, foretelling the day of his death, which came to pass on September 14, 407. His last words were "Glory be to God for all things." His holy relics were brought from Comana to Constantinople thirty-one years later by the Emperor Theodosius the Younger and Saint Pulcheria his sister, the children of Arcadius and Eudoxia, with fervent supplications that the sin of their parents against him be forgiven; this return of his holy relics is celebrated on January 27.

Saint John was surnamed Chrysostom ("Golden-mouth") because of his eloquence. He made exhaustive commentaries on the divine Scriptures and was the author of more works than any other Church Father, leaving us complete commentaries on the Book of Genesis, the Gospels of Saints Matthew and John, the Acts, and all the Epistles of Saint Paul. His extant works are 1,447 sermons and 240 epistles. Twenty-two teachers of the Church have written homilies of praise in his honour. Besides his feasts today and on January 27, he is celebrated as one of the Three Hierarchs on January 30, together with Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory the Theologian.

It should be noted that, because September 14 is the Exaltation of the Cross, the Saint's memory has been transferred to this day.

November 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Ss Cosmas & Damian 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Agiasmos of the Month	2 Holy Trinity 90th Anniversary GALA
3 5th Sunday of Luke 90th Anniversary Sunday 9:00am Hierarchal Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School 90th Anniversary Community Luncheon 4pm Metropolis Ambassador Awards Banquet @ Adelphia	Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	5 5:30am-10pm PRESIDENTIAL VOTING ON THE BALCONY	6 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School FAST	7 7pm GOYA Dance Practice	8 Synaxis of the Archangels 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy 5:30 HOPE JOY Dance Practice DVYC GOYA FALL RETREAT FAST (Fish allowed)	9 St Nektarios 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy DVYC GOYA FALL RETREAT
10 8th Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School DVYC GOYA FALL RETREAT	11 Veteran's Day Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	12 12pm Serving at the Emmanuel Dining Room	13 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School FAST	14 12pm Young @ Heart Gathering 7pm GOYAgiving	Nativity Fast Begins 5:30 HOPE JOY & Prep for Homeless meals & Dance Practice FAST	16 10am KID MISSION@ St George Media, PA 1pm Diaz Baptism FAST
9th Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School Thanksgiving Tray Passed by Philoptochos FALL General Assembly 3pm DVYC BBALL Games @ Wilmington FAST	Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	7pm DVYC Meeting @ St George, Media, PA	20 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School 6pm Parish Council Meeting FAST	Entrance of Theotokos 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy 6pm Vespers for the Feast of St Iakovos @ Holt Trinity, Westfield NJ 7pm GOYA Dance Practice FAST	9am Feast of St Iakovos @ Metropolis Headquarters Westfield, NJ 7pm Philoptochos Bid N Buy	23 FAST
24 13th Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School Sunday School FOOD DRIVE ENDS & CHRISTMAS SOCK & TOY DRIVE BEGINS SS Teacher Meeting after worship 3pm DVYC BBALL Games @ Wilmington FAST	25 St Katherine 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys FAST	26 6pm Daughter's of Penelope Meeting FAST	27 Church Office closes at 12pm NO: Bible Study Greek School	28 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed FAST	Church Office Closed 6pm YAL FAST	30 St Andrew 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy 12pm Philoptochos Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Room FAST

ALTAR GUILD

The Icon booth will be open on November 10th after church service with many exciting items to buy as well as supplies for your home.

We have decorated the church for our 90th year celebration and are asking our parishioners for donations to offset the cost.

On November 21st we will be celebrating the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple and will decorate the Icon for that day. If you would like to contribute to this please use the form below or contact Joanne Tarabicos 302-239-4950 or Evie Fournaris at 302-229-6849 with your dedication.

Upcoming feast is on December 25th the Holy Nativity as well as decorating the church for Christmas with Poinsettias and Christmas decorations. If you would like to donate for this icon or for the Poinsettia and Christmas Décor, please use the form below and mark it accordingly.





We thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In Christ's Service, Joanne Tarabicos and Evie Fournaris

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
RESERVED DATE:
PHONE NUMBER:
MAY WE PRINT IT IN THE BULLETIN: YES NO
Enclosed \$ Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Altar Guild". Mail to: Stacy Koninis, 2602 Brightwell Drive, Wilmington, DE. 19810

Serving in November

Coffee Hours:

November 3 ~ 90th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

November 10 ~ Daughters of Penelope

November 17 ~ Parish Council (General Assembly

November 24 ~ Young @ Heart



Narthex Duty:

November 3 ~ Group 2

November 10 ~ Group 1

November 17 ~ Group 2

November 24 ~ 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)

ACOLYTES

+Tonsured ~ *Reader



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

All readers are also tonsured

ALTAR ASSISTANTS

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

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> As of October 20, 2024 (304 families)



What is Christian Stewardship?

What Is Stewardship? In biblical terms, Charles Bugg defines stewardship in the Holman Bible Dictionary as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Christian Stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given.

What does the Bible say about stewardship?

The Bible tells us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

What makes a good biblical steward?

A good biblical steward is always mindful that he or she works for God. God is the owner. "The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD" (Psalm 24:1). Good stewards take care of the gifts God has given them to manage.



SHARING
Name
Address
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Your stewardship number:
Your 2023 pledge was:
□ Please increase my pledge by 10% to:
□ Please increase my pledge by 20% to:
☐ My 2024 commitment is:
☐ \$750.00 (\$62month or \$15/week)
\square \$1,000.00 (\$84month or \$20/week) \square \$1,500.00 (\$125month or \$29/week)
□ \$5,000.00 (\$125month or \$257 week)
☐ \$2,000.00 (Sponsors a Day of Operations)
\square # of Days (Sponsor Multiple Days)
(above figures are rounded)
I/We understand that by completing this good faith
estimate, and by pledging my/our Time, Service and
Sharing section of this Stewardship Card, I/We are
committing ourselves to being faithful stewards of
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for 2024.
SignatureDate
Proportionate Sharing

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

Διάφορα

Δρ. Κώστας Γ. Φούντζουλας

Various

Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas

Πως μεταφράζεται το χιούμορ;

Αν και η λέξη «χιούμορ» θεωρείται ότι είναι λέξη προελεύσεως, Λατινικής στην πραγματικόττα προέρχεται από την Ελληνική λέξη «χυμός». Πολλές φορές λέω κάτι που θεωρώ αστείο, και τα παιδιά μου που γεννήθηκαν στην Αμερική, με κοιτούν παράξενα γιατί δεν καταλαβάινουν ότι είναι αστείο, ότι κάνω γιούμορ. Δυστυγώς το αστείο γάνεται όταν σου ζητούν να το εξηγήσεις. Δεν εξηγείται το αστείο. Το έχεις ζήσεις σε ένα άλλο περιβάλλον, και το εκφράζεις με λέξεις που δημιουργήκαν μέσα στην μακραίωνη Ελληνική ιστορία μας. Πως να εξηγήσεις τις καταστάσεις που δημιούργησαν τον κωδικό του; Εγώ οι φίλοι και συγγενείς μου δεν χρειαζόμαστε επεξηγήσεις. Μιλάμε την ίδια γλώσσα των αιώνων. Το ίδιο φυσικά συμβαίνει όταν τα παιδιά μου και φίλοι που γεννήθηκαν στην Αμερική μου λένε κάποιο δικό τους αστείο που δεν το καταλαβαίνω σαν αστείο. Δεν είναι θέμα κατανοήσεως των λέξεων αλλά του κωδικού τους.

Επίσης είναι σχεδόν αδύνατον να μεταφράσεις ποίηση από μία γλώσσα σε άλλη, όσο καλά κι αν γνωρίζεις και τις δύο γλώσσες. Αυτό που είναι μερικές αδύνατο να μεταφράσεις είναι το περιβάλλον και οι συνθήκες όπου δημιουργήθηκε το ποίημα.

Ο Καβάφης γράφει στη υπέροχη «Ιθάκη» του «τον άγριο Ποσειδώνα δεν θα συναντήσεις αν δεν τους κουβανείς μες στην ψυχή σου, αν η ψυχή σου δεν τους στήνει εμπρός σου.»

Εγώ δεν χρειάζομαι επεξηγήσεις, τα παιδιά μου όμως χρειάζονται επεξηγήσεις, της ιστορίας μας δηλαδή, που ακόμη και η μητέρα μου απόφοιτος της $5^{\eta\varsigma}$ Δημοτικού δεν τις χρειαζόταν!

Το υπέροχο θεατρικό έργου του Arthur Miller, «Ο θάνατος ενός Πωλητού» μεταφράστηκε στα Ελληνικά ως «Ο θάνατος του Εμποράκου». Το Πωλητής στα Ελληνικά δεν έχει την ίδια βαρύτητα με τον Εμποράκο!

Παρόμοιες δυσκολίες υπάρχουν στην μετάφραση των Ευαγγελίων από την Κοινή Ελληνική στα Αγγλικά.

Ένα όμορφο Ελληνικό λαϊκό τραγούδι λέει «Μάτια σαν τα κάστανα με έβαλαν στα βάσανα»!'

Δεν τολμώ να το μεταφράσω λέξη προς λέξη στα Αγγλικά, παρά μόνο να το παραφράσω! Μπορεί κάποιος να χορεύει θαυμάσιο ζεϊμπέκικο χωρίς να αποκωδικοποιεί τους στίχους, πολύ διαφορετικά από κάποιον που δεν χρειάζεται την αποκωδικοποίηση!

How is humor translated to other language?

Although the word "humor" is considered of Latin origin, it actually comes from the Greek word "juice". Many times, I say something that I think is funny, and my American-born children look at me strangely because they don't understand that it's funny, that I'm joking. Unfortunately, the joke is lost when you are asked to decipher it. The joke is not explained. You have experienced it in another environment, and you express it with words that were created in our long Greek history. How do you explain the situation that created the joke, its code that is? I, my friends and family don't need any explanations. We have spoken the same language for centuries. The same of course happens when my children and American-born friends tell me a joke of their own that I don't perceive it as a joke. It is not a matter of understanding the words of another language, English in this case, but of their code.

It is also almost impossible to translate poetry from one language to another, no matter how well you know both languages. What is sometimes impossible to translate is the environment and circumstances in which the poem was created.

Our great poet Constantine Cavafy writes in his wonderful "*Ithaca*" (1911),

Laistrygonians, Cyclops, wild Poseidon—you won't encounter them unless you bring them along inside your soul, unless your soul sets them up in front of you.

I don't need explanations, but my children need explanations of our history that is, which even my mother, a 5th grade graduate, didn't need!

Arthur Miller's wonderful play, "Death of a Salesman" was translated into Greek as "Death of a Little Merchant". Salesman in Greek does not have the same weight as Little Merchant!

Similar difficulties exist in translating the *Gospels* from Koine Greek into *English*.

A beautiful not so old Greek folk song sings

"Eyes like chestnuts made me suffer"!

This is the word for word translation. I dare not translate it word for word into English, only paraphrase it! Anyone can dance a wonderful zeibekiko without decoding the lyrics, however it is very different from someone who doesn't need the decoding of the lyrics!



GOYA News



Hello everyone! November is here, and we are excited to continue the GOYA season with all of you. We had a successful start with our first GOYA activity at Main Event and our service project with the Friendship House, and it's been amazing to see the enthusiasm from our GOYAns. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their ideas - we're already working on bringing some of them to life. As the holiday season approaches, we have even more fun events and opportunities to give back to our community. Let's make this month even better than the last!

Looking ahead:

- Nov. 2nd: 90th Anniversary Gala and GOYA Dance Group Performance
- Nov. 8th, 9th, 10th: DVYC Retreat at Camp Innabah
- Nov. 14th: GOYAGiving
- Nov. 17th: Basketball Games Elkins Park
- Nov. 24th: Basketball Games vs Media
- Nov. 24th: Start of the Toy Drive with Philoptochos
 We are partnering with the Philoptochos Society for our second service project
 of the year and will be doing a Toy Drive together, a flyer and more
 information will be sent out as the date gets closer.
- Dance Practice on Thursdays at 7 pm
- Basketball Practice on Mondays, Girls at 6:30, Boys at 7:30

Stay tuned for more details about the Philoptochos Toy Drive and the upcoming GOYA events above. And as always, make sure to continue attending Church and Sunday School every week, GOYAns.

Looking forward to another great month with all of you!

Vasili Dargakis GOYA President vasilidargakis@gmail.com 610-787-0144





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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,

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Metropolitan of New Jersey

New Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey St. Dakovos (Esalikis) 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 liSle, 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 aSended the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion, and heard the confessions of several people. He died peacefully later that day with thousands of people aSending 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's 16th Annual Golf Tournament - September 23, 2024







HOPE & JOY NOVEMBER Newsletter

November is a month to reflect on all that we and our young children are thankful for. Our families, our health and our faith. This month, the HOPE & JOY children will give back to our community. We will package sandwiches for the homeless shelter and participate in KidMission, where we will share and learn about different saints' lives with all HOPE & JOY groups from the neighboring 13 churches. Please join us!

To join our group, or for any questions, please email Angie and Tania at hopejoyhtw@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 8th **Dance Practice**

Friday, November 15th Dance Practice & Sandwich Prep for Homeless

Saturday, November 16th KidMission DVYC Event at St. George, Media

HERE ARE SOME MOMENTS FROM OUR HAYRIDE & CAMPFIRE IN OCTOBER. AFTER OUR BUMPY HAYRIDE, WE SHARED THE STORY OF SAINT PANTELEIMON. WE LEARNED SO MUCH AND HAD A GREAT NIGHT!



HOPE JOY / Enjoying a Family Night Helping Philoptochos fill bags for Ronald McDonald House Enjoying a hayride with Fr. Christoforos!









Holy Trinity Food Pantry

We hear, almost daily, about the need around the world for food and other essentials for survival and the United States is the first to respond. This is how it should be, but the need here at home is getting to be as critical as reported in other countries.



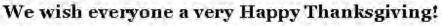
At the end of the day, Food Closets around the city are emptied by the people lining up for a bag of food to feed their families. Food Closets then wait for Churches, such as Holy Trinity, to deliver bags of food to fill their shelves. Our food bin is located by the church office. Please continue to fill those bins with the non-perishable food items such as:

Any canned item, fruit, tuna fish, ham, vegetables, cereals, coffee, tea, flour, sugar, pastas and sauces, macaroni & cheese, baby food, baby cereals, formula, peanut butter & jelly, canned milk, rice, soups, etc.

Any food that will not spoil.

In November as we fill our bins, please keep in mind Thanksgiving meal items such as **instant mashed potatoes**, **cranberry sauce**, **gravy**, **canned green beans and corn**. This month we will help the Sunday School collect food to benefit the Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Thank you for your continued giving and support!





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

September 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room East

With our sincere thanks to the **Tarabicos Family**, 155 men, women and children had a nice meal on Saturday, October 12th. The meal was donated in loving memory of **James Tarabicos**. We welcome a new sponsor for our day in November! **Fotini Visvardis** will be donating the meal in loving memory of her husband, **Demitri Visvardis**. *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!

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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

In September, Holy Trinity's Young Adult League traveled to St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA to venerate the myrrh streaming Icon of Panagia. We were welcomed by Father Mark and listened to some of his favorite miracles he has witnessed. We continued our pilgrimage to Holy Protection Monastery in White Haven, PA. The group enjoyed the gift shop and lunch, and toured the beautiful grounds of the monastery. We attended vespers before returning home.



YAL returned to the farm for a fall festival and enjoyed each other's company on a beautiful fall evening! We ate homemade pizza and kept warm around the bonfire!

Our next meeting will be on Friday November 28th at the church. More information about future events soon!

*YAL is a group for all young adults 18-35 years old. Married, engaged, single, all are welcome! If you would like to be added to the email list, please email Anna Fournaris - fournaris 10@gmail.com















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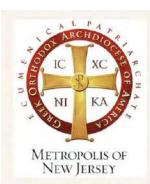




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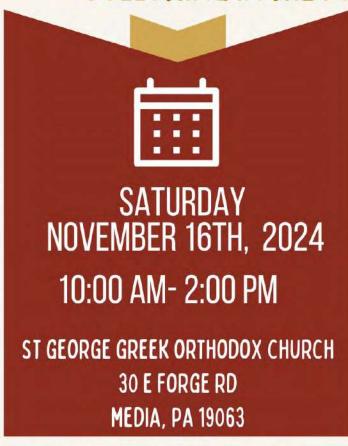


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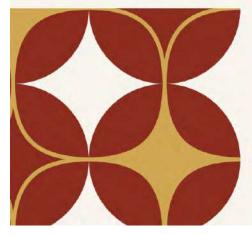
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