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ΙΕΡΟΣ ΚΑΘΕΛΙΚΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΤΡΙΑΔΟΣ



My beloved parishioners and friends,

The beautiful season of Fall has arrived. The air has cooled, the leaves are changing, and our lives slowly return to the rhythm of our Cathedral's ministries and activities. After the summer pause, we are now rejoicing that our liturgical services, youth programs, educational ministries, fellowship groups, and cultural activities are in full swing. Our Holy Trinity Cathedral is alive and vibrant, filled with the voices of children in Sunday School, the prayers of the faithful in worship, the fellowship of our seniors, the dedicated work of our organizations, and the strong presence of our parish family. This is a season of renewal, a season of thanksgiving, and a season of growth for all of us who make up the Body of Christ here in our Cathedral.



The month of October holds special meaning in the life of the Church and in the life of our Hellenic heritage. On the first day of the month, the Orthodox Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos. The origins of this feast reach back to the tenth century in the city of Constantinople, the Queen of Cities. At that time, the capital of the Byzantine Empire was often under attack from foreign invaders, and the faithful continually turned to God for help.

On one such occasion, during an all-night vigil at the Blachernae Church, Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ lifted his eyes and saw a wondrous vision. The Mother of God appeared above the faithful, surrounded by heavenly angels and saints. She stretched out her veil, her omophorion, over the congregation as a sign of her unfailing protection and intercession. The faithful were comforted, encouraged, and strengthened in their struggle. The city was spared, and the event was remembered as a divine intervention through the prayers of the Theotokos.

This feast was established to commemorate that miraculous appearance of Panagia and to honor her role as the Protectress of all Christians. Over the centuries, it has grown to become one of the beloved feasts of the Orthodox Church. Yet, in Greece, the celebration was later transferred from October 1st to October 28th. Let's see why this happened.

The Church of Greece made the decision to transfer the feast after the historic events of World War II. On October 28, 1940, Greece was called to rise against the Axis powers. On that morning, the Italian ambassador demanded that Greece surrender and allow occupation. The answer of the Greek government and of the Greek people was a resounding "OHI" or "No." That day marked the beginning of a long and heroic struggle. The Greeks, though few in number, lacking weapons, supplies, and resources, stood with courage and faith. Against all odds, they stopped the mighty Italian army, pushing them back into Albania. Soon after, the Germans entered the war against Greece, and the suffering of the nation became immense. Yet, the resistance of the Greeks at that crucial moment of history delayed the Axis powers and changed the course of the war. Many historians affirm that the stand of Greece gave precious time to the Allies and eventually contributed to the salvation of Europe.

The Church of Greece saw clearly that this victory and endurance of the Greek people was not only a military or political achievement but, above all, a spiritual one. The faith of the nation, their prayers, and the protection of the Panagia were evident everywhere. The Greek soldiers and the entire population felt the strong presence of the Mother of God. They called upon her as their General, their Leader, their Protectress. Therefore, in gratitude and thanksgiving, the feast of the Protection of the Theotokos was moved to coincide with OHI Day, October 28th, so that the spiritual and national dimensions would be united forever.

OHI Day is now a national holiday in Greece and throughout the Greek world. It is not simply a day of patriotic pride, but a reminder of the sacrifices and courage of a people who placed their trust in God. The Greeks of that generation had limited material resources. They were outnumbered and outgunned. They lived in dire poverty, still recovering from earlier wars and struggles. Yet they endured, and they endured because of their faith. They endured because of their love for freedom. They endured because of the protection of the Theotokos, who has always been the Patroness and Protectress of the Hellenic Nation.



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For us, members of the Greek Orthodox Church, whether we were born in Greece, have Greek descent, or are not of Greek descent but have adopted Orthodoxy, this heritage belongs to us. We should take pride in belonging to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, which falls under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. We are carriers of the original Christian tradition, the pure faith of Jesus Christ, handed down from the Apostles, lived through the centuries of the Byzantine Empire, and preserved faithfully to this day. Our Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has kept this treasure alive despite many difficulties and persecutions. To this very day, the light of Orthodoxy shines from Constantinople to the entire world, including here in the United States. It is our blessing and our responsibility to receive this gift and to live it with faith and gratitude.



The month of October also brings us to the commemoration of one of the greatest saints of our Church, Saint Demetrios the Great Martyr of Thessalonica, celebrated on October 26th. Saint Demetrios lived in the early fourth century during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Galerius. He was a young officer in the Roman army, known for his courage, nobility, and faith in Christ. When ordered to persecute Christians, he refused. Instead, he proclaimed his faith openly, encouraged others, and even converted many to Christianity. For this, he was arrested and eventually executed in the year 306. His martyrdom inspired countless believers, and his memory has been honored ever since. The city of Thessalonica built a great basilica in his name, which still stands today as a center of pilgrimage. His relics, which are a source of miracles and healing, remain in the church, continuing to strengthen the faithful.

Beyond his martyrdom, Saint Demetrios has been seen as a special protector of Thessalonica. This was made especially clear in modern times on October 26, 1912. On that day, after centuries of Ottoman occupation, Thessalonica was liberated by the Greek army during the Balkan Wars. The victory came without the destruction and bloodshed that could have happened. The people of Thessalonica attributed this miraculous liberation to the intercessions of their patron saint, whose feast day it was. Thus, once again, the hand of God and the prayers of His saints were shown to be guiding history.

My dear brothers and sisters,

As we celebrate these historic feasts and events, let us also turn our eyes to the present and to our own Cathedral family. I want to make a heartfelt plea to all of you, especially to parents and grandparents. **Bring your children to Church every Sunday.** Bring them to receive the greatest nourishment possible, the Holy Communion, the most precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bring them to Sunday School and to our youth programs. Here they will find not only knowledge, but faith, love, and a community that embraces them.

We are blessed with dedicated youth advisors, counselors, and teachers who give their time and talents to serve our young people. They love our children and want them to grow strong in the Orthodox faith. Every Sunday, I am encouraged to see many young faces in Church, including new families and visitors. **This shows that our Cathedral is alive and growing.** We are on the right path, the path of Orthodoxy that illumines the world.

I will never cease to remind you: entrust yourselves and your children to God and to His Church. The world we live in is a dangerous place. It is filled with temptations, traps, and spiritual dangers that threaten the souls of our youth. No amount of worldly success, education, or security can guarantee their salvation. Only Christ can save us. Only His Body, the Church, can nurture us in the truth and lead us to eternal life. In this life and in the life to come, there is no greater treasure.

I wholeheartedly pray that the abundant grace of God may be upon you and your families. May Panagia, our Protectress, cover you with her holy veil. May Saint Demetrios and all the saints intercede for you. May your homes be filled with faith, love, health, warmth, and success in all good things. And above all, may we see one another in Church every Sunday, united with our Lord through Holy Communion and united with each other in the bond of love.

With love in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Archim. Christof. Oikonomidis'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne
Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest

Αγαπητοί μου ενορίτες και φίλοι,

Ο Οκτώβριος και η όμορφη και ευλογημένη εποχή του Φθινοπώρου έφθασε ξανά. Ο αέρας έχει δροσίσει, τα φύλλα των δέντρων αλλάζουν χρώμα και πέφτουν, και η ζωή εδώ στην Ενορία μας έχει επιστρέψει στους κανονικούς ρυθμούς της. Όπως η φύση ανανεώνεται μέσα στον κύκλο του χρόνου, έτσι και εμείς, με την έναρξη του νέου εκκλησιαστικού και κατηχητικού έτους, μπαίνουμε ξανά στον ευλογημένο ρυθμό της Θείας Λατρείας, της κατήχησης, της κοινωνίας και της προσφοράς.

Ύστερα από την παύση και την ηρεμία του καλοκαιριού, χαιρόμαστε καθώς βλέπουμε τον Καθεδρικό μας Ναό να ξαναγεμίζει. Οι Θείες Λειτουργίες, τα κατηχητικά σχολεία, τα νεανικά προγράμματα, οι ομάδες μελέτης και οι πνευματικές συντροφίες, οι πολιτιστικές και κοινωνικές δραστηριότητες, όλα αποκτούν νέα ζωντάνια. Ο



Ναός μας γεμίζει κάθε Κυριακή από τις φωνές των παιδιών μας, από τις προσευχές των πιστών, από την αγάπη και τη σοφία των ηλικιωμένων μας, και πάνω από όλα από την παρουσία και τη συμμετοχή όλης της ενοριακής μας οικογένειας. Είναι εποχή ανανέωσης, εποχή ευχαριστίας, εποχή καρποφορίας για όλους μας που αποτελούμε το Σώμα του Χριστού εδώ, στην Αγία Τριάδα.

Ο μήνας Οκτώβριος έχει ξεχωριστή σημασία τόσο στη ζωή της Εκκλησίας όσο και στη ζωή του Γένους μας. Την πρώτη μέρα του μήνα, η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία εορτάζει την Αγία Σκέπη της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου. Η αφετηρία της εορτής αυτής φθάνει ως τον 10ο αιώνα, στην Κωνσταντινούπολη, τη Βασιλίδα των πόλεων. Τότε, η πρωτεύουσα της Βυζαντινής Αυτοκρατορίας δεχόταν συχνά επιθέσεις από εχθρούς, και οι πιστοί στρέφονταν διαρκώς στον Θεό ζητώντας τη βοήθειά Του.

Κατά τη διάρκεια μίας αγρυπνίας στον Ναό των Βλαχερνών, ο Άγιος Ανδρέας ο δια Χριστόν σαλός, είδε ένα θαυμαστό όραμα. Η Παναγία εμφανίστηκε επάνω από το εκκλησίασμα, περιβαλλόμενη από αγγέλους και αγίους. Άπλωσε τον μαφόριό της, το ιερό της πέπλο, πάνω από τον λαό ως σημείο της προστασίας και της μεσιτείας της. Οι πιστοί ανακουφίστηκαν, ενισχύθηκαν και πήραν κουράγιο στον αγώνα τους. Η πόλη σώθηκε, και το γεγονός καταγράφηκε ως θεία επέμβαση μέσω της προσευχής της Θεοτόκου.

Η Εκκλησία καθιέρωσε αυτή την εορτή για να τιμήσει το θαύμα και τον ρόλο της Παναγίας ως Σκέπη και Προστάτρια όλων των χριστιανών. Στην Ελλάδα όμως, η εορτή μεταφέρθηκε αργότερα, από την 1η Οκτωβρίου στην 28η του ίδιου μήνα. Η Εκκλησία της Ελλάδος έλαβε αυτή την απόφαση μετά τα ιστορικά γεγονότα του Β' Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου. Στις 28 Οκτωβρίου 1940 η Ελλάδα κλήθηκε να αντισταθεί στις δυνάμεις του Άξονα. Εκείνο το πρωινό ο Ιταλός πρέσβης απαίτησε την παράδοση και την κατοχή της χώρας. Η απάντηση της ελληνικής κυβέρνησης και του λαού ήταν ένα ηχηρό «ΟΧΙ». Έτσι άρχισε ένας μακρύς και ηρωικός αγώνας. Ο ελληνικός στρατός, μικρός σε αριθμό και χωρίς επαρκή εφόδια, στάθηκε με θάρρος και πίστη. Εναντίον κάθε προσδοκίας σταμάτησε την πανίσχυρη ιταλική επίθεση και την απώθησε στην Αλβανία. Σύντομα μπήκαν στον πόλεμο και οι Γερμανοί, και τα δεινά πολλαπλασιάστηκαν. Παρ' όλα αυτά, η αντίσταση των Ελλήνων εκείνη την κρίσιμη στιγμή καθυστέρησε τα σχέδια του Άξονα και άλλαξε την πορεία του πολέμου. Πολλοί ιστορικοί τονίζουν ότι η στάση της Ελλάδος χάρισε πολύτιμο χρόνο στους Συμμάχους και συνέβαλε τελικά στη σωτηρία της Ευρώπης.

Η Εκκλησία της Ελλάδος είδε καθαρά ότι η νίκη και η αντοχή του λαού μας δεν ήταν μόνο στρατιωτικό ή πολιτικό κατόρθωμα, αλλά κυρίως πνευματικό. Η πίστη του Έθνους, οι προσευχές του, η σκέπη της Παναγίας ήταν παρόντα σε κάθε βήμα. Οι στρατιώτες και ολόκληρος ο λαός ένιωθαν την ισχυρή παρουσία της Θεοτόκου. Την αποκαλούσαν Στρατηγό και Προστάτιδα. Έτσι, σε ευγνωμοσύνη, η εορτή της Αγίας Σκέπης μεταφέρθηκε στην 28η Οκτωβρίου ώστε να συμπέσει με την Εθνική Επέτειο και να μείνει για πάντα συνδεδεμένη η πνευματική με την εθνική διάσταση.

Η 28η Οκτωβρίου, το λεγόμενο ΟΧΙ, είναι σήμερα εθνική γιορτή σε όλο τον Ελληνισμό. Δεν είναι μόνο μέρα πατριωτικής υπερηφάνειας, αλλά και υπενθύμιση των θυσιών ενός λαού που εμπιστεύτηκε τον Θεό. Οι Έλληνες τότε δεν είχαν μέσα, δεν είχαν πλούτη, δεν είχαν αριθμητική υπεροχή. Είχαν όμως πίστη, αγάπη για την ελευθερία και την προστασία της Παναγίας. Γι' αυτό άντεξαν, γι' αυτό νίκησαν, γι' αυτό έγραψαν ιστορία.



Εμείς οι Έλληνες Ορθόδοξοι, είτε γεννηθήκαμε στην Ελλάδα είτε καταγόμαστε από εκεί, είτε προερχόμαστε από άλλες ρίζες αλλά υιοθετήσαμε την Ορθοδοξία, είμαστε κληρονόμοι αυτής της παρακαταθήκης. Ανήκουμε στη Μεγάλη του Χριστού Εκκλησία, στο Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο της Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, και φέρουμε μέσα μας τη γνήσια παράδοση του Χριστιανισμού. Η Μητέρα Εκκλησία της Κωνσταντινουπόλεως διατήρησε αυτόν τον θησαυρό ζωντανό μέσα στους αιώνες, παρά τις δυσκολίες και τους διωγμούς. Μέχρι σήμερα, το φως της Ορθοδοξίας λάμπει από την Πόλη σε όλο τον κόσμο, φθάνοντας και εδώ, στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες. Είναι δώρο και ευθύνη μαζί να παραλάβουμε αυτό το φως και να το ζήσουμε με πίστη και ευγνωμοσύνη.

Ο Οκτώβριος μας φέρνει και τη μνήμη ενός μεγάλου Αγίου, του Αγίου Δημητρίου του Μυροβλύτου, στις 26 του μήνα. Ο Άγιος Δημήτριος έζησε στις αρχές του 4ου αιώνα, στα χρόνια των διωγμών του αυτοκράτορα Γαλερίου. Ήταν νέος, αξιωματικός του ρωμαϊκού στρατού, γνωστός για την ανδρεία και την πίστη του. Όταν του ζητήθηκε να πολεμήσει τους χριστιανούς, εκείνος αρνήθηκε και ομολόγησε τον Χριστό. Συνελήφθη και μαρτύρησε το 306. Η θυσία του έγινε πηγή δύναμης για τους πιστούς. Στη Θεσσαλονίκη υψώθηκε προς τιμήν του μεγαλοπρεπής ναός, όπου φυλάσσονται τα λείψανά του, θαυματουργά και μυροβλύζοντα.



Η πόλη της Θεσσαλονίκης τον αισθάνεται πάντοτε ως προστάτη της. Αυτό φάνηκε ξεκάθαρα στις 26 Οκτωβρίου 1912, όταν η Θεσσαλονίκη ελευθερώθηκε από την οθωμανική σκλαβιά την ίδια μέρα της γιορτής του. Ο λαός είδε σε αυτή τη σύμπτωση το χέρι του Θεού και την πρεσβεία του Αγίου

Αγαπητοί μου αδελφοί,

Καθώς γιορτάζουμε αυτές τις μεγάλες μνήμες, εορτές και επετείους, ας στρέψουμε τα μάτια και στη δική μας ενοριακή οικογένεια. Σας παρακαλώ με όλη μου την καρδιά, ιδιαίτερα γονείς και παππούδες: **φέρτε τα παιδιά σας κάθε Κυριακή στην Εκκλησία.** Φέρτε τα να κοινωνήσουν το Σώμα και Αίμα του Χριστού, τη σπουδαιότερη τροφή. Φέρτε τα στο Κατηχητικό Σχολείο και στα νεανικά μας προγράμματα. Εκεί θα βρουν όχι μόνο γνώση, αλλά πίστη, αγάπη και μια οικογένεια που τα αγκαλιάζει.

Είμαστε ευλογημένοι με δασκάλους και συμβούλους νεολαίας που αγαπούν τα παιδιά μας και θέλουν να τα δουν να μεγαλώνουν σωστά, μέσα στην Εκκλησία και την αγκαλιά του Θεού. Κάθε Κυριακή χαίρομαι να βλέπω νέα πρόσωπα, νέες οικογένειες, επισκέπτες. Αυτό δείχνει ότι η Ενορία μας είναι ζωντανή, αναπτύσσεται, και προοδεύει. Βρισκόμαστε στον δρόμο της Ορθοδοξίας που φωτίζει τον κόσμο.

Και δεν θα σταματήσω να σας λέω: εμπιστευθείτε τον εαυτό σας και τα παιδιά σας στον Θεό και στην Εκκλησία Του. Ο κόσμος που ζούμε είναι γεμάτος κινδύνους, πειρασμούς, παγίδες. Καμία κοσμική επιτυχία δεν εξασφαλίζει τη σωτηρία. Μόνο ο Χριστός σώζει. Μόνο η Εκκλησία Του μάς οδηγεί στην αλήθεια και στην αιώνια ζωή.

Εύχομαι ολόψυχα η χάρη του Θεού να σκεπάζει εσάς και τις οικογένειές σας. Η Παναγία μας, να σας καλύπτει και να σας σκεπάζει πάντοτε. Ο Άγιος Δημήτριος και όλοι οι άγιοι να πρεσβεύουν για σας. Τα σπίτια σας να είναι γεμάτα με πίστη, αγάπη, υγεία και κάθε αγαθό. Και πάνω από όλα, να συναντιόμαστε κάθε Κυριακή στην Εκκλησία, να ενωνόμαστε με τον Χριστό στη Θεία Κοινωνία και μεταξύ μας με τον δυνατό δεσμό της αγάπης που πηγάζει από τον Θεό.

+ Δεσπ. Χρ. Οικονομίδης

π. Χριστοφόρος Οικονομίδης

Αρχιμανδρίτης του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου, Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος

OXI Day: Faith, Freedom, and the Protection of Panagia

On October 28, 1940, Greece entered the Second World War with a single word that has echoed through history: “OXI,” meaning “No.” In the early morning hours, the Italian Ambassador, Emanuele Grazzi, presented Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas with an ultimatum demanding that Greece surrender strategic territories and allow Axis forces to occupy key positions. The demand was clear, but so too was the response. Without hesitation, Metaxas refused. His answer was not only the expression of one man but the unified voice of an entire nation. With this single word, Greece declared that it would not submit, that it would resist, and that it would fight for its freedom, no matter the cost.



By that year, most of Europe was already under the domination of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. Mussolini, seeking to demonstrate his military strength and to emulate Hitler's swift conquests, believed that Greece would collapse within a matter of days. His army was larger, better equipped, and confident of a quick victory. Yet what followed shocked the world and changed the course of the war. The Greek Army, outnumbered and ill-supplied, resisted with extraordinary determination. Against all expectations, they not only stopped the Italian advance but drove the invading forces back into Albania. This was the first Allied victory against the Axis, a triumph that gave hope to nations that had nearly despaired in the face of overwhelming aggression.



The refusal of Greece was more than a political or military act. It was a moral and spiritual declaration that tyranny and oppression could never be allowed to overcome dignity and freedom. The collective conscience of the Greek nation proclaimed with clarity that liberty was worth sacrifice, worth struggle, and even worth death. It was an affirmation that the human spirit, strengthened by faith, could never be enslaved. American journalist William Shirer, in his *Berlin Diary* (1941), observed with admiration: “*The Greeks fought with a spirit that cannot be explained by numbers or weapons. They fought with something else, something greater.*” In the icy mountains of Epirus and Albania, Greek soldiers, often lacking adequate clothing and weaponry, endured the most punishing of conditions. They climbed snow-covered peaks, carried their supplies on their backs, and fought against an enemy that by all calculations should have overwhelmed them. Yet they held firm. Their strength, as Shirer noted, came from a deeper source.

For the Greek people, the struggle was inseparably bound to their Orthodox faith and to the protection of the Virgin Mary, the Panagia. From the first days of the war, the soldiers, their families, and the entire nation turned to the Theotokos with fervent prayer. The connection between OXI Day and the feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos, celebrated on October 28 in Greece, became immediate and indissoluble. The image of the Panagia was found everywhere: in the small icons that soldiers carried in their pockets, in the churches where the faithful gathered day and night to pray, and in the hymns sung by mothers, wives, and children who entrusted their loved ones to her care.

There are countless testimonies from the front lines describing visions of Panagia during the battles. Soldiers described a radiant woman, clothed in shining garments, who walked among the trenches, offering comfort and protection. Others reported how artillery shells fell without exploding or how bullets missed their mark, as though deflected by an unseen hand. These stories, preserved in the archives of the Church of Greece, reveal the deep conviction that the Theotokos herself was present, interceding for her people and shielding them from destruction. For this reason, the victory against the Italians was not understood merely as the result of military skill or human courage, but also as a miracle of divine protection. The people of Greece believed then, and continue to believe now, that the Panagia was their Champion General, just as she had been throughout centuries of struggle and trial.

The spiritual dimension of OXI Day is what makes it unique in the history of the Second World War. The cry of “OXI” was joined with the prayer “Most Holy Theotokos, save us,” and the two became inseparable. The faith of the Greek people did not erase the hardships of war; there was great suffering, loss, and sacrifice, but it gave them the conviction that God's providence was guiding history and that no matter how dark the night, the light of Christ would shine through.



The global significance of the Greek stand is beyond dispute. Adolf Hitler himself later admitted, in conversations recorded in *Hitler's Table Talk* (1941–1944), that the unexpected resistance of Greece forced him to delay his planned invasion of the Soviet Union. This delay meant that German forces entered Russian territory later in the year, only to be trapped in the harshness of the winter. This factor proved decisive in the eventual defeat of the Nazi war machine. Many historians affirm that the valor of Greece bought the Allies precious time and altered the trajectory of the entire conflict.

World leaders were not slow to recognize this contribution. In the British Parliament, Winston Churchill declared: *“If there had not been the virtue and courage of the Greeks, we do not know what the outcome of the war would have been”* (House of Commons, April 24, 1941). On another occasion, in November 1940, he famously remarked, *“Hence we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks.”* Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, in his address of April 1941, proclaimed: *“When the entire world had lost all hope, the Greek people dared to question the invincibility of the German monster.”* Even Joseph Stalin acknowledged, according to later Soviet accounts, that the Greek resistance had given the Soviet Union invaluable time to prepare.



Thus, OXI Day is not only a national commemoration for Greece but a moment of global historical importance. It was proof that a small nation, animated by faith, courage, and principle, could resist tyranny and inspire the world. The moral courage of Greece, joined with its deep reliance on divine protection, became a beacon of hope to all who yearned for freedom.

For us as Orthodox Christians, OXI Day speaks across the decades with a message that is as urgent now as it was then. **Freedom is a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility.** It is not given cheaply, but won through sacrifice, vigilance, and faith. The people of Greece in 1940 demonstrated that true power is not measured by weapons or numbers but by the strength of a people united in faith and committed to their dignity. Their example calls us to remember that even in our daily struggles, God is present, and that when we turn to Him with trust, we too will find the courage to endure and to overcome.

For Greek Americans, the commemoration of OXI Day is both a poignant reminder of the past and a guiding force for the present. It connects us to the sacrifices of our ancestors and the faith that sustained them, while also reminding us of the values we must uphold in our own lives. Living in the United States, a nation founded on liberty and human rights, we see the natural connection between Greece and America, between the resistance of a small European nation in 1940 and the principles that remain at the heart of this country today. **Both Greece and America share the conviction that freedom must be defended and that truth and justice must prevail.** The bond between the two nations, strengthened during that time of war, continues to this day, grounded in a shared love of freedom and a respect for human dignity.



As we reflect on October 28, 1940, we do so with gratitude not only for the valor of the soldiers but also for the continuing protection of the Theotokos. Just as she walked with the Greek nation in its darkest hours, so too we remember her presence in the life of her people throughout history and even today. The enduring lesson of OXI Day is that no earthly power can overcome a people united in faith, determined to preserve their dignity, and willing to sacrifice for the sake of freedom.

On this solemn anniversary, let us fervently pray that the Panagia may always bless and protect the Hellenic Nation, the Greek American community, and every land where Her children dwell. May She also watch over the United States of America, this land of freedom and human rights, that it may remain steadfast in the defense of truth, justice, and dignity. May Her maternal care inspire us with courage, strengthen us in faith, and guide us always to live as servants of God and of one another.

Fr. Christoforos Oikonomidis

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

October 2025

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As the fall season is upon us with cooler days and colorful leaves, we come together with gratitude and fellowship for vibrant life of our parish.

This month, we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos (October 1)**, and our Philoptochos has planned a trip to our beloved monastery, Agia Skepi on Saturday October 11. It is a blessing to attend this sacred pilgrimage.

Later in the month, we will also gather to commemorate **OXI Day (October 28)**, remembering the courage and sacrifice of those who stood for freedom and faith. Our Greek school will present a wonderful program on Sunday October 26. We hope you will stay and attend to congratulate our students.

We are also blessed with many parish activities in October. Our ministries, youth programs, and fellowship groups continue to grow, and we encourage everyone to take part.

As we move forward in this ecclesiastical year, we thank all our teachers and ministry leaders who give their time and talents to our parish.

In Christ's service,
Georgia Halakos
Parish Council President



HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY September 2025

Newborn 40-day Blessings

Maria Kappatos, daughter of Vasilis & Vasiliki Kappatos, received her 40 day Church blessing on September 14, 2025.

Martha Mackenzie Smith, daughter of Timothy & Anne Smith, received her 40 day Church blessing on September 30, 2025.

We congratulate the families and pray the Lord will bless them as they prepare for baptism.

Baptisms:

Matthew Ezra Nicholas, son of John & Emily Nicholas, was baptizeded in our Church on September 20, 2025. His sponsors were Elizabeth Fleming & Demetrios Terovolos. We congratulate him and his sponsors and welcome Matthew Ezra into the Orthodox faith.

Weddings:

Olivia Damore & Caleb Pless, were united in marriage on September 28, 2025. The sponsor was Georgia Flamporis. We congratulate the newly united in Christ and pray our Lord will bless them always.

Memorials:

Voula Manis ~ 1 Year ~ September 14

Metropolitan Dionysios of Corinth ~ 40 Days ~ September 21

George Righos ~ 4 Years ~ September 21

Joanne Righos McGee ~ 9 Years ~ September 21

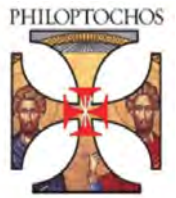
George Tsoukalas ~ 10 Years ~ September 21

Andrew Tsaldaris ~ 40 Days ~ September 28

Alexandra "Sandy" Pappas ~ 6 Months ~ September 28



Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity St. Agape Chapter



Dearest Philoptochos Sisters and Parishioners:

The Ladies of Philoptochos began September 9 with a welcome back covered dish meeting. It was wonderful to see everyone back from summer break.

The ladies gathered on September 20 in the AHEPA Room and packed 100 breakfast bags and 100 lunch bags for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington. On September 21 we held an Artoklasia for the health and strength of the members of our St. Agape Chapter in addition to hosting coffee hour.

We are looking forward to a busy October beginning with a pilgrimage to St. George Church in Taylor followed by a visit to the Holy Protection Monastery in White Haven on October 11. Please mark your calendars and let me or Susie know of your participation.

Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday is on October 19. Ladies are encouraged to wear pink, and men can participate by wearing a pink tie.

The Bid N Buy season has also begun. We will be supporting our Philoptochos sister chapters in the tri-state areas for these fundraisers in the next several months and anticipate that our sister chapters support **our Bid N Buy which is now being held on Friday, December 5 at 6:00pm.** Tickets are on sale now! Please call and reserve your table by calling Angie Karakasidis at 610-864-4621 or Dena Verikakis at 484-433-3896.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Wishing you all a blessed month,
In Christ's Service,
Dena Verikakis



100 breakfast bags and 100 lunch bags for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington (top and left!)

(bottom) The Philoptochos celebrates their name day, (St Sophia, Sept. 17) on Sunday, September 21



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.



"In you O, Mother of God, all my hope I set, guard me under your protection."

Please join our Ladies Philoptochos Society for a pilgrimage to

*St George's and
Agia Skepi Monastery
Saturday, October 11, 2025*

COST: \$50 per person

Itinerary:

Leaving the Holy Trinity parking lot at 9:00am (SHARP)
Visiting St George's where we will venerate the Myrrh Bearing Icon of Panagia
and then we will go to the monastery in White Haven, PA
Lunch and a visit at the Monastery
(and shopping at the monastery)

OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

We hope you will join us for this exciting pilgrimage.

For more information or to reserve your seat on the bus contact:

Dena Verikakis @ 484-433-3896 or the Church Office @ 302-654-4446

A non-refundable payment, due upon reservation, with your check written out to Philoptochos, can be given to Dena Verikakis or brought to the Church office no later than September 30th.

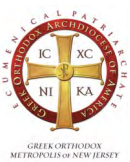
Name(s): _____

Phone # _____

No. attending _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Make your reservation early as seats are limited



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Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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FOOD!

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Fellowship!

Thursday October 16th 2025
6:30 PM

FALL!



Please RSVP by Monday October 13th to
Anna Fournaris at fournaris10@gmail.com



GOYA NEWS

OCTOBER



GOYA started off the new ecclesiastical year with the board taking their oath of office, and we had the honor of surprising Fr. Christoforos with the announcement of his official American citizenship—congratulations, Father!

We held our first GOYA meeting, which was wonderfully attended. We discussed the expectations of Goyans and the many events of the year. We welcomed 7 new members to our group, and we are so excited that our GOYA family is growing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Dance Practice: Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM
- Agia Skepi Trip: Saturday, October 11th
- Basketball Practice: Every Monday
 - Girls – 6:30 PM
 - Boys – 7:30 PM
- Next GOYA meeting Thursday, October 30th
- Weekly: Attend Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
- We are working on finalizing plans for our first outing—stay tuned for more details!



The DVYC Presents:

SAVE THE DATE!



2025 GOYA FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025



**INNABAH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
SPRING CITY, PA**

Registration opens September 28th!

A joyous day with our Sunday School Students returning for the new year on **September 14!** We were blessed with the presence of Fr. Emmanuel Pratsinakis. On this sacred day, we honored the profound significance of the Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross. May the Cross continue to guide our lives!



Adult Greek Dance Workshop

On Thursday, September 18 we held an Adult Greek Dance Workshop taught by our GOYA Dance Teacher, Agnoulia Marcantonis and some of our senior GOYAns!



All proceeds will go directly to our GOYA Terpsichorean Greek Dance Group for new costumes!



JOY & HOPE ACTIVITIES!!!



On Friday, September 19, we held our first Joy/Hope meeting where Fr. Christoforos welcomed our children and spoke to them about the sacred symbol of the Holy Cross, followed by pizza and fun activities!

On Sunday, September 21, we had our first “Lemonade Stand” during coffee hour, run by our children, and the proceeds collected will support the needs of this youth ministry of our Parish.





HOPE & JOY HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

Hayride • Flashlight Cornmaze • Playground
Campfire Story: The Life of St. Dimitrios
Pizza • S'mores

Fun for Everyone!

*Free Admission
RSVP required*



Friday, October 17, 2025



6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Ramsey's Farm
440 Ramsey Rd
Wilmington, DE 19803



RSVP: hopejoyhtw@gmail.com
856-803-7857

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT HOPE & JOY FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 26, 2025 After Divine Liturgy — During Coffee Hour

Frappe + Mpougatsa = A Taste of Greece!

All proceeds benefit HOPE & JOY Activities

Bring your family & friends and enjoy a delicious Greek treat while supporting our youth.

Special thanks to KAST Distributors for generously donating the mpougatsa!



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*

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.holytrinitywilmington.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

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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 (\$62/month or \$15/week)

☐ \$1,000.00 (\$84/month or \$20/week)

☐ \$1,500.00 (\$125/month 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

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Dear Parishioners, as we enter the Fall season, we kindly remind those who have not yet fulfilled their annual stewardship commitment that now is the time to do so. Our Cathedral is more than just a building; it is the living presence of Christ in our community, where we gather to Worship, to pray, to learn, and to serve. Based on our budget, ***we need \$2,000 per day to operate and maintain our doors open***. At present, about 400 families are listed as stewards, yet we know that the number of families connected to our parish life is much greater. It would be a blessing if every family living in our area joined in supporting our Cathedral, ensuring that our mission continues for generations to come.

If each stewarding family contributed \$40 a week, all of our operational needs would be fully met, allowing us to focus more on ministry rather than fundraising. Most importantly, your stewardship allows us to serve God and His people, especially our children, who are the future of our Church. While our Greek Festival is a beloved tradition, our parish should not rely on it as the main source of financial stability. Instead, we invite all of you to join together as one family in Christ, to offer generously from the heart, so that our Cathedral may continue to shine as a beacon of faith, love, and service in our community.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Christoforos Oikonomidis

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

Adamopoulos, Christos & Nancy
Asimos, George & Kristie
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2025 FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Al-Annouf, Nabil & Rabia Batah
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Bouloukos, Harry & Anastasia
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Charalambides, Dino & Nia
Chilimidos, Effie
Chilimidos, Jerry & Amy
Chollis, Drew
Christoforatos, Demetri & Dimitra
Christou, Alecca
Christou, Christos & Evie
Coates, George & Evie
Constantinou, Elizabeth
Constantinou, George
Constantinou, Georgeia
Constantinou, Stephen
Constantinou, Virginia
Coulaloglou, Michelle
Courtis, Harry & Sophia

Coustenis, Katherine
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Degermentzidis, Yiannys
Demetriou, Anna
Diamanty, Thomas
Diamond, Anthony & Lauren
Diamond, John
Diamond, Soula
Diamond, Thomas
Dickey, Irene
Dougher, John & Christina
Doukakis, Helen
Drimones, Clara
Drimones, Nicholas
Dumel, John+ & Evangeline
Evangelatos, Speros & Emily

2025 FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Ferentinos, Joan	Joseck, Xanthi & Fred	Markatos, Harry & Susan	Spence, Jason & Sunday
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Fournaris, Anna	Karakasidis, Demetri & Eleni	Novakis, Louis	Thomas, Richard & Angela
Fournaris, Constantine & Kristen	Karakasidis, John & Vickie	Ohlemacher, Evangeline	Tiniakos, Gregory & Elaine
Fournaris, George & Soula	Karakasidis, Stephen & Angie	Pacienza, Stephanie	Tsaganos, Alexandra
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Galanis, Agnes	Karapanagiotis, Athanasios	Pandelakis, Denis & Anna	Tsaganos, Nicholas & Joanna
Gatanis, Theodore	Karas, Theodore & Pamela	Pantelopulos, Anthony & Daphne	Tsaganos, Robert & Popi
Gatos, Paula	Karavasilis, Nicholas & Foula	Papachrysanthou, Chris & Popi	Tsaganos, Robert
Geanopoulos, Georgiean	Karvounis, Nikolaos & Amanda	Papachrysanthou, George & Laura	Tsakataras, George
George, Mary	Kayiaros, Joanna	Papanicholas, Evan	Tsakiris, Konstantine
Georgiou, Constantinos	Kirifides, Eleni	Papanicholas, Maria	Tsakumis, George & Julia
Gerakios, Michael	Kirifides, Lazarus V	Papettas, Vasilis & Christina	Tsakumis, Theodore
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Gerakios, Nikoletta	Klezaras III, Michael	Pettaris, George & Stavroula	Tsoukalas, Niki
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Halakos, Garifalia	Kostas, Nicholas & Stephani	Raisis, Irene	Vlami, Nicholas & Peggy
Haldas, George & Beth	Kostos, Yianni	Raisis, Pauline	Vlastaridis, Theodoros & Sofia
Haldas, Harry	Kotanidis, Christos & Maria	Raisis, Spiros	Voultsis, Catherine
Haldas, Nicholas & Rodie	Kotanidis, Roula	Raisis, William & Emily	Voultsis, Evangeline & Damien
Haldas, Thomas	Krmedas, Matoula	Rapposelli, Hareklia	Voultsis, Jordana
Haldas-Long, Irene	Kyranakis, John	Rassias, George & Amalea	Wiechecki, Frank & Kelly
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Hatzis, Katherine	Lawson, Michael & Victoria	Riga, Jason & Ekaterini	Zerefos, Markos & Eugenia
Hatzis, Tom & Bing	Lazopoulos, Emmanuel & Laura	Righos, Elaine	Zicarelli, Louis & Catherine
Heggan, Brandon & Maria	Lazopoulos, John & Christina	Roussalis, John & Valerie	
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Hinte, Jr., Forrest	Lengel, Robert & Maria	Roustopoulos, Theodoros & Natalie	September 26, 2025
Hionis, Sophia	Liarakos, George+ & Ann	Saitis, Mary	307 Families
Humphrey, Caroline	Logullo, Desponia & Francis	Sarmousakis, Marika	of 400+ Families
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Jacobs, Joseph & Alexandra	Mantzavinos, Spiros & Megan	Savopoulos, Despina	active members of
Joris, Irene	Marcantonis, George & Agnoulia	Schillinger, Robert & Karen	Holy Trinity Cathedral.
Joseck, Anastasia	Marini, Irene	Semos, Joanne	
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ALTAR GUILD

The Elevation of the Holy Cross was celebrated on September 14th and the Altar Guild organization donated all the flowers for this occasion. A big thank you to Steve Nicholas who decorated the Icon, made the flower arrangements and decorated the tray. Thanks to all the members who either donated and helped at our first coffee hour for this season.

On November 21st the church will be celebrating the Entrance of The Theotokos into the Temple. We are asking a donation to cover the expense of decorating this Icon.

Our organization will again be decorating the church for the great feast of the Holy Nativity celebrated on December 25. If you would like to contribute to the Icon as well as Poinsettias please contact Joanne Tarabicos or Evie Fournaris or any member of the Altar Guild, as well as using the form below.

Thank you so much for your support.

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.

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





The Greater Philadelphia Committee of IOCC invites you to the
14TH ANNUAL BANQUET TO BENEFIT IOCC
Sunday, October 26, 2025

3:30pm Hors d'Oeuvres & Silent Auction • 5:00pm Dinner & Program

Come and learn about IOCC's programs around the world and how your support makes a difference in places like Ethiopia, Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and the US.

Adelphia Restaurant, Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom
1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096

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

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Or make checks out to IOCC and mail to
IOCC | 110 West Road, Suite 360 | Baltimore, MD 21204

Tickets: \$85 per person

Questions? E-mail Theodora Veronis at TVeronis@iocc.org



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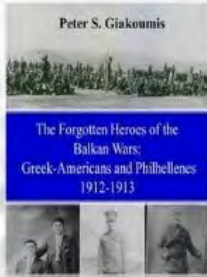
Sponsorships received by Oct. 17 will be recognized in the program.

WAR IN THE BALKANS



60th Anniversary

The Forgotten Greek-American Heroes of 1912-13



PETER S. GIAKOUMIS

*Award-winning author,
Award-winning filmmaker,
Historian & Researcher*

35,000 Greek Americans returned to Greece to fight for their homeland in 1912. making up one-third of the Greek army.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 6:30 PM

**ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL, BLUE BOX THEATER
4319 LANCASTER PIKE, BLDG 20, FIRST ON RIGHT.**

AN OCS CAMPUS TOUR IS OFFERED AT 5:30 PM FOR INTERESTED GUESTS.

MEET & GREET BOOK SIGNING & RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW.



The Hellenistic Era

Beginning in 336 BC with the conquests of Alexander the Great and ending in 31 BC. Greece marked achievements in science, mathematics, astrology, architecture, biology, philosophy, politics and civic responsibility, religion, the arts and culture. Infrastructure developed, trade flourished and the Hellenic culture was shared, from the eastern Mediterranean to the Near East, India, and China. This epoch witnessed the discoveries of Aristotle, Euclid, Epicurus, Diogenes and Archimedes, and the creation of art celebrating the dynamic human form evoking awe, human emotion, revelation and delight. Since the Hellenistic period, Greek culture has become a part of humanity's shared heritage.

A Cultural & Historical Overview
by Dr. Costas Fountzoulas

Sunday
October 12, 2025
1:00 p.m.

"And if a man should partake of our culture, let him be called Hellene."

Isocrates, 4th Century B.C

AHEPA Room, 808 N. Broom St. Wilmington, DE 19806

On September 13 the Hellenic University Club gathered at Brandywine Creek State Park and enjoyed a day of fellowship, music and wonderfully prepared Greek Picnic food! All who came had a wonderful time!



On Sunday, September 7th, we joyfully installed our new GOYA Board for 2025-2026 and then we held our first meeting. We pray that the Lord blesses them with wisdom, strength, and joy in their ministry. These are truly wonderful young people, filled with faith and love for their Church, and eager to serve their fellow GOYAns.

President: Anastasia Thomas * Vice President: Eleni Marcantonis * Treasurer: George Psihalinos * Recording Secretary: Sia Dargakis * Corresponding Secretary: Anna Psihalinos * Historian: Katerina Marcantonis
GOYA Advisors: Agnoulia Marcantonis * Angie Karakasidis * Angela Thomas



We are pleased and excited to announce that the annual 2025 Delaware Valley Region Ambassador Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at The Adelpia Restaurant. Our parish honorees who will be recognized this year by His Eminence, Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, are:

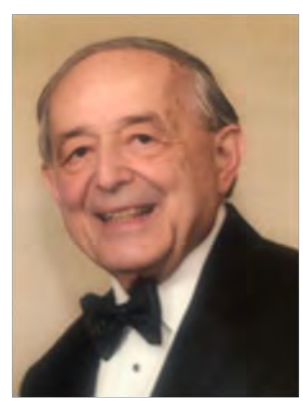
Youth Ambassadors

- ♦ **Ambassador of Faith: Josiah Wolcott**
- ♦ **Ambassador of Love: Anastasia Thomas**
- ♦ **Ambassador of Hope: Joseph Demourtzidis**
- ♦ **Ambassador of Peace: Alexander Hall**

Parish Honorees:

- ♦ **Parish Honoree: Dr. Leo Rasis**
- ♦ **Philoptochos Honoree: Joanne Tarabicos**
- ♦ **Youth Worker Honoree: Evaggelia Thomas**
- ♦ **Senior Parish Honoree: Dr. Theodore Michell**

Please come and join us that evening to show your appreciation to these eight parishioners. They truly deserve this honor for their dedicated contributions throughout the years.





GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS of NEW JERSEY

***His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey***

*Cordially invites you
to the*

**2025 DELAWARE VALLEY REGION
AMBASSADOR AWARDS BANQUET**

on

Sunday, November 2, 2025

at

"The Adelphia"

1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ 08096

Your presence will be greatly appreciated

Cocktail Hour: 4:00pm

Program and Dinner: 5:00pm

Tickets: \$100.00

Please contact and make checks payable to your local
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RSVP by October 17, 2025

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Dear Friends,

We are again providing fresh holiday wreaths for your family, friends and associates. These hand-crafted Christmas wreaths and holiday evergreens are delivered fresh to the front door. They are a wonderful gift for someone...or yourself.

Visit the website at **GiftItForward.com** to see all the options available for purchase. Use the Fundraising Code **DAUGHTDE001** to help us with our efforts. Pre-Order shipping begins the week of November 20. Order early as they tend to run out.

As always, thank you for your support.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



Classic Wreath \$59.50-\$63.50

The Classic Wreath is as traditional as Christmas itself - handcrafted with the freshest Minnesota Balsam Fir. This Wreath is beautifully decorated with selected, white tipped cones, festively accented with jingle bells and trimmed with a gold-backed red velveteen bow. Celebrate the holiday season with this traditional symbol of world peace.



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Table Top Christmas Tree \$62.50-\$79.50

This live table top Christmas tree arrives with seven frosted and glittered pine cones, a star garland accent, an LED Light Set (see page 4), and the perfect northern star tree topper. All trimming arrives with the tree for fun, easy decorating. Each tree comes complete with care instructions.



The Candlelit Centerpiece \$62.50

This seasonal centerpiece, as pictured, is bursting with naturally scented mixed evergreens which stay fresh and moist from the floral foam base. The festive decorations are certain to delight your guests and lend a joyful air to your Holiday Celebrations. Size: Approximately 18" wide.



On Wednesday September 24, Fr. Christoforos blessed the opening of the 2025-2026 Greek School year with an Agiasmos Service.

The Holy Trinity Cathedral offers Greek School classes to both youth and adults. If you have not registered your children (or yourself) for Greek School, please contact Popi Tsaganos @ kallitsaganos@gmail.com or call the church office to find out how!!



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Fr. Christoforos' Speech on September 11 Commemoration
Young at Heart Gathering, Ahepa Room
Thursday, September 11, 2025

It is always a blessing and a joy for me, as your parish priest, to be together with you, the cherished members of our Cathedral's *Young at Heart* group. I genuinely mean it when I say that I treasure every moment we share, whether here at one of our gatherings, or most importantly, in the holy presence of God every Sunday at the Divine Liturgy. You are the living pillars of our Cathedral, the generation that has prayed, built, and sustained our community with faith, sacrifice, and love. I am humbled to walk alongside you.



Today, however, our gathering takes place on a day that weighs heavily on our hearts and memories. September 11 is not simply a date on the calendar. It is not just a day of national remembrance. It is a day of mourning and prayer, a day when our souls are drawn into deep reflection on one of the darkest days in recent history.

On this day in 2001, the world as we knew it changed forever. In the space of a few tragic hours, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were taken by the cruel hands of terrorism. The attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the failed attempt that ended in a Pennsylvania field were not just attacks on buildings or cities. They were attacks on humanity, on freedom, and on the dignity of every human being created in the image of God.

September 11 is not only an American tragedy; it is an international tragedy. The victims came from over 90 nations, representing countless backgrounds and faiths. The grief spread across the globe, reminding us that evil has no borders and that the pain of such senseless violence touches the whole human family.



I personally had the fortune and blessing to get to know the family of one of those victims: a young woman named **Danielle Kousoulis**, only 29 years old. Danielle was a vibrant, ambitious, and determined young woman. She was deeply devoted to her family, to her faith, and to her Hellenic traditions. She had a bright and promising future ahead of her. Yet, the bloodied hands of the terrorists did not allow this flower to bloom. Her life, like the lives of 2,605 others in and around the World Trade Center that morning, was cut short in a violent instant.

The average age of those who perished that day in New York City was only 40. Many were young professionals, parents with small children, firefighters, and police officers running into danger to save lives. Nearly 3,000 souls were lost that Tuesday morning. And yet, the tragedy did not end there.

In the years since, a new wave of suffering has emerged. Exposure to the toxic air at Ground Zero has led to cancers and other serious illnesses. By 2018, almost 10,000 first responders and survivors had been diagnosed with cancer, and over 2,000 deaths were attributed to 9/11-related diseases. It is heartbreaking to realize that the number of people who die from these lingering illnesses will soon outnumber those killed on that terrible day itself.

And beyond our nation, the ripple effects of September 11 led to wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, claiming the lives of countless soldiers and civilians, both Americans and locals. When we add these numbers together, we begin to understand just how devastating the aftermath of a single morning in September has been for the world.



My dear friends, as we reflect on this, our hearts cannot help but ache. Yet as Christians, we are not people without hope. We mourn, yes, but we mourn with prayer. We weep, but we weep with faith. We remember, but we also lift up those memories to God, the Giver of life, who alone can bring peace to restless souls.



Today, let us not only honor the memory of Danielle, and the nearly 3,000 souls lost that morning, but also the countless others who have suffered and died since. Let us also honor the bravery of the first responders, who ran toward danger when others fled, many of whom sacrificed their own lives so that others could live.

Most importantly, let us commit ourselves to ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten. Our duty is to remember and to teach. To teach our children and grandchildren about the fragility of peace, the value of life, and the need to root our world in love and justice, not in hatred and violence.

As we stand here together, as the *Young at Heart* family of our Cathedral, let us pray fervently that such injustices may never again be repeated. May God protect our nation and all nations from the scourge of terrorism and violence. May He comfort the families who still grieve, and may He grant eternal rest to those who perished.

And may we, in our daily lives, be witnesses of peace, forgiveness, and hope. For in the end, only by walking in the way of Christ, in love and in truth, can the world be healed of such wounds. My beloved friends, let us always remember. Let us never forget. And let us pray that God, in His mercy, will save and protect the world. Eternal be their memory.



The Young at Heart
invites you to our next gathering on
October 9, 2025 at 12pm.

We meet in the AHEPA Room
The 2nd Thursday of every month!
Come and join us!

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

"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



*New First Visits	244
*Children Served	988
*Adults Served	2009
*Total	2997

Approximately one quarter of the children in the State of Delaware do not get enough food to eat. Please add "The Food Pantry" to your grocery lists!

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Thank you for your generous support!

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

September at the Emmanuel Dining Room

We *sincerely* thank **Paulette Alexandridis** for sponsoring the meal in September, as she has for many, many years now. The host for the meal in October will be the **James Tarabicos family**, given in loving memory of the anniversary of his passing. They have generously sponsored this month for many years now. 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!*

The 3rd and Walnut St. dining room is 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.*

Serving in October

Coffee Hours:

October 5 ~ AHEPA

October 12 ~ Parish Council

October 19 ~ Philoptochos

October 26 ~ Sunday/Greek School (Oxi Day Program)



Narthex Duty:

October 5 ~ Group 2

October 12 ~ Group 1

October 19 ~ Group 2

October 26 ~ 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

All readers are also tonsured



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Vasilios Dargakis	Demetri Moutsatsos	Alex Tsakumis
Joseph Demourtzidis	Demetri Psaltis	*+Nicholas Turley
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Johnny Dietrich	George Psihalinos	*+NektariosWiehecki
+Ioannis Gerakios	Gerasimos Psihalinos	+Fotios Wolcott
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+Angelo Hall	Nicholas Rassias	+Josiah Wolcott
+Demetri Karakasidis	Stamati Roussos	
+Ioannis Karakasidis	+Demetri Thomas	

ALTAR ASSISTANTS

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

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School	2 7pm GOYA Dance Practice	3	4
5 <u>2nd Sunday of Luke</u> 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School 5pm DVYC BBALL <u>6:30pm Vespers St Thomas, Cherry Hill, NJ</u>	6 National Clergy Retreat Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	7 National Clergy Retreat 7pm AHEPA Executive Meeting	8 National Clergy Retreat 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School	9 National Clergy Retreat 12pm Young @ Heart Gathering 7pm GOYA Dance Practice	10 5:30pm HOPE JOY Hayride & Campfire	11 Philoptochos Pilgrimage
12 <u>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council</u> 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School SS Canned Food Drive Begins Sunday School Teacher Meeting 12pm Serving at Emmanuel Dining Room 1pm HUC Lecture	13 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	14 6pm Philoptochos Meeting 7pm AHPEA Meeting	15 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School	16 6:30pm YAL Gathering 7pm GOYA Dance Practice & Meeting	17 6pm Vespers St. Luke, Broomall, PA	18 <u>St Luke @ Broomall, PA</u>
19 <u>3rd Sunday of Luke</u> 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School Philoptochos to pass a tray for Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday 4pmDVYC BBALL	20 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	21	22 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School 6pm OCF @ UDE	23 5pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	24 5:30pm HOPE JOY Dance Practice & Kid Mission Prep	25 1pm Wedding 7pm Vespers St Demetrios, Upper Darby, PA
26 <u>6th Sunday of Luke St Demetrios</u> 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Sunday School FOOD DRIVE BEGINS OXI DAY Greek School Program in the Church Hall 1pm Baptism 2pm DVYC BBALL @ Broomall, PA 5:30pm IOCC Banquet @ Adelphia	27 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	28 OXI DAY 6pm Daughters of Penelope Meeting 7pm DVYC Meeting, St Thomas, Cherry Hill	29 12pm Bible Study 5:30p Greek School	30 12pm Philoptochos Serving at Emmanuel Dining Room 7pm GOYA Dance Practice & Meeting	31	NOV 1 Agioi Anargyroi Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian & 9:00am Orthros /Divine Liturgy Water Blessing for the new Month. 10am KID Mission @ Upper Darby, PA 1pm Baptism

**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
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Annos, William
Artemiadis, Panagiotis & Spyridoula
Arvanitis, Lisa & Argyrios
Asimos, George & Kristi
Asimos Sr., George
Caras, Constantine & Maria
Chambers, George & Kathy
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Ciabattoni, Olga
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Constantinou, John & Carol
Coulaloglou, Michele
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Fournaris, Manny & Evie
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Kayiaros, Joanna
Kirifides, Alex & Kathy
Kirifides, Lazarus & Helen
Kirifides, Michael & Kerry
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Klezaras, Michael & Kathy
Kollias, Basil & Demi
Kolovos, Demetri & Effie
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Lomis, Toula
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Michell, Theodore & Catherine
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Papettas, Vasilis & Christina
Pennia, John & Stacey
Pettaris, George & Stavroula
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Psaltis, John
Psaltis, Tom & Cindy
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Rassias, Dion & Gina
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Souleles, Nicholas & Alexis
Stout, Robert & Voula
Tarabicos, John & Joanne
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Tsaganos, Robert & Popi
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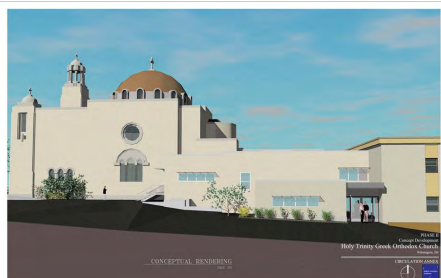
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