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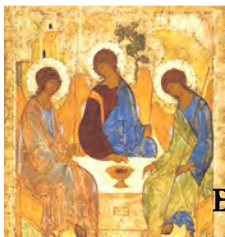
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ΙΕΡΟΣ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΤΡΙΑΔΟΣ

Dear beloved parishioners of Holy Trinity,

As we enter the beautiful month of June, our Cathedral overflows with joy, worship, and celebration. It is a time filled with profound spiritual significance, sacred feasts, and communal fellowship. I would like to offer a few reflections on the significant commemorations and events that mark this month for our Holy Trinity Cathedral family.

A JOYFUL ANTICIPATION – OUR GREEK FESTIVAL (June 2–7)

We cannot speak of June without mentioning the tremendous excitement surrounding our annual Greek Festival, taking place this year from June 2nd through June 7th. This beloved tradition brings our community together in a beautiful display of faith, culture, hospitality, and teamwork. Thousands of guests will walk through our parish grounds, many of whom will be experiencing Orthodoxy for the first time.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous patrons and the countless volunteers, both young and old, who work tirelessly to prepare, serve, and share the joy of our heritage. Your dedication, love, and sacrifice are the heartbeat of our parish life. May the Lord bless all your efforts and multiply your offerings as we share our faith through this vibrant celebration.



SATURDAY OF SOULS – A PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE (June 7)

On Saturday, June 7, we will be offering the Divine Liturgy here at Holy Trinity, as we commemorate the Saturday of Souls (Psychosavvaton)- a holy day of remembrance dedicated to all the departed souls of our faithful. It is a sacred opportunity to offer kollyva, attend the Divine Liturgy, and pray for the repose of those who have gone before us. In our Orthodox understanding, we are not separated from the departed by death. Instead, we remain united through the Body of Christ and through prayer. The Church, in her love and wisdom, reminds us to pray for the dead not only out of duty, but out of love - for they await the Resurrection as we do. Let us come together to lift up their names in prayer and to strengthen our hope in the life to come.

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST – THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH (June 8)

The following day, Sunday, June 8, we celebrate Holy Pentecost, the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection. This sacred day marks the "birthday" of the Church, when the Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all nations.

The Church was born in the fire of the Spirit, not with power and might, but with divine grace. On this day, we too are reminded that we have received the same Holy Spirit in our Baptism and Chrismation. Let us not allow the flame of faith to grow dim. Let us rekindle the fire through prayer, repentance, and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will hold the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, with beautiful prayers invoking the Holy Spirit's mercy and guidance. It is one of the most moving services of the year, and I encourage all to attend.

MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – OUR CATHEDRAL'S NAMEDAY (June 9)

On Monday, June 9, we continue the celebration with the Feast of the Holy Spirit, honoring the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. It is also a feast that reminds us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives: the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who abides with us and in us, guiding, sanctifying, and strengthening us in our journey to salvation.

This day is especially significant for us because it is the nameday of our Cathedral - Holy Trinity. We are deeply honored that His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey will preside over the Festal Divine Liturgy. We joyfully invite all parishioners to join us in worship with our spiritual father on this special occasion. What a gift it is to celebrate our Cathedral's patronal feast in the presence of our beloved Metropolitan. May our Cathedral, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, always remain a beacon of light, a sanctuary of peace, and a place of spiritual renewal for all who enter.

FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW – HONORING OUR ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH (June 11)

On Tuesday, June 11, the Church commemorates Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, one of the Twelve, known for his missionary zeal and martyrdom for Christ. This day is also the nameday of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians worldwide. Let us take a moment to offer prayers for His All-Holiness - that the Lord may continue to bless and strengthen him in his apostolic ministry. As Orthodox Christians in the United States of America, we are privileged to be spiritually connected to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Mother Church of Constantinople, from which the light of Orthodoxy has shone for centuries.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES – NAMEDAY OF OUR METROPOLITAN (June 30)

On Sunday, June 30, we honor the Synaxis of the Holy Glorious and All-Praised Twelve Apostles, those chosen by Christ to spread His Gospel to the ends of the earth. Their lives are examples of humility, sacrifice, and unwavering faith. This feast is also the nameday of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey. We joyfully extend our warmest wishes and prayers to His Eminence on his feast day, asking the Lord to grant him many years of health, strength, and wisdom as he shepherds our Metropolis with love and vision.

In honor of His Eminence's nameday there will be Divine Services at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Paramus, NJ. Vespers will take place on **Sunday, June 29**, at 7pm, and the Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 30, beginning with Orthros at 9am. A reception will follow the services. All are warmly invited to join us in honoring His Eminence on this joyous occasion and to express our love and respect for him, schedule permitting.

NO JULY BULLETIN

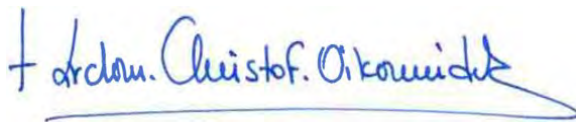
Please note that no bulletin will be issued in July. The next edition will arrive in August, when we will be preparing for the Dormition Fast and the beginning of the new Ecclesiastical Year. In the meantime, I encourage you all to remain close to the Church even during the summer months.

A SUMMER REMINDER

As summer begins, many of us look forward to vacations, rest, and quality time with family. These are blessings from God but let us not take a vacation from God or our spiritual lives. The evil one never rests, and he seeks moments of spiritual laxity to draw us away from Christ. Stay close to the Church. Even when traveling, seek out an Orthodox parish to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy. Continue your personal prayers, Scripture reading, and acts of charity. Let your summer be not only restful and joyful, but also spiritually fruitful.

Let us enter this summer with hearts full of gratitude, renewed commitment, and joy. May it be a season of blessing, rest, productivity, and spiritual growth for each of you. May our children be safe and happy in their summer activities, and may our elderly be comforted and cared for. May we all find time to nourish our souls as well as our bodies. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

With love in the Risen Lord,



Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne
Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest



Με την Χάρη του Παναγίου Τριαδικού Θεού, εισερχόμαστε στον μήνα Ιούνιο, έναν μήνα γεμάτο φως, και ιδιαίτερες πνευματικές και κοινωνικές ευκαιρίες για όλους τους αγαπητούς Ενορίτες μας και φίλους. Η φύση έχει βάλει τα γιορτινά της, το φως της ημέρας κυριαρχεί και οι καρδιές μας προετοιμάζονται να δεχθούν την πνοή του Παρακλήτου, του Πνεύματος της Αληθείας. Θα ήθελα παρακάτω να μοιραστώ μαζί σας μερικές σκέψεις σχετικά με τις σημαντικές στιγμές που θα ζήσουμε αυτόν τον μήνα στην Ενορία μας.

Στο αποκορύφωμα του λειτουργικού κύκλου αυτού του μήνα βρίσκεται η Πεντηκοστή, η οποία εφέτος εορτάζεται την Κυριακή 8 Ιουνίου. Η ημέρα αυτή είναι θεμελιώδης για την Εκκλησία μας, καθώς τιμούμε την κάθοδο του Αγίου Πνεύματος στους Μαθητές του Κυρίου. Η επιφοίτηση αυτή τους μεταμόρφωσε από απλούς ανθρώπους σε γενναίους ιεραποστόλους, γεμάτους πίστη και σοφία. Το Άγιο Πνεύμα δεν έπαψε ποτέ να ενεργεί μέσα στην Εκκλησία. Είναι Αυτό που ζωοποιεί και εμάς σήμερα – μας καθοδηγεί, μας εμπνέει, μας παρηγορεί, μας φωτίζει, μας ενδυναμώνει, και μας αγιάζει. Μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας,

θα τελέσουμε τον Εσπερινό της Γονυκλισίας, με συγκινητικές ευχές προς το Άγιο Πνεύμα.

Μία ημέρα πριν την Πεντηκοστή, το Σάββατο 7 Ιουνίου, εορτάζουμε το Ψυχосάββατο και θα τελέσουμε τη Θεία Λειτουργία στη μνήμη όλων των κεκοιμημένων μας και θα ακολουθήσει Τρισάγιο. Είναι μια ευλογημένη ευκαιρία να προσφέρουμε κόλλυβα, να προσευχηθούμε και να θυμηθούμε με αγάπη εκείνους που προηγήθηκαν από εμάς. Στην πίστη μας, ο θάνατος δεν διακόπτει την ενότητα της Εκκλησίας. Μέσα από το Σώμα του Χριστού και την προσευχή, παραμένουμε ενωμένοι με τους κεκοιμημένους.

Μία ημέρα μετά την εορτή της Πεντηκοστής, Δευτέρα 9 Ιουνίου, τιμούμε την εορτή του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού μας, της Αγίας Τριάδος, η οποία κατέχει ξεχωριστή θέση στην καρδιά μας. Είναι η ημέρα της πανηγυρείας μας, όπου τιμούμε τον Θεό ως Πατέρα, Υιό και Άγιο Πνεύμα – μία ουσία, τρία Πρόσωπα. Είναι μια ημέρα χαράς, δοξολογίας και ευγνωμοσύνης για τη Θεία πρόνοια που καθοδηγεί την κοινότητά μας όλα αυτά τα χρόνια. Θα είναι επίσης μεγάλη τιμή για την Ενορία μας η παρουσία του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου μας κ. Αποστόλου, ο οποίος θα προεξάρχει στην Πανηγυρική Θεία Λειτουργία της ημέρας. Σας παρακαλώ και σας προσκαλώ όλους να συμμετάσχετε στην Πανήγυρή μας.



Λίγες μέρες πριν από την πανήγυρή μας, η καρδιά της Ενορίας μας χτυπά δυνατά για έναν άλλο σημαντικό λόγο: το Ελληνικό Φεστιβάλ μας, που θα πραγματοποιηθεί από τις 2 έως τις 7 Ιουνίου. Όλο τον χρόνο εργαζόμαστε, σχεδιάζουμε, προετοιμαζόμαστε – και ήρθε η ώρα να ανοίξουμε την αγκαλιά μας και να μοιραστούμε με τους επισκέπτες μας όσα αγαπάμε: τη γεύση, τη μουσική, την παράδοση, το χαμόγελο, τη φιλοξενία και – πάνω απ' όλα – το φως της Ορθοδοξίας. Χιλιάδες επισκέπτες θα περάσουν από το χώρο της ενορίας μας – πολλοί από αυτούς θα έρθουν για πρώτη φορά σε επαφή με την Ορθοδοξία.

Νιώθω την ανάγκη να εκφράσω τη βαθιά μου ευγνωμοσύνη σε όλους όσοι εθελοντικά προσφέρουν τον πολύτιμο χρόνο τους και τις ικανότητές τους, και εργάζονται ακούραστα, πολλές εβδομάδες πριν, για να εξασφαλίσουν την επιτυχία αυτής της σημαντικής διοργάνωσης. Χωρίς εσάς, το Φεστιβάλ μας δεν θα μπορούσε να υπάρξει. Είστε η ψυχή της Ενορίας μας και η συμμετοχή σας αποτελεί ζωντανή μαρτυρία αγάπης, πίστεως και ενότητας. Ο Θεός να ευλογεί την προσφορά σας και να την πολλαπλασιάσει.



Στις 11 Ιουνίου τιμούμε την μνήμη του Αγίου Βαρθολομαίου, ενός από τους Δώδεκα Αποστόλους. Είναι επίσης η ονομαστική εορτή του Παναγιωτάτου Οικουμενικού μας Πατριάρχου κ.κ. Βαρθολομαίου, του πνευματικού ηγέτη της Ορθοδοξίας παγκοσμίως. Ας προσευχηθούμε με πολύ σεβασμό, ο Θεός να του χαρίζει υγεία και δύναμη ώστε να συνεχίζει για πολλά ακόμη χρόνια την ένδοξη Πατριαρχία του. Εμείς, ως Ελληνορθόδοξοι πιστοί της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, που αποτελεί Επαρχία του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου, είμαστε ευλογημένοι που έχουμε άμεση πνευματική σύνδεση με το Οικουμενικό μας Πατριαρχείο, την Μητέρα Εκκλησία μας.

Καθώς ο Ιούνιος φτάνει στο τέλος του, τιμούμε την εορτή των Αγίων Αποστόλων, στις 30 Ιουνίου. Αυτή η ημέρα είναι αφιερωμένη σε εκείνους που πρώτοι μετέφεραν το χαρμόσυνο μήνυμα της Αναστάσεως του Χριστού σε όλο τον κόσμο και με αφοσίωση, υπομονή και θυσιαστική αγάπη, έγιναν θεμέλιοι λίθοι της Εκκλησίας μας. Η ημέρα αυτή είναι ιδιαίτερη για την Ιερά μας Μητρόπολη, καθώς εορτάζει ο πνευματικός μας Πατέρας, Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης Νέας Ιερσέης κ. Απόστολος. Προσευχόμαστε ο Θεός να του χαρίζει δύναμη και υγεία για να συνεχίζει την καρποφόρα διακονία του. Την Κυριακή 29 Ιουνίου (7μ.μ.) θα τελεστεί Εσπερινός και την επομένη ημέρα, Δευτέρα 30 Ιουνίου θα τελεστεί Θεία Λειτουργία στον Ι.Ν. Αγίου Αθανασίου στο Paramus, NJ. Όλοι είστε ευπρόσδεκτοι να παρευρεθείτε και να τιμήσετε τον Ποιμενάρχη μας.



Θα ήθελα επίσης να σας ενημερώσω ότι, όπως κάθε χρόνο, το μηνιαίο δελτίο μας δεν θα κυκλοφορήσει τον Ιούλιο. Θα τα ξαναπούμε μέσω του δελτίου μας τον Αύγουστο, με οδηγίες και νέα ενόψει της νηστείας της Παναγίας και της έναρξης του νέου εκκλησιαστικού έτους.

Αγαπητοί μου, όσο κι αν το καλοκαίρι μάς προσφέρει στιγμές χαλάρωσης, ας μην ξεχνούμε την πνευματική μας πορεία. Η Εκκλησία δεν σταματά να λειτουργεί. Ο διάβολος δεν κάνει διακοπές. Μείνετε κοντά στην Εκκλησία. Η Εκκλησία είναι το ασφαλές λιμάνι και το θεραπευτήριο της ψυχής. Ακόμη και στα ταξίδια σας, επισκεφθείτε μια Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία για τη Θεία Λειτουργία της Κυριακής. Συνεχίστε την προσωπική προσευχή, την ανάγνωση της Αγίας Γραφής και τα έργα αγάπης.

Μέσα από την καρδιά μου σας εύχομαι να έχετε ένα ευλογημένο, ξεκούραστο, χαρούμενο, δημιουργικό, και παραγωγικό καλοκαίρι. Ο Κύριός μας Ιησούς Χριστός να σας ευλογεί, να σας προστατεύει, να σας χαρίζει ειρήνη, και να σας συνοδεύει σε κάθε σας βήμα, ώστε να παραμένουμε πάντοτε ενωμένοι ως μία πνευματική οικογένεια.

+ Δέκιμ. Τεριοφ. Οικουμενικός

π. Χριστοφόρος Οικονομίδης

Αρχιμανδρίτης του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου, Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Beloved Parishioners.

As we come to the close of another ecclesiastical year and prepare to enter summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on the blessings we've shared and look ahead with gratitude and hope.

We've welcomed new families, celebrated sacraments, served those in need, and grown deeper in faith and fellowship.

A special word of congratulations to our Sunday school and Greek school graduates—we are so proud of your accomplishments and the hard work that brought you to this moment. As you continue into the next chapter of life, know that your parish family is always here for you.

I would also like to offer heartfelt thanks to all who gave their time and energy to help with this year's Greek Festival. Your service, hospitality, and hard work made the event not only a success but an expression of our parish's generosity and culture. The festival continues to be one of our most successful community celebrations thanks to you.

As summer arrives, I encourage each of you to find time for rest and renewal. Whether you travel, stay close to home, or enjoy the luxury of longer days, take time to reconnect—with God, friends and family.

Our parish life will continue during the summer, Divine Liturgy, and opportunities for service remain available to all of us. Let's stay connected in worship and community.

Thank you for your faith, generosity, and your commitment to this parish.
Have a wonderful summer!

In Christ's Service
Georgia Halakos



HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY MAY 2025

Churching's:

Aris George Pronto, son of Jeannie Wilson & Julius Pronto, received his 40 day Church blessing on May 18, 2025. We congratulate the family and pray the Lord will bless them as they prepare for baptism.

Chrismation's:

Jordan Fernandes, was Chrismated in our Church on May 4, 2025. His sponsors were Anna Fournaris & Dionysios McCloskey. We congratulate him and his sponsors and welcome Jordan into the Orthodox faith.

Weddings:

Joseph Jacobs & Alexandra Perna, were united in marriage on May 17, 2025. The sponsor was Phyllis Hestnes. We congratulate the newly united in Christ and pray our Lord will bless them always.

Robert Lengel Jr., & Maria Kontis, were united in marriage on May 18, 2025. The sponsor was Callie Terris. We congratulate the newly united in Christ and pray our Lord will bless them always.

Memorials:

Antzoulis Alexandratos ~ 1 Year ~ May 4

Marina Alexandratos ~ 13 Years ~ May 4

Helen Grivas ~ 6 Months ~ May 18

Eftihia Atsidis ~ 40 Days ~ May 25

Eugenia Kehagias ~ 40 days ~ May 25

Andrew Assimos ~ 40 Day ~ June 1

Prudy Haldas ~ 5 Years ~ June 29

FEAST OF OUR HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST, JUNE 8, 2025

Orthros 9 am

Divine Liturgy 10am

Followed by the Kneeling Vespers



MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, JUNE 9, 2025



Orthros 9 am & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
presided over by His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey at
10am

*A reception will follow hosted by our Saint
Agape Philoptochos*



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey

Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

**Orthros and
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the
Monday of the Holy Spirit**

**Monday, June 9, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
808 N Broom Street
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HOLY PENTECOST

Introduction

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Historical Background

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).



Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Feast of Pentecost is known as "The Descent of the Holy Spirit". It is an icon of bold colors of red and gold signifying that this is a great event. The movement of the icon is from the top to the bottom. At the top of the icon is a semicircle with rays coming from it. The rays are pointing toward the Apostles, and the tongues of fire are seen descending upon each one of them signifying the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The building in the background of the icon represents the upper room where the Disciples of Christ gathered after the Ascension. The Apostles are shown seated in a semicircle which shows the unity of the Church. Included in the group of the Apostles is Saint Paul, who, though not present with the others on the day of Pentecost, became an Apostle of the Church and the greatest missionary. Also included are the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, holding books of the Gospel, while the other Apostles are holding scrolls that represent the teaching authority given to them by Christ.

In the center of the icon below the Apostles, a royal figure is seen against a dark background. This is a symbolic figure, Cosmos, representing the people of the world living in darkness and sin, and involved in pagan worship. However, the figure carries in his hands a cloth containing scrolls which represent the teaching of the Apostles. The tradition of the Church holds that the Apostles carried the message of the Gospel to all parts of the world.

In the icon of Pentecost we see the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, sent down upon the Apostles who will teach the nations and baptize them in the name of the Holy Trinity. Here we see that the Church is brought together and sustained in unity through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit guides the Church in the missionary endeavor throughout the world, and that the Spirit nurtures the Body of Christ, the Church, in truth and love.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of Pentecost

This great Feast of the Church is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom on the Sunday that is the fiftieth day after the celebration of Pascha. The Liturgy is conducted on the day of the Feast, and is preceded the evening before by a Great Vespers service and on the morning of the Feast by the Matins service. On the day of the Feast a Vespers service is conducted that includes the kneeling prayers. These prayers mark the beginning of the practice of kneeling during the Liturgy at the time when the holy gifts of bread and wine are consecrated as the body and blood of Christ. The practice of kneeling has been suspended during the Paschal season. On the Monday following the Feast, the Divine Liturgy is conducted in commemoration of the All-holy and Life-creating and All-powerful Spirit, Who is God, and One of the Trinity, and of one honor and one essence and one glory with the Father and the Son (From the Synaxarion of the Feast).

Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

Hymns of the Feast

Apolytikion (Plagal Tone Four)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory be to You.

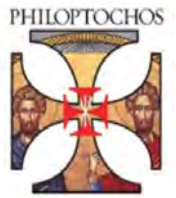
Kontakion (Plagal Tone Four)

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men at Babel, He divided the nations. When He dispensed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.





Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity St. Agape Chapter



Dearest Philoptochos Sisters and Parishioners:

Christos Anesti! I hope this letter finds you all well.

Summer is such a wonderful time of the year. We all look forward to our Annual Greek Festival, the Feast of Pentecost and the Nameday celebration of our Cathedral on Monday of the Holy Spirit, in addition to looking forward to vacation time.

On April 29th, we participated in the Metropolis of NJ Clergy-Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Convention in Claymont, DE, during which we were able to discuss our chapters with our fellow Sisters, in addition to attending an informational session. We also elected a new Philoptochos Metropolis board. The evening before the Convention, we had the distinguished honor to welcome to Wilmington His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and our beloved Metropolitan, His Eminence Apostolos of New Jersey. The Metropolis Philoptochos held a dinner at the Columbus Inn in honor of our Hierarchs, and our chapter was blessed to be represented there.

On May 6th, our St. Agape Chapter held elections for a two-year term. I was honored and humbled to be re-elected as President. I'm privileged to have Eleni Karakasidis as First Vice President, Maria Grigorakakis as Second Vice President, Mary George as Corresponding Secretary, Kristie Asimos as Recording Secretary, Sophia Hionis as Treasurer, and Popi Papachrysanthou as Assistant Treasurer, in addition to a strong board. We are all blessed to have Father Christoforos always guiding us and providing his strong support.

On May 9th, we attended Divine Liturgy on Father Christoforos' Nameday where many of the clergy from our Metropolis attended, followed by a luncheon hosted by our Philoptochos in his honor. The food was delicious, as was the cake and dessert.

The Taverna Night fundraiser was a fun evening of delicious food, dancing and fellowship. The following week we began baking for our Annual Greek Festival. An enormous thank you to all the ladies who came and helped make thousands of our famous koulourakia and almond cookies!

Congratulations to all the graduates from Greek School, High School, and College in addition to all the youth who will be moving forward in Sunday School.

We attended our End-of-Year Dinner meeting and dinner at the Columbus Inn on May 20th. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, where we spoke about our chapter's past accomplishments, the upcoming Festival planning, and our future philanthropic activities and plans.

The last week of May is busy with Festival preparations. We work diligently, with joy, for our Holy Trinity Cathedral and Community, which is such a rewarding time for all.

We continue with our monthly Philanthropic outreach to the Emmanuel Dining Room in addition to our monthly commitments.

Wishing you a happy, healthy blessed summer,
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.



On Monday, April 28, the evening before the Metropolis Clergy Laity Convention, we had the distinguished honor to welcome to Wilmington His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and our beloved Metropolitan, His Eminence Apostolos of New Jersey.

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We also hosted the Metropolis Council Meeting here at Holy Trinity on April 28th and served them lunch in our Community center. (below)



On Tuesday, May 6th the election of the Philoptochos Board was held. The newly elected Philoptochos Board members took the Oath of Office on May 11, 2025.

2025-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dena Verikakis, President
 Eleni Karakasidis, 1st Vice President
 Maria Grigorakakis, 2nd Vice President
 Mary George, Correspondence Secretary
 Kristie Asimos, Recording Secretary
 Sophia Hionis, Treasurer
 Popi Papachrysanthou, Assistant Treasurer

2025-2027 BOARD MEMBERS

Georgia Halakos	Agnoula Marcantonis
Libby Hantzandreu	Jessica Marvel
Maroula Haralambidis	Karen Schillinger
Angie Karakasidis	Joanne Tarabicos
Vickie Karakasidis	Katerina Tsioupili





Our Ladies of St Agape
Philoptochos and the
Daughters of Penelope
baking up those delicious
pastries for our annual
Greek Festival!
Thank you to all
who came to help!!



Special Events in the Month of May



May 20 ~ Philoptochos End of Year Dinner (above)

GOYAns spreading Mother's Day Cheer (below)



Spring General Assembly ~ May 4



HOPE/JOY Practicing for the Festival



Last Day of Greek School ~ May 21



HOPE & JOY

June & July Newsletter



COME SEE OUR KIDS DANCE AT THE GREEK FESTIVAL EVERY NIGHT FROM MONDAY, JUNE 2nd UNTIL SATURDAY, JUNE 7th AT 6:30 - 7:00 PM EVERY NIGHT. COME CHEER THEM ON AND CLAP TO THE BEAT.
Here are some pictures of their practices.



Have a fun and blessed summer!!

To be part of our email list, please contact us at
hopejoyhtw@gmail.com



Orthodox Christian Fellowship

On May 1st, Fr. Christoforos joined the OCF students for their Paschal celebration dinner at the University of Delaware. He expressed his gratitude to the outgoing board members for their dedicated service to the Orthodox students of the University and congratulated them on their upcoming graduation. He also welcomed the newly elected board members, offering them his best wishes for strength and every blessing from the Risen Lord.

Outgoing OCF Board members:

President: Alexandra Mavridis

Vice President: Leah Alexander

Treasurer: Georgia Angeletakis

Secretary: Marina Constantinou

Newly elected Board members:

President: Nicholas Turley

Vice President: Leah Alexander

Treasurer: Aristomenes Angeletakis

Secretary: Adriana Buvac-Drndic





On behalf of myself, Vasili Dargakis, and the entire GOYA board, thank you all for making this year so memorable. From church events and service projects to basketball tournaments and dance performances, we've grown together in faith, leadership, and friendship. We're incredibly proud of our GOYAns and grateful to everyone who supported us along the way. We can't wait to come together one last time for our final meeting and elections this June—it's going to be a great way to close out an amazing year!

GOYA News!



On May 4th our Holy Trintiy GOYAns enjoyed a round at TOP GOLF!! Our GOYAns deserve our heartfelt congratulations for their dedication and active involvement in our church over the past year.



On May 9th we celebrated the feast day of Saint Christoforos of Lycia the Great Martyr. After the Divine Liturgy the Philoptochos hosted a reception for our Fr. Christoforos! We wish Fr. Christoforos a Happy Name Day! ~ Hronia Polla!



Holy Trinity's YAL / Young Adult League

June 2025

Holy Trinity's Young Adult League (YAL) would like to wish our cathedral community a happy and safe summer!

On May 10th, YAL helped with Taverna Night, a community fundraiser event for our new HVAC system. We would like to recognize Markella Calliagas, Michael and Theodora Karas, Ludo Wiechecki and Wendy Dewhurst for all their help with preparing for Holy Trinity's Taverna Night! It would not have been a success without their hard work and dedication.

The kitchen crew had lots of fun preparing for taverna night! We are honored to help our parish flourish! This is our second year of minimal food waste in the kitchen. All of the food scraps were given to Michael Karas to feed the chickens on their family farm. We are very proud of this practice because preparing this quantity of food produces lots of food scraps! So we hope the chickens are enjoying the eggplant, onion peels, and herb branches!

We would also like to thank the JOY/HOPE, GOYAns, Greek School, Parish Council members, their spouses, and Community members that helped transform our hall into a taverna! It wouldn't have been possible without the extra hands! Your help does not go unnoticed and unappreciated!

On behalf of YAL, I would like to thank Fr. Christoforos for all his support and guidance throughout this year. His attendance at YAL events and attention to detail is greatly appreciated and adds much value to our lives.

June 2nd - 7th Greek Festival

We need volunteers for the coffee booth at the Greek Festival. No experience necessary!

If you are interested in volunteering at another booth, please reach out to Anna and she will direct you to the appropriate booth chair.

We are excited for next year and welcome all high school graduates to join us! Holy Trinity's Young Adult League meets monthly and is for individuals ages 18 - 35. Married, engaged, single, all are welcome! If you would like to be added to the email list or have any questions, please email Anna Fournaris fournaris10@gmail.com



TAVERNA NIGHT



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On Saturday, May 10th we celebrated with a Taverna Night to help raise funds for our new HVAC System for the Community Center and Classrooms. A good time was had by all who attended and we were able to raise approximately \$10,000 for the new system! Thank you to all who came out and also to all who have donated so far! We also thank our YAL & Crew for cooking up a great meal for us all!



Elementary Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival





Our Elementary Youth
did a fantastic job at the
St. John Chrysostom
Oratorical Festival
on Sunday, April 27.
A huge Thank You to
our Children,
our Sunday School
Teachers, and our
Directors!



Congratulations ~ 2025 Graduates ~ We are very proud of you!!

High School:

Katherine (Katie) Adamopoulos, daughter of Christos & Nancy Adamopoulos, is graduating from Sanford School in Hockessin. She will be attending Boston University in the fall.

Sofia Belitsas, daughter of Athanasios & Tonia Belitsas is graduating from Pennsville Memorial High School class of 2025 and will be attending West Chester University in the fall. She will be studying business.

Vasili Dargakis, son of Minas & Kleo Dargakis, is graduating with honors from Garnet Valley High School. This Fall he will be attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Business, majoring in Finance and Accounting.

Maria Karakasidis, daughter of Demetri & Eleni Karakasidis, is graduating from with honors from Unionville High School. This fall, she will begin her studies at Penn State University, where she plans to pursue a major in a healthcare with goals of working in pediatrics.

Irene Kirifides, daughter of Michael & Kerry Kirifides, is graduating from Wilmington Friends School and will be attending University of Delaware in the fall studying kinesiology/ pre-pt.

Christina Nicole Pennia, daughter of John & Stacey Pennia, is graduating from the Tatnall School and attending the University of Delaware in the fall.

Alexandros Tsakumis, son of George & Julie Tsakumis, is graduating from Salesianum School. In the fall, he will be attending The Catholic University of America in Washington DC, where he will be majoring in accounting and competing as a member of the varsity men's swimming and diving team.

Ludo Nektarios Wiechecki, son of Jessica Marvel & Frank Wiechecki, is graduating from the Charter School of Wilmington. His future plan is to attend Hellenic college in Brookline, Massachusetts as a Theology major with a minor in Modern Greek. For graduate school, he will attend Holy Cross Seminary for a Master's in Divinity with hopes of becoming a candidate for the Holy Priesthood.

College:

Georgia Angeletakis, daughter of Christos & Chrstine Angeletakis, is graduating from the University of Delaware with a Bachelors in Environmental Engineering, Arabic minor, and German Certificate For Engineering. After graduation, she will be pursuing a master's in Water Science and Engineering in Germany with the help of the Federation of German American Clubs Scholarship.

Nikos Demetriou, grandson of Anna Demetriou, is graduating from the University of Delaware with s Honors Degree in Biomedical Engineering. Nikos is currently looking for employment in the drug delivery and discovery field where he looks to continue his passion for research. Next year Nikos also plans to apply to biomedical engineering PhD programs.

Stavroula Karakasidis, daughter of Demetri & Eleni, graduated from Penn State University last summer with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a minor in Management Information Systems. Over the past year, she has continued her academic journey and is on track to earn her Master of Science in Accounting this fall. During her time at Penn State, Stavroula was deeply involved in student leadership and philanthropy. She served as Vice President of Finance for her sorority, overseeing budgeting and financial planning, and played a key role in corporate fundraising for Penn State THON—the world's largest student-run philanthropy—supporting children and families affected by pediatric cancer. Her commitment, leadership, and compassion have defined her college experience, and she is excited to continue making an impact in the field of accounting.

Alexandra Mavridis, daughter of Michael & Maria Mavridis, graduated from the University of Delaware with a B.A. in International Relations and European Studies with minors in Legal Studies and Public Policy. As part of the World Scholars Program, she spent two semesters studying at the American College of Greece in Athens and Washington, D.C. A consistent Dean's List honoree, she served as President of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship and as an executive board member of the First Generation Club. Her professional experience include internships with the Delaware Department of Justice, Office of Senator Tom Carper, and Lisa Blunt Rochester for U.S. Senate campaign. Currently, she is the Senate Majority Caucus Communications Fellow through the Legislative Fellows Program in Dover. Alexandra intends to pursue a career in public service and plans to attend law school in the Fall of 2026.

Alexandros Mathews received his Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. His current plans are to take the FE exam with the goal of obtaining a Professional Engineering (PE) license.

Sofia Agapi Pennia, daughter of John & Stacey is graduating from University of Delaware with a double major in Political Science and Ancient Greek and Roman Studies and a minor in Legal Studies. She with be attending law school in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATES ~ 2025

Eleni Iliadis

Demetri Karakasidis

Paris Verikakis

Savvas Thymakis

On Sunday, May 18 we recognized our Graduates and presented our Sunday School, High School and College Graduates with gifts.
We also celebrated the Sunday School Youth promotions to their next grades!





What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is believing in Church and wanting to support and keep her mission alive by donating your time, talents and financial support. Stewardship is a simple, equitable, and Christian way by which each parishioner (individual or family) determines their contributions for the support of the Church, proportionate to their abilities.

- A parishioner is an individual 18 years of age or older, or a family
- We currently have 400 families as stewards, but the actual number of families and potential parishioners is much higher
- If all our stewards gave \$40 per week, our operational needs would be met
- We should not financially rely on “rain or shine” Greek Festival
- Based on our 2025 Budget, we need the amount of \$2,000 a day to operate and keep our doors open.



We will give parishioners the opportunity to “Sponsor a Day” @ \$2,000 per day. Anyone who sponsors one or more days will be listed in the bulletin as a Cathedral Day Sponsor. All other stewards will be listed as Cathedral Stewards.

Please commit to helping us continue the mission of our Orthodox Church and Community, as we have been doing for 90 years now!

Your needed stewardship/donation can be made as follows:

- In person: at the parish office
- Mailed to: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 808 N. Broom St. Wilmington, DE. 19806
- Online: <https://holytrinitywilmington.org>



*For any question or more information please call the church office at: (302) 654-4446
or email us: office@holytrinitywilmington.org*

2025 FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Al-Annouf, Nabil & Rabia Batah	Georgiou, Constantinos	Kontodemos, Klianthis & Anthi	Raisis, Pauline
Alexopoulos, Demetri & Lauren	Gerakios, Michael	Kontomaris, Kostas & Melissa	Raisis, Spiros
Alexopoulos, John	Gerakios, Nikoletta	Kostas, John & Gale	Raisis, William & Emily
Almasou, Elias & Rasha	Gerakios, Sakelaris & Spiridoula	Kostas, Lynn	Rassias, Dion & Gina
Anagnostou, Anamaria	Gianelos, James & Stacie	Kostas, Nicholas & Stephani	Rassias, George & Amalea
Anagnostou, Anthoula	Giannakakis, Vivian	Kostos, Yianni	Riga, Jason & Ekaterini
Andrianopoulos, Faith	Giannatos, Stavros & Terrie	Kotavidis, Roula	Righos, Elaine
Angeletakis, Christos & Christina	Graham, Catherine	Kramedas, Matoula	Roustopoulos, Alexia
Asimos SR, George	Grigorakakis, Maria	Kyranakis, John	Roustopoulos, Theodoros & Natalie
Athanasiadis, Fotios & Asmik	Guajardo, Evangelina	Laletas, Earnest & Barbara Brockett	Saitis, Mary
Atsidis, Kostas & Eftihia+	Guardascione, Louis & Shelly	Laskaris, Johanna	Savopoulos, Despina
Bacchieri, Stacey	Halakos, Garifalia	Lawson, Michael & Victoria	Schillinger, Robert & Karen
Belitsas, Athanasios & Antonia	Haldas, George & Beth	Lazare, John & Sandra	Shahwan, Sofy
Bouloukos, Harry & Anastasia	Haldas, Harry	Lazopoulos, Emmanuel & Laura	Spence, Jason & Sunday
Calliagas, Katherine	Haldas, Thomas	Lazopoulos, John & Christina	Staab, Kristina
Calliagas, Markella	Haldas-Long, Irene	Lengel, Robert & Maria	Stevens, Richard & Penny
Chambers, George & Katherine	Hall, George & Michelle	Liarakos, George+ & Ann	Stout, Robert & Voula
Charalambides, Dino & Nia	Hantzandreu, George & Diane	Logullo, Desponia & Francis	Tarabicos, Christina
Chilimidos, Effie	Hantzandreu, Lambrini	Lomis, Toula	Tarabicos, John & Joanne
Chollis, Drew	Heggan, Brandon & Maria	Mantzavinos, Spiros & Megan	Tarabicos, Sophia
Christoforatos, Demetri & Dimitra	Heliotis, Alexandra	Maravelias, James & Diane	Tawfik, Emad & Soultana
Christou, Alecca	Hinte, Jr., Forrest	Marcantonis, George & Agnoulia	Theodorakos, Nicholas & Katherine
Christou, Christos & Evie	Hionis, Sophia	Marini, Irene	Thomas, Richard & Angela
Coates, George & Evie	Humphrey, Caroline	Marinis, Kalliope	Tiniakos, Gregory & Elaine
Coulaloglou, Michelle	Issaris, Katherine	Markatos, Harry & Susan	Tsaganos, Alexandra
Courtis, Harry & Sophia	Jacobs, Joseph & Alexandra	Marusiodis, Kalliope	Tsaganos, Anthony & Joanne
Coustenis, Katherine	Joris, Irene	Marvel, Jessica	Tsaganos, Nicholas & Joanna
Dalianis, John & Vicky	Joseck, Anastasia	McCloskey, Brian & Anna	Tsaganos, Robert & Popi
Dargakis, Mike & Kleo	Joseck, John & Taylor	Milionis, Constantine	Tsakataras, George
Demetriou, Anna	Joseck, Xanthi & Fred	Mitoulis, Nikolaos & Stella	Tsakumis, George & Julia
Diamanty, Thomas	Kaliakin, Victor & Elizabeth	Moriello, Carissa & Nicholas	Tsakumis, Theodore
Diamond, Anthony & Lauren	Kamenakis, Peter & Juli	Nannas, Theodore & Alexandra	Tsigkakos, Dimos & Ioanna
Diamond, John & Susan	Kanas, Emmanuel & Valerie	Napoli, Frances	Tsionas, Angela
Diamond, Soula	Kanas, Larry & Alicia	Nicholas, Steve	Tsoukalas, Frederiki
Diamond, Thomas	Karablacas, Stelios	Novakis, Louis	Tsoukalas, Niki
Dickey, Irene	Karagiannis, Peter	Ohlemacher, Evangline	Tsugranes, George & Penny
Dougher, John & Christina	Karahalias, Stratton	Pacienza, Stephanie	Turley, Steve & Akiko
Doukakis, Helen	Karakasidis, Demetri & Eleni	Pandelakis, Denis & Anna	Vassiliou, Kleoniki
Drimones, Clara	Karakasidis, John & Vickie	Pantelopulos, Anthony & Daphne	Velitskakis, Steve & Karen
Drimones, Nicholas	Karakasidis, Stephanos & Evaggelia	Papachrysanthou, George & Laura	Verikakis, Dena
Dumel, John & Evangeline	Karaoglanis, Eleftherios & Niki	Papanicholas, Evan	Verikakis, Evangelos & Shannon
Ferentinos, Joan	Karapanagiotis, Athanasios	Papanicholas, Maria	Vice, Elaine
Fernandes, Jordan & Evanthia	Karas, Theodore & Pamela	Papettas, Vasilis & Christina	Visvardis, Socrates & Ruth
Fessarar, Costas & Anna	Karavasilis, Nicholas & Foula	Pappas, Elizabeth	Vlastaridis, Theodoros & Sofia
Fisfis, Nicholas & Cathryn	Karvounis, Nikolaos & Amanda	Pappoulis, Demetra	Wiechecki, Frank & Kelly
Floropoulos, Yiannis	Kayiaros, Joanna	Pastis, Jaqueline	Wilkinson, Suzanne
Fotakis, Greg & Angeliki	Kirifides, Eleni	Pettaris, George & Stavroula	Xarhoulakos, Peter
Fotakos, Leonidas & Sophia	Kirifides, Lazarus V	Phalangas, Charalambos & Mary	Zaloga, Paul & Joann
Fountzoulas, Costas & Audrey	Kirtsos, Petros & Athy	Piccirilli, Melissa & Joe	Zerefos, John
Fournaris, Constantine & Kristen	Klezaras, Michael & Kathy	Pierson, Vetta & Charles	Zerefos, Markos & Eugenia
Fournaris, George & Soula	Klezaras III, Michael	Pispitsos, Pantelis	Ziccarelli, Louis & Catherine
Galanis, Agnes	Klezaras, Nikoletta	Pittaoulis, Steve	
Gatanis, Theodore	Kollias, Georgia	Poulos, Vasilios & Eulampia	
Gatos, Paula	Koninis II, John	Psaltis, Nikolaos	
Geanopoulos, Georgiean	Koninis, John & Anastasia	Psihalinos, Thomas & Magdalini	
George, Mary	Kontis, Gus & Cindy	Raisis, Irene	

**As of 5/25/2025
(250 families)**

2025 HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL SPONSORS OF ONE DAY OR MORE

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Colborn, Brian & Nicole	Halakos, Demetris & Georgia	Michell, Constantine & Elaine	Wolcott, Josiah & Paraskevi
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Demourtzidis, Nichoals & Daphne	Kayiaros, Stephen	Mistras, Antonis & Soula	
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Fournaris, Emmanuel & Evanthea	Kirifides, Lazarus M & Helen	Psaltis, Tom & Cindy	
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Gray, David & Eugenia	Kirifides, Vasil & Eleftheria	Rassias, Dion & Gina	

If you have not yet given towards your
2025 Stewardship
 you can do so at any time.

There are several ways you can give...

You can:

- 1) Bring cash or check and put it in the offering tray as it is passed in church.
- 2) Send a check in the mail or stop by the office any time during the week (M - F 9a-4p)
- 3) Give on line via our website (www.holytrintywilmington.org - hit the donate button and follow the prompts)
- 4) Use the QR Code below and it will take you directly to the website donation page.

We thank you for your generous offerings and remind you that...

**“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”
 2 Corinthians 9:7**



SHARING

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Your stewardship number:_____

Your 2024 pledge was: _____

☐ Please increase my pledge by 10% to:_____

☐ Please increase my pledge by 20% to:_____

☐ My 2025 commitment is:_____

☐ \$750.00 (\$62month or \$15/week)

☐ \$1,000.00 (\$84month or \$20/week)

☐ \$1,500.00 (\$125month or \$29/week)

☐ \$5,000.00 (\$415/month or \$96/week)

☐ \$2,000.00 (Sponsors a Day of Operations)

☐ ___# 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 Cathedral for 2025.

Signature_____ Date_____

Proportionate Sharing

Our operating budget for 2025 will be \$733,000.

We offer you this giving guide to assist you in determining your 2025 pledge. Please use the enclosed envelopes and give according to what God has blessed you.

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED CARD TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

Weekly Giving

Annual Income	2%	5%	10% Biblical
\$15,000	\$6	\$14	\$28
\$25,000	\$10	\$24	\$48
\$35,000	\$13	\$34	\$68
\$45,000	\$17	\$43	\$86
\$65,000	\$25	\$64	\$128
\$100,000	\$38	\$96	\$192



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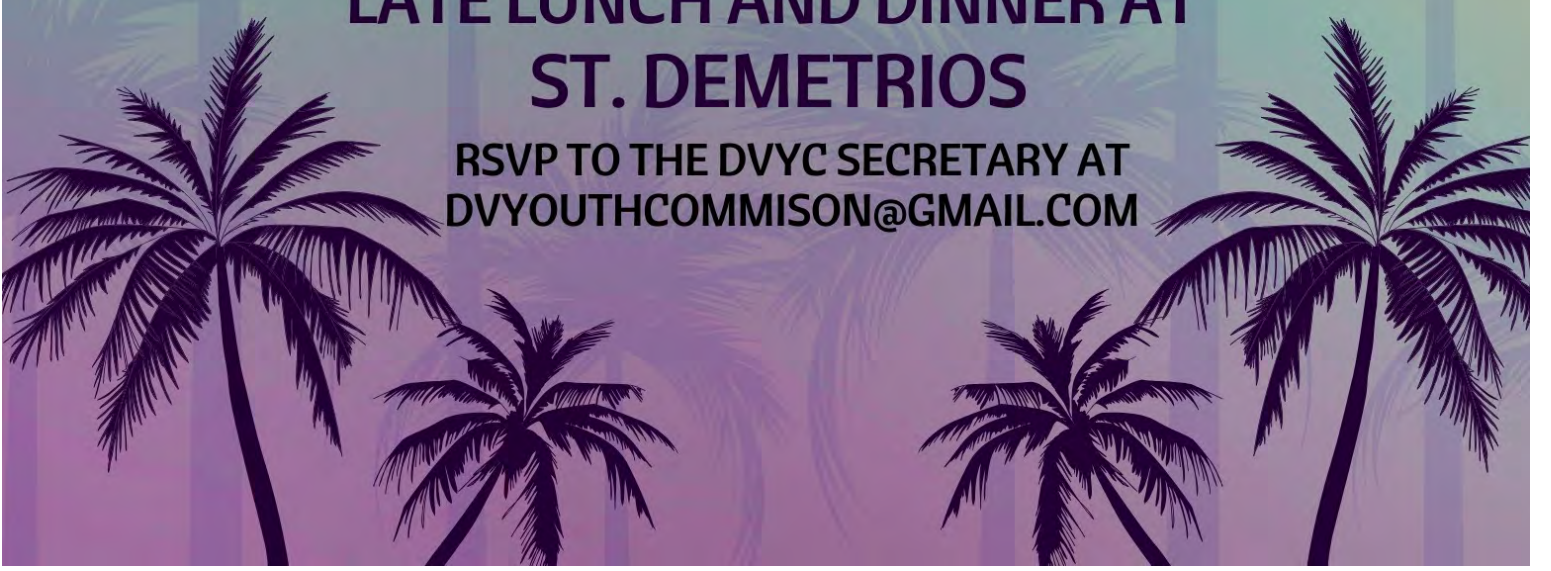
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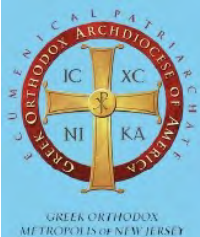
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Our Festival is right around the corner and, as always, we need your help to pull off this monumental task! Please call your booth chair today and volunteer your time, talent and treasure to your booth and to our parish!

GREEK FESTIVAL—Monday, June 2 - Saturday, June 7

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR FINAL PREP & SET UP!

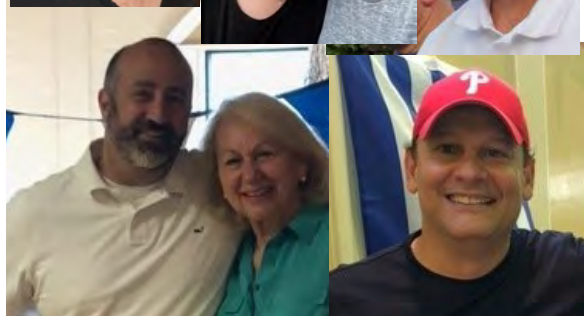
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	Tom Psaltis	(302) 981-9352
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Outdoor Take-out booth		
	Demitris, Yanni, & Evangelos Halakos	
	(302) 379-1833	
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Gyro booth		
	George Rassias	(610) 322-3200
	Demetri Karakasidis	(302) 898-6049
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Souvlaki booth		
	John Kostas	(302) 764-7278
	Emanuel Fournaris	(302) 475-5035
	George Fournaris	(302) 426-9195
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	Anamaria & Anthoula Anagnostou	(302) 998-9284
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	Ladies of Philoptochos	(302) 654-4446
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Pastries - outdoor booth		
	Marika Sarmousakis	(302) 656-2206
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Bars		
	Louis Novakis	(610) 358-3544
	Mike Kirifides	(302) 897-9429
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Money room		
	Steven Karakasidis	(302) 383-0476
	Tom Karas	(302) 438-7121
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	GOYA	(302) 654-4446
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Kitchen		
	Demitris Halakos	(302) 379-1833
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## June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</u> 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy DANCE PRACTICE	2 11am-11pm GREEK FESTIVAL	3 11am-11pm GREEK FESTIVAL	4 11am-11pm GREEK FESTIVAL	5 11am-11pm GREEK FESTIVAL	6 11am-11pm GREEK FESTIVAL	7 <u>Saturday of Souls</u> 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11am-11pm GREEK FESTIVAL
8 <u>Holy Pentecost</u> 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy	<u>Feast Day of the Holy Trinity</u> / 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos Presiding	10	11	12 12pm Serving at Emmanuel Dining Room	13	14 DVYC YOUTH Beach Blast
15 <u>All Saints</u> 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy	16	17	18	19 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	20	21 12pm Baptism
22 <u>2nd Sunday of Matthew</u> 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy	23	24 6:30pm Daughter's of Penelope Meeting	25	26	27	28
29 <u>St Peter &amp; Paul</u> 9:00am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  7pm Name day Vespers for His Eminence @ St. Athanasios, Paramus, NJ	30 <u>Synaxis of the Holy Apostles</u> <u>NO SERVICE @ HOLY TRINITY</u> Name day Services for His Eminence @ St. Athanasios, Paramus, NJ 12pm Philoptochos Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Room					

## July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day Church Office Closed	5
6 <u>4th Sunday of Matthew</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy	7	8	9	10	11	12 12pm Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Room
13 <u>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <u>6th Sunday of Matthew</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <u>7th Sunday of Matthew</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy	28	29	30 12pm Philoptochos Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Rooms	31		



## Δεκαοκτάχρονοι Έλληνες Μακεδόνες

Θα ήθελα να ήμουν παρών εκείνη την ημέρα της Ανοίξεως του 334 π.Χ. που ο στρατός του μεγάλου Έλληνα στρατηλάτου Αλεξάνδρου Γ! του Μακεδόνα, που αργότερα ονομάστηκε Μέγας από τους Ρωμαίους κατακτητές των Ελλήνων, ξεκινούσε από την Πέλλα της Μακεδονίας μας για την Ασία. Ένας μεγαλοφυής βασιλιάς, μόλις εικοσι δύο χρονών, οδηγούσε δεκαοκτάχρονους νέους, τον ανθό των Ελλήνων στο άγνωστο, «για να εκδικηθώ τους Πέρσες για τα δεινά που προκάλεσαν στην Ελλάδα». Θα ήθελα να ήμουν παρών στον Γρανικό ποταμό της Μικράς Ασίας όπου η Μακεδονική φάλαγγα στις 22 Μαΐου του 334 νικούσε τον Δαρείο Γ! της Περσίας και άλλαζε τον κόσμο για πάντα.

Αυτόν τον μόλις 30.000 άνδρες σχετικά μικρό στρατό των δεκαοκτάχρονων νέων, που η γλώσσα τους, τα ονόματά τους και οι θεοί τους ήταν Ελληνικοί, οδηγούσε ο Αλέξανδρος, ο μαθητής του Αριστοτέλη, ενός γίγαντα της ανθρωπίνης σκέψης, και που κάθε βράδυ διάβαζε της Ιλιάδα και Οδύσσεια του Ομήρου. Μέσα σε οκτώ μόλις χρόνια είχε κατακτήσει το 60% του γνωστού κόσμου. Η τελευταία Αλεξάνδρεια που ίδρυσε ήταν η Αλεξάνδρεια η Εσχάτη στον ποταμό Ιαξάρτη σε μια περιοχή που σήμερα λέγεται Χοτζέντ (στο σημερινό Τατζικιστάν). Η Αλεξάνδρεια της Αραχωσίας είναι το σημερινό Κανταχάρ στο Αφγανιστάν (Βακτριανή).

Αυτά τα δεκαοκτάχρονα παιδιά μετέφεραν τον Ελληνικό πολιτισμό στην Ασία. Πολλά από αυτά δεν επέστρεψαν ποτέ την Ελλάδα, αλλά ποτέ δεν την ξέχασαν. Έκαναν οικογένειες, έκτισαν πόλεις, θέατρα, γυμναστήρια, μετέφεραν τον Ελληνικό τρόπο ζωής, και επηρέασαν την αρχιτεκτονική όλων των λαών που συνάντησαν. Ανοίξαν τον κόσμο στην επιστήμη, τα μαθηματικά και φιλοσοφία των Ελλήνων, σεβάσθηκαν τα ήθη και έθιμα των λαών που κατάκτησαν και έκαναν την Ελληνική γλώσσα κοινή γλώσσα του τότε κόσμου, την γλώσσα στην οποία Εβδομήκοντα (εβδομήντα δύο) δίγλωσσοι Ιουδαίοι της Αλεξάνδρειας θα μετέφραζαν αργότερα την Παλαιά Διαθήκη στην Ελληνική, και θα γινόταν η γλώσσα που γράφθηκαν τα Ευαγγέλια, και έτσι θα εξαπλωνόταν ο Χριστιανισμός σε όλη την Ρωμαϊκή Αυτοκρατορία.

Θα ήθελα να ήμουν παρών την ημέρα που άφηναν την Πέλλα και χωρίς να το υποψιάζονται άλλαξαν τον κόσμο για πάντα. Ήταν αυτά τα παιδιά που μετέφεραν με την Μακεδονική Σάρισα τον Όμηρο και τους Έλληνες φιλοσόφους στα πέρατα της γης. Εκείνο που μένει στην ιστορία των λαών είναι η δημιουργία του πνεύματος. Θυμόμαστε και θαυμάζουμε τους λαούς για την προσφορά τους στον παγκόσμιο πολιτισμό και όχι για την μεταβαλλόμενη οικονομική ευρωστία τους.

## Eighteen Years Old Greek Macedonians

I wish I were present that day of the Spring of 334 B.C. when the army of the great Greek Commander Alexander the III of Macedon, who later was called by the Roman conquerors of Hellenes, Great, left Pella of our Macedonia for Asia. A genius young king, only 22 years old, was leading eighteen years old lads, the flower of Greeks to uncharted waters, “to *avenge the Persians for the destruction and suffering of Greeks*”. I wish I were present at the Granicus river of Asia Minor, where the Macedonian phalanx on May 22nd, 334 BC, won Dariush the III of Persia and changed the world for ever.

This relatively small army, only 30,000 men, the majority of them around eighteen years old, whose language, names and gods were Greek, was led by Alexander the Great. His teacher was the giant of the human thought Aristotle. Alexander was carrying with him a copy of Iliad Odyssey, which he was reading every night. In only 8 years, he had managed to conquer 60% of the known world of that time. The last city he founded was Alexandria Eschati (last) at Jaxartes river (Syr Darya River today) at the borders of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan at the area of Khujand in Tajikistan. Today's Kandahar in Afghanistan, the Bactrian of history, was the Alexandria of Arachosia.

Those eighteen years old young men carried the Hellenic civilization to Asia. Many of them never returned to Greece, but they never forgot it. They made families, built cities, and built theaters, gymnasias; they carried the Hellenic way of life and influenced the architecture of the people they met. They introduced science, mathematics and philosophy to the world, but they respected the customs and traditions of the people whom they conquered. As a consequence, our language, the Hellenic language became the Lingua Franca of the ancient world. Koine Greek (common Greek) was the language the Seventy-two (Septuagint) bilingual Jewish of Alexandria, Egypt, who translated the Old Testament into Greek, and eventually became the language of the Gospels, thus becoming the tool of the Christianity spreading in the Roman Empire.

I wish I were in Pella the day these young men were leaving the soil of our Macedonia and without suspecting it they changed the world for ever. Those young lads carried with the Macedonian Sarissa the Homeric masterpieces and the Greek philosophers and science to the end of the world. The legend of all people on the earth is their spiritual creativity. We remember and admire a people for their creativity and contribution to the world civilization and not for their ever-changing financial robustness.



# ALTAR GUILD

Well summertime is upon us and everyone is deciding or going on vacation, to the beach or possible Greece (the lucky ones) but we do have church festivities that we will be celebrating. They are as follows:

**May 29, The Holy Ascension**

**June 8. Holy Pentecost**

**June 9, Monday of the Holy spirit (our church name day)**

**August 6, Transfiguration of Jesus Christ**

**August 15, Dormition of the Theotokos**

**Donation for Saint Constantine and Helen, by Katherine Issaris, Remembering her mother Constantina and her sister Helen on their name day, May 21st.**

If you would like to make a donation to the above dates the cost is \$60.00 to decorate the Icon. Please use the form below or contact Joanne Tarabicos at 302-239-4950 or Evie Fournaris at 302-229-6849.

Have a Great summer

Joanne Tarabicos

Evie Fournaris

As always, the Altar Guild is here to serve our parishioners.

Please use the form below if you have any requests for the coming year.

Cost is \$ 60.00 for an Icon, \$60.00 for two small arrangements and \$125.00 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.**

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Name_____

Dedication_____

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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







On May 6th our Young @ Heart met for elections and our end of year luncheon at Vita Nova at the University of Delaware.

*We hope to see everyone  
at the Festival June 2-7*

**The Young at Heart  
wishes everyone  
a safe and Happy Summer!**

### **Our 2025-2026 Board**

President: Dimitra Pappoulis  
Treasurer: Sophia Hionis

Vice President: Joanna Tsaganos  
Secretary: Trudy Fisher





## *Holy Trinity Food Pantry*

**3100 men, women and children  
served in the month of May!**



***Have you wondered what kind of food is distributed?***

***Each grocery bag contains canned fruit, vegetables, juice, pasta with sauce and cereal if it's available. Folks are also able to choose one meat (according to size of family). Bread is included when Acme donates. When fresh produce is available they choose one veggie and one fruit. Nuts are usually available as well.***

***Items that are not always available include toiletries, laundry/dish detergent, diapers and wipes.***

***As summer approaches we will still be collecting food each week. We pray you and your family have a safe and wonderful summer.***

***And as always we thank you for all that you do!***

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

### **May 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room East**

We *sincerely* thank **Anna Demetriou** who sponsored the meal in May, given in loving memory of her husband, **Spyros**, and for the good health of her family. Through this charity, 155 men, women and children enjoyed a nice warm meal. We look forward to serving again this summer, with **Evie and Manny Fournaris** sponsoring June 12th. All are welcome to help serve the dining room that day or at any time!

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

**PLEASE NOTE...** The 3rd and Walnut St. dining room is temporarily closed.

All meals are now being served at the 2nd and Jackson St. dining room until future notice

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.***

**Happy Father's Day!**



# *Serving in June / July*

## **Coffee Hours:**

Ministry Coffee Hours will resume in September

If your family would like to sponsor a coffee hour during the summer months, please contact the church office.



## **Narthex Duty:**

June 1 ~ Group 2

June 8 ~ Group 1

June 15 ~ Group 2

June 22 ~ Group 1

June 29 ~ Group 2

## **Narthex Duty:**

July 6 ~ Group 1

July 13 ~ Group 2

July 20 ~ Group 1

July 27 ~ Group 2

## **Prosforon Offeror's**



We are looking to update our Prosfora Offeror List.

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

## **ACOLYTES**

+Tonsured ~ *Reader

All readers are also tonsured



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

+ Jerry Rassias

Nicholas Rassias

Stamati Roussos

+Demetri Thomas

Savvas Thymakis

Alex Tsakumis

*+Nicholas Turley

+Paraskevas Verikakis

*+NektariosWiehecki

+Fotios Wolcott

+Jack Wolcott

+Josiah Wolcott

## **ALTAR ASSISTANTS**

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





# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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+ V. Rev. Archimandrite  
Christoforos Oikonomidis

February 11, 2025

Dear beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral family,

We reach out seeking your support for a major maintenance and repair issue. The air conditioning unit for the Community Center is nearly 50 years old. Thanks to diligent monitoring and maintenance, the unit has far exceeded its expected lifespan, but the time has come to replace the unit. The new unit must be in place by June in time for our Festival.

The Parish Council has approved a plan after exploring many alternatives, engaging numerous contractors, and considering various proposals. The new system(s) will include two units on the roof of the Community Center to provide air conditioning for the Hall, only, and 3 smaller units on the roof above the classrooms to provide air conditioning and heat for the classrooms only. The total cost from the accepted proposal including, among other things, the new units and structural support for the roof will be approximately \$250,000.

We humbly request that each family (365 total pledging units in the Parish) consider donating **at least \$500** towards this project in addition to your annual pledge. We are aware that some cannot afford this amount, and others can afford much more. Therefore, we ask each family to give what they are able, as any amount is welcome and appreciated. We are counting on your generosity and love to assist us in reaching our \$250,000.00 goal.

*The new units have been ordered and are expected to arrive mid-April. Therefore, we kindly ask that you make your loving donation by May 1st, 2025.* You may send your donation by mail to: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 808 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE. 19806 or for an online donation visit our website: [www.holytrinitywilmington.org](http://www.holytrinitywilmington.org). For further information call the Church office at (302) 654-4446.

We sincerely thank you in advance for your love and support, and we pray that the Grace of the Holy Trinity be upon you always!

+ Archim. Christoforos Oikonomidis  
Parish Priest

Georgia Halakos  
Parish Council President



**We would like to thank the following parishioners who have  
donated \$500 or more to defray the cost of the new  
HVAC System  
for the Community Center and Classrooms...**

Adamopoulos, Christos & Nancy  
Altar Guild  
Anagnostou, Anthoula & Anamaria  
Annos, William  
Artemiadis, Panagiotis & Spyridoula  
Arvanitis, Lisa & Argyrios  
Asimos, George & Kristi  
Asimos Sr., George  
Caras, Constantine & Maria  
Chambers, George & Kathy  
Christou, Aleka  
Ciabattoni, Olga  
Colborn, Brian & Nicole  
Constantinou, John & Carol  
Coulaloglou, Michele  
Dandolos, Demetri & Carol  
Dargakis, Minas & Kleo  
Demetriou, Anna  
Diamond, Anthony & Lauren  
Diamond, Thomas  
Dini, C & O  
Dougher, John & Christina  
Doukakis, Helen  
Drimones, Nicholas & Clara  
Economou, George & Elena  
Faller, Jim & Katherine  
Floropoulos, Yiannis  
Fotakis, Greg & Angeliki  
Fountzoulas, Costas & Audrey  
Fournaris, Anna  
Fournaris, Constantine & Kristen  
Fournaris, Manny & Evie  
Frangakis, Christine  
Galaris, Rick & Diane  
Gatos, Paula  
Geanopulos, Georgiean  
George, Mary  
Gianelos, James & Stacey

Gray, Eugenia & David  
Grivas, Christopher & Michelle  
Halakos, Demetris & Georgia  
Halakos, Yianni & Effie  
Halakos, Angelos & Donna  
Haldas, Nicholas & Rodie  
Hall, George & Michelle  
Hellenic University Club  
Iliadis, Dimitri & Tina  
Joseck, Anastasia  
Joseck, Fred & Xanthy  
Kaliakin, Victor & Leeza  
Kanteliotis, Steve & Olga  
Karakasidis, John & Vickie  
Karakasidis, Steve & Angie  
Karas, Theodore & Pam  
Karavasilis, Nicholas & Foula  
Kayiaros, Joanna  
Kirifides, Alex & Kathy  
Kirifides, Lazarus & Helen  
Kirifides, Michael & Kerry  
Kirifides, Vasil & Rita  
Klezaras, Michael & Kathy  
Kollias, Basil & Demi  
Kolovos, Demetri & Effie  
Koninis, John & Anastasia  
Laletas, Ernest & Barbara  
Lawson, Michael & Vickie  
Lazare, John & Sandra  
Lazopoulos, Emmanuel & Laura  
Lomis, Toula  
Maravelias, Jim & Diane  
Marini, Irene  
Markatos, Harry & Susan  
Marvel, Jessica  
Matulas, Anagnostis & Angela  
Melissourgou, Xenofon & Aikaterini  
Michell, Constantine & Elaine

Michell, Theodore & Catherine  
Mistras, Antonis & Soula  
Moutsatsos, George & Alexia  
Nannas, Ted & Sandy  
Papachrysanthou, Christos & Popi  
Papettas, Vasilis & Christina  
Pennia, John & Stacey  
Pettaris, George & Stavroula  
Philoptochos Society  
Psaltis, John  
Psaltis, Tom & Cindy  
Raisis, Leo & Irene  
Rassias, Dion & Gina  
Rassias, George & Amalea  
Souleles, Nicholas & Alexis  
Stout, Robert & Voula  
Tarabicos, John & Joanne  
Tawfik, Emad & Soultana  
Tsaganos, Anthony & Joanna  
Tsaganos, Nicholas & Joanne  
Tsaganos, Robert & Popi  
Tsakumis, George & Julie  
Tsionas, Anna  
Turley, Steve & Akiko  
Vande Poele, David & Anna  
Vassilatos, Yvonne  
Velitskakis, Steve & Karen  
Verikakis & Family, Dena  
Visvardis, Socrates & Ruth  
Yiannos Foundation, Peter & Stella  
Wolcott, Joe & Para  
Zerefos, Demetri & Tina

**We would like to thank the following parishioners who have made a  
donation to help defray the cost of the new HVAC System...**

Anastassiades, Aglaia  
Chollis, Drew  
Heliotis, Alexandra  
Hinte, Jr., Forrest

Issaris, Katherine  
Kollias, Georgia  
Pappoulis, Dimitra  
Schillinger, Robert & Karen

Shahwan, Sofy  
Tarabicos, Sophia

**Thank you for answering the call!!  
If you have not sent in your donation yet...  
There is still time to donate - see the letter on the previous page!**





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**2025**

**Scholarship  
Award  
Winners**

**The Hellenic University Club of Wilmington Scholarship:**

**Alexander Tsakumis**

Salesianum School

The Catholic University of America

Field of Study: Accounting, Certified Public Accounting

**The Spyros K. Demetriou Scholarship:**

**Ludovic “Nektarios” Wiechecki**

Charter School of Wilmington

Hellenic College

Field of Study: Theology with a minor in  
Modern Greek Language, Holy Cross Seminary

**The Constantine & Georgina Georgiou Scholarship:**

**Irene Sophia Kirifides**

Wilmington Friends School

University of Delaware

Field of Study: Kinesiology

**The Dr. George & Alice Gatos Scholarship:**

**Christina Nicole Pennia**

Tatnall School

University of Delaware

Field of Study: Higher Education





## Hellenic University Club

On Sunday, May 18th the Hellenic University Club celebrated it's 60th Year in Wilmington, DE at the Annual Business Meeting held at the Christiana Hilton.

Four of our Holy Trinity Cathedral youth were awarded Scholarships for their on-going studies.

We are very proud of their achievements and wish them God's best in their future endeavors!



## On Hiatus for the summer months:

GOYA, Greek School, JOY/HOPE, Philoptochos,  
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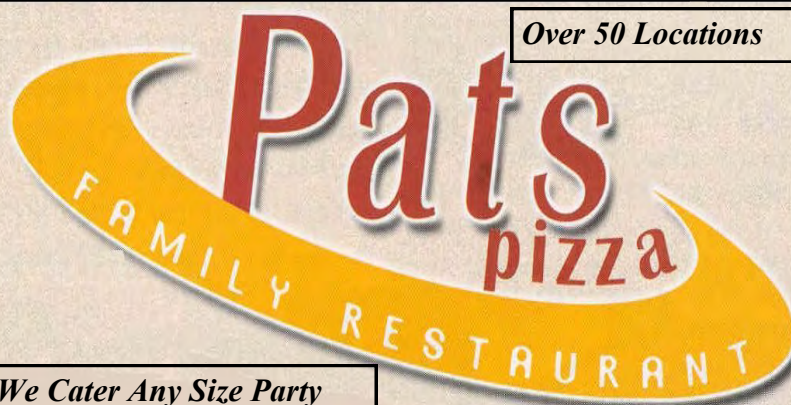
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