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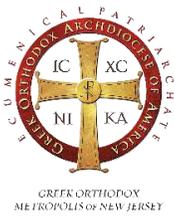
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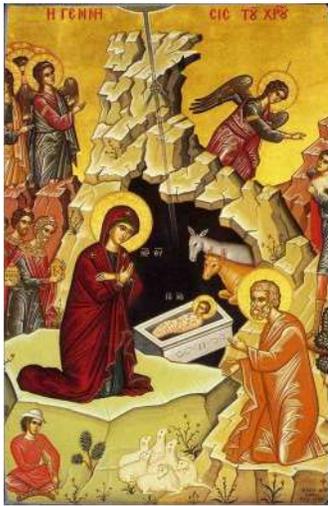
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ΙΕΡΟΣ ΚΑΘΕΛΡΙΚΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΤΡΙΑΔΟΣ

My dear beloved parishioners and friends of our Holy Trinity Cathedral,

The month of December is always a welcome blessing for all of us. It carries a spirit of warmth, expectation, and beauty as we draw closer to the great feast of Christmas. The air changes, our homes prepare, and our hearts begin to anticipate the joy of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Church, in her wisdom, has appointed this period as the time of the Advent fast, which began on November 15th and concludes on Christmas Day. This is not simply a dietary exercise. It is a sacred pathway that helps prepare our souls for the birth of Christ. The fast must be joined with good deeds, with acts of mercy, with generosity, and with forgiveness. Real preparation for Christmas happens when we soften our hearts, let go of resentment, and offer love to one another in the same spirit with which Christ offered Himself to the world.



December is also a month filled with radiant feast days, spiritual celebrations that shine like bright lanterns along our journey toward the glorious feast of the Nativity. As the world around us becomes busier and more distracted during this season, the Church gently places before us the lives of holy men and women whose faith, courage, and devotion illuminate the path to Christ. These saints are not distant historical figures. They are living examples, intercessors, and teachers who help us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior.

On December 4th we celebrate Saint Barbara, a courageous young woman whose steadfast devotion to Christ has inspired countless Christians throughout the centuries. She lived in an age of persecution when confessing the name of Jesus was a crime punishable by death. Yet she remained loyal to the truth of the Gospel, refusing to submit to the pressures of her pagan surroundings or the threats of her own father. In her suffering she displayed unwavering strength, proving that love for Christ is more powerful than any earthly fear. Her life calls us to stand firm in our faith, especially when the world pushes us toward compromise or silence. Through her intercessions, Saint Barbara continues to strengthen the faithful, reminding us that holiness is possible even in the most difficult circumstances.

Only two days later, on December 6th, the Church honors another beloved saint, Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker and bishop of Myra. Known throughout the world for his compassion and generosity, he embodied the Gospel command to love one's neighbor. His acts of charity were done quietly and secretly, for he sought the approval of God rather than the praise of people. From providing dowries for poor young women to rescuing the innocent from unjust punishment, Saint Nicholas lived a life of active love. During the Advent season, when we are called to open our hearts to others, his example reminds us that true Christian giving flows from humility, mercy, and genuine concern for those in need.

On December 12th we commemorate Saint Spyridon, the gentle bishop of Trimythous. A simple shepherd by trade and a man of deep humility, he became a vessel of countless miracles. His closeness to God was evident not because he was learned in worldly wisdom but because he lived a life of purity, sincerity, and unwavering trust in the Lord. At the First Council of Nicaea, he defended the Orthodox faith with a profound yet simple clarity that even the most educated theologians admired. Saint Spyridon teaches us that holiness does not require eloquence or status. It requires a humble heart willing to follow Christ without hesitation.

December 15th brings us to the feast of Saint Eleftherios, a young and fiery bishop whose name means liberty. He preached the Gospel boldly, encouraging believers to find true freedom in their relationship with Christ rather than in worldly promises. His martyrdom strengthened the early Church, proving that the cost of discipleship may be great, but the reward is eternal life. His example invites us to seek spiritual freedom by letting go of sin, fear, and anything that binds our souls.



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Just two days later, on December 17th, we honor Saint Dionysios of Zakynthos, one of the most compassionate and forgiving saints in our tradition. His most famous act of mercy occurred when the murderer of his own brother sought refuge in his monastery. Instead of turning him away or seeking vengeance, Saint Dionysios protected him and helped him escape. He lived the command of Christ to forgive seventy times seven, showing that divine forgiveness can work even through human pain. His life challenges us deeply: to forgive not only small offenses but even great wounds, trusting that God can heal every broken heart.

Finally, on December 22nd, we commemorate Saint Anastasia the Healer, a woman of tremendous courage and compassion. During times of persecution, she ministered to prisoners, offered healing remedies to the suffering, and strengthened those who faced martyrdom. She gave hope to people who had no hope, embodying the love of Christ in the darkest circumstances. Her life teaches us that Christians are called to bring healing into a wounded world through kindness, prayer, and unwavering faith.

These saints, each in their unique way, enrich the month of December with their sanctity. They guide us, encourage us, and prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord, reminding us that the journey to Christmas is a journey of faithfulness, mercy, courage, and love.

All of these feasts elevate our minds and hearts so that we may receive with purity the culmination of our anticipation, the holy Nativity of our Lord. Orthodox Christmas is not about decoration, parties, or seasonal excitement. These things fade quickly and often leave behind sadness, emptiness, or what many call the holiday depression or the Christmas effect. Saint Paul warns us clearly when he writes, *“Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things (Colossians 3:1-2).* **Christmas is about allowing Christ to be born within us, in our hearts, our souls, our minds, and even our bodies. It is about us becoming a living Bethlehem, a spiritual manger in which the Lord may dwell.**



Yet, this transformation can only happen in the life of the Church and through the holy sacraments. *Every time we approach the chalice and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, it is Christmas. Every Divine Liturgy is a new birth of Christ within us.* The Nativity is not simply a memory of long ago. It is a present reality that enters our lives each time we commune with the Lord. The Divine Liturgy is the beating heart of Christmas. It is the place where heaven and earth meet, where the angels join us, and where the newborn King is offered to us as food for our souls. *If we truly want to experience Christmas, we must experience the Eucharist.*

We celebrate Christmas every year not only to honor the greatest event in human history, the event that divided time into before Christ and after Christ. We celebrate it as a reminder that now, this very year, this very Christmas, God calls us to repentance, to transformation, to a Christ-centered life. Every Christmas, the Lord gives us another opportunity to be renewed in Him, to be reshaped by His love, and to become like Him in our thoughts, actions, and character. The question is whether we will accept this invitation.

A beautiful and moving story from the life of Saint Jerome brings this message to life. While staying in a cave in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, Saint Jerome had a vision of the Christ Child. The divine infant asked him: *“What will you give me for my birthday?”* Jerome offered his translation of the Scriptures. The Lord said: *“That is not what I want”.* Jerome then offered his possessions, his fasting, and his prayers. Again, Jesus said: *“No”.* Finally, the Lord said: *“Give me your sins”.* Shocked, Jerome asked what the Lord would do with them. Jesus replied: *“I want your sins so that I can forgive them all!”.* At this, Jerome wept with joy. This vision teaches us that Christ came into the world to redeem us. He desires not our accomplishments but our repentance. He wants to heal our wounds and restore our souls.



As we approach this blessed feast, **I invite every member of our Cathedral family to come to Church on Christmas Eve for the Divine Liturgy at 8 p.m.** There is a troubling trend in our time where many faithful do not attend Christmas services. Yet how can we expect to feel and live the true meaning of Christmas if we are absent from the very place where Christ is born for us? How can we celebrate His Nativity without receiving the greatest Christmas gift, His most pure Body and Blood? I beg you, please come. Let us gather as one Christian family on that Holy Night. Let us welcome Christ together and experience His birth in our midst.

With all my heart, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas, a true Orthodox celebration of the Nativity in your hearts and in your lives, and a most blessed New Year for you and your beautiful families. This is my third Christmas with you, and I feel deeply grateful and truly blessed.

With love in the Lord,

**Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne
Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest**

Αγαπητοί μου ενορίτες και φίλοι του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού,



Ο μήνας Δεκέμβριος φέρνει πάντοτε μια ιδιαίτερη ζεστασιά και χαρά στις καρδιές όλων μας, καθώς πλησιάζουμε στο μεγάλο γεγονός των Χριστουγέννων. Η ατμόσφαιρα αλλάζει, τα σπίτια μας ετοιμάζονται, και οι ψυχές μας αρχίζουν να ανοίγουν για να υποδεχθούν τη Γέννηση του Κυρίου. Η Εκκλησία μας με σοφία όρισε από τις 15 Νοεμβρίου μέχρι και την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων την περίοδο της Νηστείας των Χριστουγέννων. Η νηστεία δεν είναι απλώς αποχή από ορισμένες τροφές. Είναι μια ουσιαστική πνευματική πορεία που μας οδηγεί στο να

ετοιμάσουμε την καρδιά μας για να δεχθεί τον Χριστό. Η νηστεία πρέπει να συνοδεύεται από πράξεις αγάπης, ελεημοσύνης, καλοσύνης και κυρίως συγχώρησης. Η αληθινή προετοιμασία για τη Γέννηση του Χριστού γίνεται όταν διώχνουμε από μέσα μας την πικρία, την έχθρα και την κατάκριση και καλλιεργούμε την αγάπη και την ειρήνη στις καρδιές μας.

Ο Δεκέμβριος είναι επίσης πλούσιος σε μεγάλες εορτές Αγίων και Μαρτύρων που φωτίζουν το πνευματικό μας ταξίδι μας προς τα Χριστούγεννα. Στις 4 Δεκεμβρίου τιμούμε την Αγία Βαρβάρα, μια νεαρή και γενναία Μάρτυρα που έμεινε πιστή στον Χριστό παρά τους διωγμούς και τις πιέσεις. Η σταθερότητά της μας διδάσκει να κρατούμε ακλόνητη την πίστη μας.

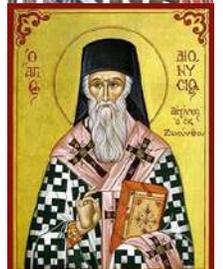
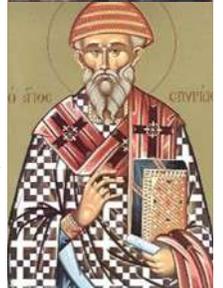
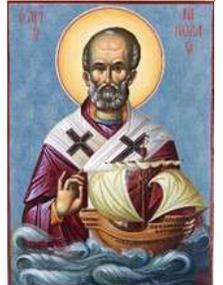
Στις 6 του μηνός τιμούμε τον Άγιο Νικόλαο, τον θαυματουργό και στοργικό επίσκοπο Μύρων, πρότυπο ελεημοσύνης και αγάπης. Η σεμνή και κρυφή γενναιοδωρία του μάς καλεί να προσφέρουμε χωρίς εγωισμό και έπαρση και χωρίς προσδοκία ανταπόδοσης.

Στις 12 Δεκεμβρίου εορτάζουμε τον Άγιο Σπυρίδωνα, τον απλό και ταπεινό επίσκοπο της Τριμυθούντος. Η ζωή του είναι γεμάτη θαύματα που φανερώνουν την καθαρότητα της καρδιάς του και τη βαθιά του αγάπη προς τον Θεό. Με σοφία και απλότητα υπεράσπισε την Ορθοδοξία στην Α' Οικουμενική Σύνοδο στη Νίκαια της Βιθυνίας και το άφθαρτο λείψανό του αποτελεί μοναδικό θησαυρό για κάθε πιστό που τον επισκέπτεται στο νησί της Κέρκυρας.

Στις 15 Δεκεμβρίου τιμάμε τον Άγιο Ελευθέριο, τον νεαρό και θαρραλέο επίσκοπο που με παρηγοσία κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο και μαρτύρησε για τον Χριστό. Το όνομά του, που σημαίνει ελευθερία, μας υπενθυμίζει ότι η αληθινή ελευθερία βρίσκεται μόνο στη ζωή με τον Χριστό.

Στις 17 του μηνός εορτάζουμε τον Άγιο Διονύσιο Ζακύνθου, τον Άγιο της συγχωρήσεως. Η συγκλονιστική του πράξη να βοηθήσει τον φονιά του ίδιου του αδελφού του να διαφύγει, δείχνει το απέραντο μέγεθος της χριστιανικής καρδιάς. Το άφθαρτο λείψανό του που βρίσκεται στη Ζάκυνθο αποτελεί πηγή θαυμάτων και ιάσεων για κάθε πιστό.

Στις 22 Δεκεμβρίου τιμούμε την Αγία Αναστασία τη Φαρμακολύτριά, προστάτιδα των ασθενών και παρηγοριά των φυλακισμένων. Η αγάπη της για τους πονεμένους και η ανδρεία της στους διωγμούς διδάσκουν σε όλους μας ότι ο Χριστιανός είναι άνθρωπος θεραπείας και ελπίδας.



Όλες αυτές οι φωτεινές μορφές μας οδηγούν στο αποκορύφωμα του μηνός, στη μεγάλη εορτή της Γεννήσεως του Κυρίου. Στην Ορθόδοξη παράδοση τα Χριστούγεννα δεν είναι μια γιορτή διακόσμησης, εξωτερικής λάμψης και παροδικής χαράς. Αυτά έρχονται και παρέρχονται, αφήνοντας συχνά πίσω τους μια θλίψη, μια κενότητα, αυτό που πολλοί ονομάζουν «χριστουγεννιάτικη κατάθλιψη». Ο Απόστολος Παύλος μας λέει: «Εἰ οὖν συνηγέρθητε τῷ Χριστῷ, τὰ ἄνω ζητεῖτε, οὗ ὁ Χριστός ἐστὶν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ Θεοῦ καθήμενος. τὰ ἄνω φρονεῖτε, μὴ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς» (Κολασ. 3,1-2). Δηλαδή: «Αν λοιπόν εγερθήκατε μαζί με το Χριστό, τα άνω να ζητάτε, εκεί όπου ο Χριστός κάθεται συνεχώς στα δεξιά του Θεού. Τα άνω να φρονείτε, όχι όσα είναι πάνω στη γη.» Τα Χριστούγεννα σημαίνουν να επιτρέψουμε στον Χριστό να γεννηθεί μέσα μας, στην καρδιά, στην ψυχή, στον νου και στο σώμα μας. Να γίνουμε εμείς η Βηθλεέμ και η φάτνη που θα Τον υποδεχθεί.

Αυτή η εσωτερική γέννηση δεν γίνεται μακριά από την Εκκλησία. Πραγματοποιείται μόνο μέσα στη μυστηριακή ζωή. **Κάθε φορά που προσερχόμαστε στη Θεία Κοινωνία, κάθε φορά που λαμβάνουμε το Σώμα και το Αίμα του Κυρίου, είναι Χριστούγεννα.** Κάθε Θεία Λειτουργία είναι μια νέα γέννηση, μια νέα επιφάνεια της χάριτος του Θεού στις ζωές μας. **Αν πραγματικά θέλουμε να ζήσουμε το μυστήριο της Γεννήσεως, πρέπει να ζήσουμε τη Θεία Λειτουργία που μας ενώνει με τον Χριστό.**



Εορτάζουμε τα Χριστούγεννα κάθε χρόνο όχι μόνο για να θυμηθούμε το μεγαλύτερο γεγονός της ιστορίας, που χώρισε τον χρόνο σε προ Χριστού και μετά Χριστόν, αλλά και για να μας θυμίσει ότι τώρα, σε αυτή τη συγκεκριμένη χρονιά, ο Θεός μάς καλεί να μετανοήσουμε, να αλλάξουμε, να γίνουμε Χριστοκεντρικοί και Χριστομιμητές. **Κάθε Χριστούγεννα ο Κύριος μάς δίνει μια νέα ευκαιρία να γεννηθούμε πνευματικά μέσα Του.**

Συγκλονιστική είναι και η ιστορία του Αγίου Ιερωνύμου στη σπηλιά της Βηθλεέμ, όπου την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων είδε τον Χριστό ως βρέφος να του ζητά δώρο. Ο Άγιος πρότεινε τη μετάφραση της Γραφής, την προσευχή, τη νηστεία, τα υπάρχοντά του. Αλλά ο Χριστός του είπε: «*Όχι. Θέλω τις αμαρτίες σου!*». Ο Άγιος εξεπλάγη. Και ο Χριστός του εξήγησε ότι τις θέλει για να τις συγχωρήσει. Αυτή είναι η ουσία της Γεννήσεως του Κυρίου. Ο Χριστός ήρθε στον κόσμο για να σηκώσει τις αμαρτίες μας και να μας λυτρώσει.

Έχοντας στο νου όλα τα παραπάνω και κάνοντας την κατάλληλη προετοιμασία στην ψυχή μας, **σας καλώ όλους να έρθετε στην Εκκλησία την παραμονή των Χριστουγέννων**, στις 8 το βράδυ, για την Χριστουγεννιάτικη Θεία Λειτουργία. Είναι θλιβερό φαινόμενο των καιρών ότι πολλοί Χριστιανοί μας δεν προσέρχονται στις ακολουθίες των Χριστουγέννων. Μα πώς μπορούμε να ζήσουμε αληθινά Χριστούγεννα μακριά από τον Χριστό; Πώς θα λάβουμε το μεγαλύτερο δώρο, το Πανάχραντο Σώμα και Αίμα Του, αν δεν βρεθούμε εκείνη τη νύχτα στην Εκκλησία; Σας παρακαλώ, ελάτε. Ας υποδεχθούμε τον Χριστό όλοι μαζί ως μία οικογένεια.



Εύχομαι σε όλους Καλά Χριστούγεννα! Εύχομαι να γεννηθεί ο Χριστός στις καρδιές σας αληθινά, και να έχετε ένα ευλογημένο νέο έτος μαζί με τις όμορφες οικογένειές σας. Εγώ δοξάζω και ευχαριστώ τον Θεό που θα γιορτάσω μαζί σας, εδώ στην Αγία Τριάδα, τα τρίτα μου Χριστούγεννα! Να είστε όλοι ευλογημένοι. Χρόνια πολλά!

π. Χριστοφόρος Οικονομίδης

Αρχιμανδρίτης του Οικουμενικού Θρόνου, Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

December 2025



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the blessed month of December, our thoughts and prayers turn toward the joy of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. This sacred season calls us to prepare — not only our homes, but also our hearts — to receive Christ with faith and love.

A special word of appreciation goes to our **Philoptochos Society** for their tireless efforts in serving those in need, especially through the **Bid 'n Buy on December 5**, which supports their many charitable works. Just two days later, on **Saturday, December 7**, our parish will host the **Rise Against Hunger** event — a wonderful opportunity for parishioners of all ages to come together in fellowship and service as we prepare thousands of meals for those in need in our community.

As we approach the end of the year, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered their **2025 stewardship pledge** or fulfilled their current commitment. Your generosity sustains the ministries, programs, and daily life of our parish. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, we kindly encourage you to do so before year's end, as every offering — large or small — makes a meaningful difference in the life of our Church.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you and your loved ones a **Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year** filled with health, happiness, and the grace of our Lord.

In Christ's Service
Georgia Halakos
Parish Council President

HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY November 2025

Baptisms:

Maria Kappatos, daughter of Vasilios & Vasiliki Kappatos, was baptized in our Church on November 1, 2025. Her sponsors were Philip & Elena Voutsakis. We congratulate her and her sponsors and welcome Maria into the Orthodox faith.

Funerals:

Thomas Hatzis, fell asleep in the Lord on November 16, 2025. His funeral was held at Holy Trinity on November 24, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Georgia Hatzis, his sister Ermioni, and brother Nicholas. He is survived by his wife, Bing, his sibling, Koula Bassiakos, his daughter, Michelle (John Sullivan), his stepdaughter, Christina (Jordan Rodgers), and his grandchildren (listed in birth order), Carina Audrey Sullivan, Elin Georgia Sullivan, and his step-grandchild, Olivia Rodgers. May his memory be eternal.

Markos Zerefos, fell asleep in the Lord on November 8, 2025. A Visitation was held at Holy Trinity on November 19, 2025. His funeral will be held in Greece. He is survived by his devoted wife, Eugenia Zerefos; his son Demetrios Zerefos and his wife Constantina, and daughter Evie Zerefos-Coates and her husband George; his cherished grandchildren, Elefteria, Yiannis his wife Lauren, Markos, and Markella. May his memory be eternal.

Memorials:

Virginia Karablacas ~ 1 Year ~ November 2

Spyros Demetriou ~ 5 Years ~ November 16

Demetrios Janoutus ~ 10 Years ~ November 16

Katina Galanakis ~ 1 Year ~ November 23

Margaret Riggins ~ 1 Year ~ November 23

William Riggins ~ 15 Years ~ November 23

Helen Grivas ~ 1 Year ~ November 30



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**2025 NATIVITY SEASON
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER

- SUNDAY 14** **11th Sunday of St Luke**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY /Sunday School
Greek School – JOY & HOPE Breakfast with Santa
- MONDAY 15** **St. Eleftherios**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
- WEDNESDAY 17** **Daniel the Prophet & St. Dionysios of Zakynthos**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
- SUNDAY 21** **Sunday before the Holy Nativity**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Philoptochos Bread Sale & Community Breakfast
- MONDAY 22** **St. Anastasia of Rome**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
- WEDNESDAY 24** **Eve of the Nativity & St. Eugenia the Martyr**
9:00am THE GREAT & ROYAL HOURS OF THE NATIVITY & VESPERAL DIVINE
(MORNING) LITURGY
- 8:00pm** **Holy Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
(EVENING) ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY OF CHRISTMAS
- SUNDAY 28** **Sunday after the Holy Nativity**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY

JANUARY

- THURSDAY 1** **The Circumcision of our Lord & Feast of St. Basil the Great**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
- SUNDAY 4** **Sunday before Epiphany**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
- MONDAY 5** **Forefeast of the Theophany**
9:00am THE GREAT & ROYAL HOURS OF THE THEOPHANY, DIVINE LITURGY &
BLESSING OF THE WATERS (Great Agiasmos) (*Strict Fast*)
- TUESDAY 6** **The Holy Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY & BLESSING OF THE WATERS (Great Agiasmos)
- WEDNESDAY 7** **Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, and Forerunner John the Baptist**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY
- SUNDAY 11** **Sunday after Epiphany**
9:00am ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY / Sunday School
Vasilopita Sunday



ΜΕΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ
ΝΕΥ ΤΖΕΡΣΙ

ΙΕΡΟΣ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΤΡΙΑΔΟΣ

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ 2025



ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 14

9:00 π.μ.

Κυριακή των Προπατόρων - 11η Κυριακή Λουκά

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Πρωινό για τα παιδιά με τον Άγιο Βασίλη

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 15

9:00 π.μ.

Αγ. Ελευθερίου

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 17

9:00 π.μ.

Δανιήλ του Προφήτου & Αγ. Διονυσίου

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 21

9:00 π.μ.

Προεόρτια της του Χριστού Γεννήσεως

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Χριστουγεννιάτικη Εκδήλωση του Κατηχητικού & Κοινοτικό πρωινό

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 22

9:00 π.μ.

Αγίας Αναστασίας Φαρμακολυτριάς

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 24

ΠΡΩΙ 9:00 π.μ.

Παραμονή της του Χριστού Γεννήσεως & Αγίας Ευγενίας

Η ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΩΝ & ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΩΝ ΩΡΩΝ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ
& ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΒΡΑΔΥ 8:00 μ.μ.

Η Γέννηση του Κυρίου ημών Ιησού Χριστού

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 28

9:00 π.μ.

Κυριακή μετά την Χριστού Γέννηση

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡΙΟΣ

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ 1

9:00 π.μ.

Η κατά σάρκα Περιτομή του Κυρίου - Αγίου Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 4

9:00 π.μ.

Κυριακή προ των Φώτων

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 5

9:00 π.μ.

Παραμονή των Φώτων (Αυστηρή νηστεία)

Η ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΩΝ & ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΩΝ ΩΡΩΝ ΤΩΝ
ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΩΝ - ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ - ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΥ

ΤΡΙΤΗ 6

9:00 π.μ.

Τα Άγια Θεοφάνεια

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ - ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΥ

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 7

9:00 π.μ.

Σύναξις του Αγίου Ιωάννου Προδρόμου

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 12

9:00 π.μ.

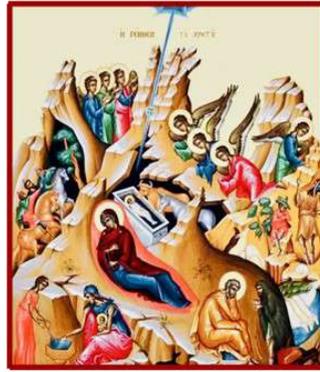
Κυριακή μετά τα Φώτα

ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ - Θα ακολουθήσει η Κοπή της Ενοριακής Βασιλόπιτας



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ



Pastoral Message of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey for the Inception of the Nativity Fast

15 November 2025

Beloved and faithful children in the Lord,

As we enter the blessed period of the Forty-Day Fast in preparation for the Holy Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I extend to you my heartfelt paternal blessing and spiritual embrace. The Church once again calls us to walk the path of repentance, illumination, and inner stillness, that we may worthily behold the mystery of the Incarnation—“the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us” (John 1:14).

The Nativity Fast, gentle yet profound, invites us to reorient our hearts toward the things of the Spirit. Fasting, as Holy Scripture teaches, is not merely abstention from food, but an offering of the heart: “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness... to share your bread with the hungry?” (Isaiah 58:6–7). Let our fasting be filled with compassion, our restraint crowned with mercy, and our discipline adorned with love.

Let us also enrich these days with fervent prayer. The Apostle exhorts us: “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). In our homes, in our parishes, and within the quiet chambers of the soul, may prayer become the warm light that leads us toward Bethlehem—the place where heaven bends low to meet humanity. As we chant the sacred hymns of anticipation, may our hearts echo the joy of the Prophet who proclaimed: “For unto us a Child is born... and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God” (Isaiah 9:6).

Beloved children, in these holy days, let us cultivate peace within ourselves and extend that peace to one another. Let us heal old wounds, seek forgiveness, and renew the bonds of unity within our families and communities. For Christ comes not only to be born in the manger of Bethlehem but to be born anew in the manger of the human heart.

As your Metropolitan, I pray that this holy fast becomes for each of you a wellspring of spiritual strength, a season of inner transformation, and a living witness to the hope that does not fade. May the approaching Feast of the Nativity fill your homes with the radiance of divine grace and your lives with the joy proclaimed by the angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men” (Luke 2:14).

With paternal love and blessings,

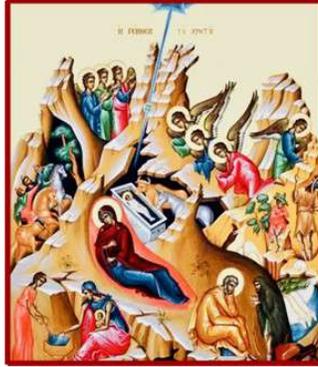
Met. Apostolos of NJ

† APOSTOLOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ



ΠΑΤΡΙΚΟ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΕΒ. ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ Γιά τήν Ἐναρξη τῆς Ἁγίας Σαρακοστῆς τῶν Χριστουγέννων

15 Νοεμβρίου 2025

Καθὼς εἰσερχόμαστε στὴν εὐλογημένη περίοδο τῆς Ἁγίας Σαρακοστῆς τῶν Χριστουγέννων, πού μᾶς ὀδηγεῖ στὴ μεγάλη ἑορτὴ τῆς κατὰ σάρκα Γεννήσεως τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος μας Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, σᾶς ἀπευθύνω τὴν πατρικὴ μου εὐλογία καὶ τὴν ἐγκάρδια στοργή μου. Ἡ Ἐκκλησία μᾶς καλεῖ καὶ πάλι σέ μία πορεία μετάνοιας, ἐγρήγορσης καὶ ἐσωτερικῆς ἀνανέωσης, ὥστε νὰ ὑποδεχθοῦμε ἄξια τὸ μέγα μυστήριό τῆς θείας Ἐνανθρωπήσεως, κατὰ τὸ ὅποιο «ὁ Λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν» (Ἰω. 1,14).

Ἡ νηστεία αὐτὴ, ἥπια ἀλλὰ βαθιά, μᾶς προσκαλεῖ νὰ στραφοῦμε περισσότερο πρὸς τὰ πνευματικά καὶ νὰ ἀνακαλύψουμε ἐκ νέου τὸν ἐσωτερικό μας κόσμο. Ἡ Ἁγία Γραφή μᾶς διδάσκει ὅτι ἡ ἀληθινὴ νηστεία δέν περιορίζεται στὴν ἐγκράτεια τῆς τροφῆς, ἀλλὰ ἐκφράζεται μέσα ἀπὸ ἔργα ἀγάπης καὶ ἐλέους: «Οὐχὶ τοιαύτην νηστείαν ἐξελεξάμην; λύε πάντα σύνδεσμον ἀδικίας... διάθρυπτε πεινῶντι τὸν ἄρτον σου» (Ἠσ. 58,6-7). Ἄς συνοδεύσουμε, λοιπόν, τὴ νηστεία μας μὲ καλοσύνη, τὴ σωματικὴ ἄσκηση μὲ φιλανθρωπία, καὶ τὴν ἐγκράτεια μὲ ἀγάπη πρὸς τὸν συνάνθρωπο.

Ἄς ἐνισχύσουμε ἐπίσης τὴν προσευχή μας, σύμφωνα μὲ τὴν προτροπὴ τοῦ Ἀποστόλου: «ἀδιαλείπτως προσεύχεσθε» (Α΄ Θεσ. 5,17). Στὰ σπίτια μας, στὶς ἐνορίες μας, καὶ στὴ σιωπὴ τῆς καρδιάς μας, ἡ προσευχὴ ἅς γίνε φῶς πού μᾶς ὀδηγεῖ πνευματικά πρὸς τὴ Βηθλεέμ, ἐκεῖ ὅπου ὁ οὐρανὸς συναντᾶ τὴ γῆ. Ἀκούγοντας τοὺς ὕμνους καὶ τὰ ἀναγνώσματα τῆς περιόδου, θυμόμαστε τὴν προφητεία: «Ὅτι παιδίον ἐγεννήθη ἡμῖν... καὶ κληθήσεται τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Θαυμαστός, Σύμβουλος, Θεὸς Ἰσχυρός» (Ἠσ. 9,6).

Στὴ διάρκεια αὐτῶν τῶν ἱερῶν ἡμερῶν, ἅς καλλιεργήσουμε τὴν εἰρήνη μέσα μας καὶ ἅς τὴν προσφέρουμε καὶ στοὺς γύρω μας. Ἄς συγχωρήσουμε, ἅς συμφιλιωθοῦμε, ἅς ἀναζωπυρώσουμε τοὺς δεσμούς ἐνότητας στὶς οἰκογένειες καὶ στὶς κοινότητές μας. Διότι ὁ Χριστὸς θέλει νὰ γεννηθεῖ ὄχι μόνο στὴ φάτνη τῆς Βηθλεέμ, ἀλλὰ καὶ στὴ φάτνη τῆς ἀνθρώπινης καρδιάς.

Ὡς Μητροπολίτης καὶ ποιμενάρχης σας, προσεύχομαι αὐτὴ ἡ Ἁγία περίοδος τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας νὰ γίνε γιὰ ὅλους σας πηγὴ πνευματικῆς δύναμης, περιόδου μεταμόρφωσης καὶ ἀνανέωσης, καὶ ὁδὸς ἐλπίδας πού μᾶς ὀδηγεῖ στό φῶς τῆς Γεννήσεως τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Εἴθε ἡ ἐρχόμενη ἑορτὴ νὰ γεμίσει τὰ σπίτια σας μὲ τὴ χάρι τῆς Θεοῦ καὶ τίς καρδιές σας μὲ τὴ χαρὰ πού ἀνήγγειλαν οἱ Ἄγγελοι: «Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνη, ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκία» (Λουκ. 2,14).

Με πατρικὴ ἀγάπη ἐν Κυρίῳ,

† Ο ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Our Holy Trinity Cathedral is a busy place!!

From our youth to our Young @ Heart and in-between, there is always something going on at Holy Trinity!!!



Bible Study—Wednesdays @ 12noon!



November 9th—The Fall General Assembly

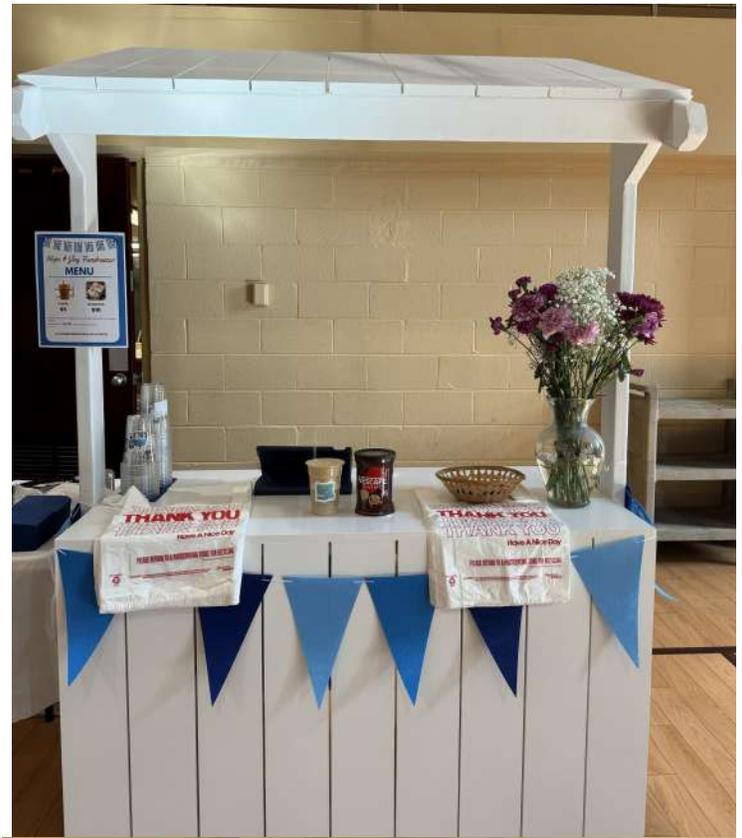


Our Young @ Heart Gathers the 2nd Thursday of every month!





Sunday School @ Holy Trinity Cathedral!



On October 26, 2025, HOPE & JOY held their second fundraiser of the year and offered frappe and warm bougatsa during Coffee Hour. The hall felt lively as the HOPE & JOY children took orders, served with big smiles, and helped create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone. We are grateful to KAST Distributors for donating the bougatsa and to Dena and Evan Verikakis for donating the coffee, which helped make this fundraiser both successful and meaningful for our ministry.

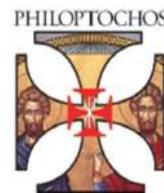


HOLY TRINITY HOPE JOY FUND RAISER





Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity St. Agape Chapter



Dearest Father Christoforos, Ladies of Philoptochos and parishioners:

As the holiday season has begun, the Ladies of Philoptochos have continued their philanthropic initiatives with special emphasis during the holidays.

Our recent efforts include a donation of \$500 to the Chester County Weekends Backpack Program. This vital initiative ensures that children facing food insecurity outside of school hours receive nutritious ready-to-eat meals and snacks for the weekend. Our donation provided weekend meals for 80 children.

The Delaware Food Bank is experiencing unprecedented demand for pantry provisions. Recognizing the food insecurity impacting many families due to rising food costs, and economic pressures, our members responded with the delivery of \$435 worth of essential groceries, including 12 turkeys. Special thanks to Popi Papachrysanthou for her remarkable commitment for diligently shopping for these crucial items and to Sophia Hionis who assisted in the transportation of these provisions directly to the Delaware Food Bank.

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, our chapter extended its outreach by disbursing financial contributions to three distinct charitable organizations. These funds are specifically designated to provide complete holiday meals, ensuring that numerous families within our community can experience the warmth and abundance of a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Another dedicated part of our philanthropy is maintaining our ongoing monthly commitment to the Emmanuel Dining Room. There are specific months that our members donate in loving memory of a loved one. In November, Maria Grigorakakis sponsored the food in loving memory of her daughter. In December, Fotini Visvardis will sponsor in loving memory of her husband. In March Libby Hantzandreu will be sponsoring in loving memory of her husband. May their memories be eternal.

Our calendar for December is filled with activities. On Sunday, November 23 we launched our annual Toy Drive in collaboration with the ministries of Joy/Hope and Goya. These cherished gifts will be lovingly distributed to both the Hope House and the Ronald McDonald House just before Christmas. Mark your calendars for December 7 when we will be hosting the "Rise Against Hunger" initiative. This event brings us all together to package 10,000 meals which will reach communities across the United States and internationally. Your participation is crucial in helping combat global food insecurity. The festive season continues with our annual Christmas breakfast on December 21 in addition to distributing the treats from our Bake Sale in addition to the Vasilopita.

A particularly special evening awaits us on December 5 as our annual Bid N Buy will be held at 6:00pm in our Community Hall. Under the leadership of Angie Karakasidis and her committee, countless hours are dedicated to making this a memorable event. This event is our largest fundraising event which allows us to continue our philanthropic endeavors throughout the year and enables us to support numerous charities. Given this bulletin's distribution prior to December 5, we strongly recommend and ask you to secure your reservations promptly. Please contact Angie Karakasidis or me as soon as possible. It is a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun and winning fabulous gifts.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 11:00am.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, healthy, happy Christmas and may God's blessing be abundant filled with health and prosperity throughout the New Year.

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.



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



Orders are due by December 8th, 2025

Orders can be picked up December 21st after Church in the Community Hall

Contact: Eleni Karakasidis at (302) 898-6047 with any questions

Name:		Telephone #:		
Item	Pieces	Price	Quantity	Total
Koulourakia	12	\$15		
Variety Box	4 Koulourakia 4 Almond 3 Kourambiedes 3 Melomakarona 2 Baklava	\$28		
Vasillopita	1	\$23		
			Total Amount Due:	

Make checks payable to Philoptochos Society and mail to:

Eleni Karakasidis
235 Caleb Drive
West Chester, PA 19382

ST. AGAPE PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL

Bid & Buy

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER
5TH** DOORS
OPEN
AT 6PM

\$35 Entrance & Dinner
(\$15 children under 12)

PRE-SALE tickets only!

For Reservations, contact:
Dena Verikakis 484.433.3896
Angie Karakasidis 610.864.4621
akarakasidis@yahoo.com



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2025 Community Christmas Card

Our Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners, we invite you to participate in this community Christmas Card in expression of joy over our Lord's birth. Philoptochos continues their philanthropic work to assist those in need and we are counting on your support and generosity to enable us to fulfill our mission.

You can participate in the following ways:

- 1) Call Joanne Tarabicos @ 302.239.4950 or Joanna Tsaganos @ 302.478.5536.
- 2) by Email at jdtaras@aol.com
- 3) use the form below and mail the information and/or payment to:
Joanne Tarabicos, 5802 Stone Pine Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 or
to the Church Office @ 808 N Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

Please make the check of \$25.00 payable to: Philoptochos Society

There will be forms in the Narthex of the Church and we will have a table during coffee hour from November 9 to December 7, 2025

Deadline: Sunday, December 7, 2025

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Joanne Tarabicos and Joanna Tsaganos

I/We wish to add my/our name(s) to the Community Christmas Card.

_____ PLEASE USE SAME WORDING AS LAST YEAR

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City & State _____

Zip _____

Telephone: _____

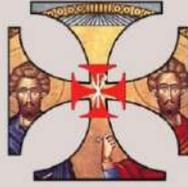
Check _____

Cash: _____



ST. AGAPE PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER

Community-Wide Philanthropic Project



Rise Against Hunger is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. riseagainsthunger.org

DECEMBER 7, 2025 | 12:00 PM

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Community Hall
Wilmington, DE

Contact: ekarakasidis@gmail.com
Eleni Karakasidis 302-898-6047

Sign Up Here





GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
Cordially invites all of the clergy
and the beloved faithful to the
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING &
OPEN HOUSE
on Thursday, December 18, 2025
6:00-9:00pm
at the
Metropolis Headquarters
215 E. Grove Street
Westfield, NJ 07090



Greek School + HOPE & JOY present:

ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Celebration

A special evening is waiting for us, a warm and festive night where we prepare our hearts for Saint Nicholas!

DECEMBER 3, 2025 | 5:00 PM

Holy Trinity Cathedral Greek School

We will make a festive craft, listen to the story of Saint Nicholas, decorate our Cathedral's Christmas Tree, and enjoy fellowship with our Greek School and HOPE & JOY friends.



GOYA NEWS

DECEMBER

- We completed our first service project, through FOCUS Philadelphia an Orthodox Christian run ministry. We donated, prepared, and served food to the under privileged at The Upper Room in Norristown, PA.
- Thank you for a great turn out at our annual Goyagiving gathering and Q & A session with Fr. Christoforos.



- DVYC Fall Retreat was a wonderful experience, we were proud to have the 2nd largest group attendance.



Upcoming

- **December 5th:** We will lend a hand and support our Ladies of Philoptochos at the annual Bid & Buy
- **December 6th:** GOYA Nativity retreat @ Saint Thomas Cherry Hill, NJ.
- **December 7th:** Rise Against Hunger community service project
- **December 12th:** Dance workshop @ 7
- **December 20th:** Kalanda & Christmas party

Basketball Games

- **December 7th:** @ home vs. St. Thomas
 - JV @ 2
 - Girls @ 3
 - Varsity @ 4
- **December 14th:** @ St. Thomas- Cherry Hill, NJ
 - Varsity vs. St. Demetrios @ 4
 - Varsity vs. St. Thomas @ 5
- **December 21st:** @ home vs. St. Luke's
 - JV @ 3
 - Girls @ 5
 - Varsity @ 6





HOLY TRINITY GOYANS PLEASE JOIN US
FOR OUR ANNUAL

GOYA CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND PARTY!!

DEC 20, 2025

Christmas Party

2pm in ahepa room
(estimated times are
allowed for travel)

Caroling

please arrive 10:45-
11am at Regal
Heights

Save The Date!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH

Join us to Celebrate the
Divine Liturgy of Saint Nicholas
followed by:

THE NATIVITY
Retreat

9:30 AM

2:00 PM



Open to:

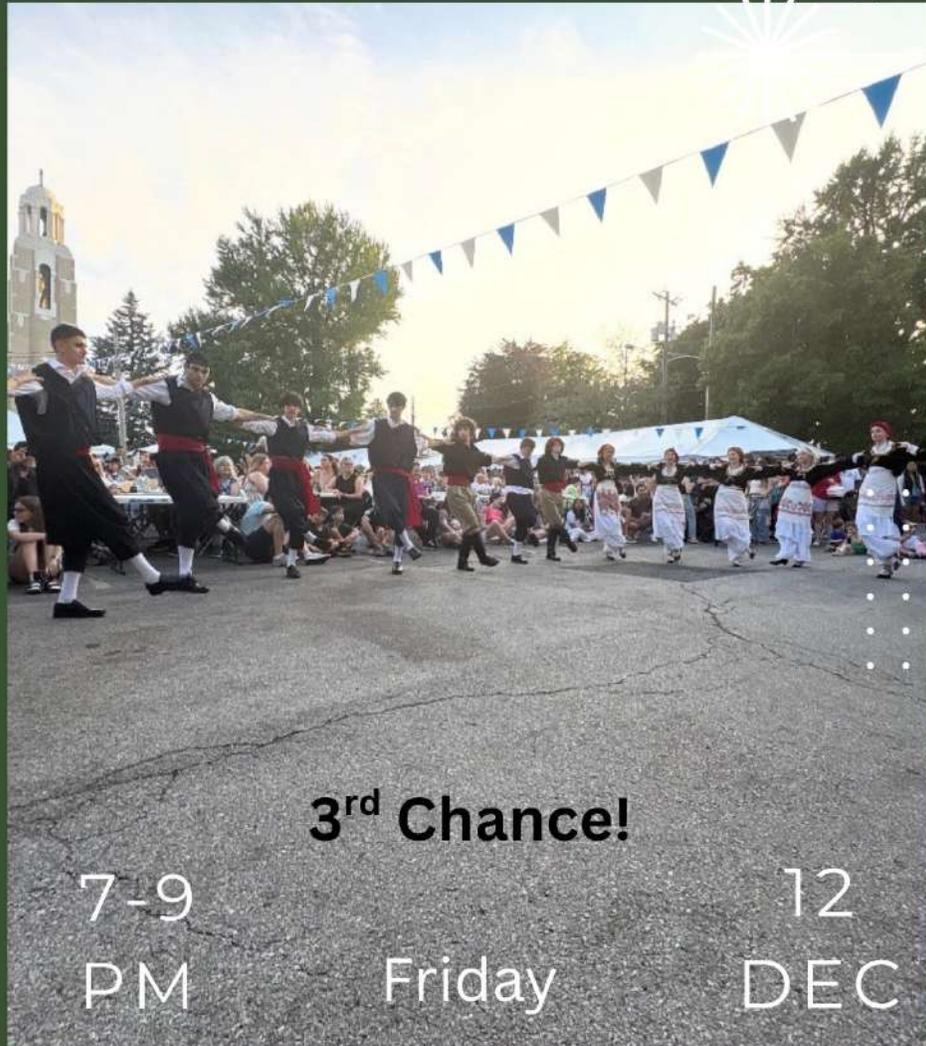
Saint Thomas HOPE and JOYans

+ ALL DVYC GOYAnS

Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church
615 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill NJ

Adult Greek Dance Workshop

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



3rd Chance!

7-9
PM

Friday

12
DEC

Suggested
Donation:

\$50

All proceeds go towards new
costumes for our GOYA

Bring your
Sneakers!

- December 12th (7-9 pm)
- Holy Trinity Cathedral Community Hall
- Taught by Agnoula Marcantonis and Senior Dancers
- RSVP to amarcantonis@hotmail.com

Questions? - Dance Requests?

Bringing a Large Group? - Just Reach Out!

Spots are Limited!

Please help support our Tournament! Place your ad with any GOYAn today!

Goya Ad Book Form



2025 Basketball Tournament January 17 & 18, 2026

Please check a box off and send in the ad information and payment. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity GOYA. Different types of ads may be accepted, for example: in remembrance ads, graduation ads, pictures, business ads, store ads, personal congratulatory ads, etc. Below are the prices per each different advertisements. Thank you for your support.

- Back Cover (full page): \$175
- Front Inside Cover (full page): \$175
- Back Inside Cover (full page): \$175
- Half-Page: B&W: \$50, COLOR: \$65
- Full-Page: B&W: \$100, COLOR: \$115

Ads may be sent to office@holytrinitywilmington.org as attachments, or write and submit a message and picture below and give to any GOYAn or send to the Church Office.

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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

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

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
Caras, Constantine & Maria
Chambers, George & Katherine
Colborn, Brian & Nicole
Constantinou, John & Carol
Demourtzidis, Nichoals & Daphne
Faller, James & Catherine
Fournaris, Emmanuel & Evanthea
Galaris, Rick & Diana
Gray, David & Eugenia
Grivas, Christopher & Michelle
Halakos, Angelos & Donna
Halakos, Demetris & Georgia
Halakos, Ioannis & Effie

Hall, George & Michelle
Kayiaros, Stephen
Kirifides, Alexander & Kathy
Kirifides, Lazarus M & Helen
Kirifides, Michael & Kerry
Kirifides, Vasil & Eleftheria
Kollias, Basil & Demi
Kolovos, Dimitrios & Effie
Lazare, John & Sandra
Manoloudis, Michael & Kandi
Maravelias, James & Diane
Marvel, Jessica
Matulas, Anagnostis & Angela
Michell, Constantine & Elaine
Michell, Theodore & Catherine

Mistras, Antonis & Soula
Moutsatsos, George & Alexia
Nannas, Theodore & Alexandra
Psaltis, Tom & Cindy
Raisis, Leonidas & Irene
Rassias, Dion & Gina
Souleles, Nicholas & Alexis
Turley, Steve & Akiko
Vassilatos, Yvonne
Wolcott, Josiah & Paraskevi
Zerefos, Demetri & Constantina

2025 FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Al-Annouf, Nabil & Rabia Batah
Alexopoulos, Demetri & Lauren
Alexopoulos, John
Almasou, Elias & Rasha
Anagnostou, Anamaria
Anagnostou, Anthoula
Anastasiades, (Aglaiia) Litsa
Andrianopoulos, Faith
Angeletakis, Christos & Christina
Arvanitis, Argyrios & Lisa
Asimos SR, George
Athanasiadis, Fotios & Asmik
Atsidis, Kostas & Eftihia+
Bacchieri, Stacey
Balos, Peter
Bambacus, Meropi
Barrios, Luis & Dimitra
Belitsas, Athanasios & Antonia
Blazakis, Chris & Kia
Bouloukos, Harry & Anastasia
Brown, Sean & Maria
Burpulis, Stamatis
Calliagas, Katherine
Calliagas, Markella
Caras, Alexandra
Caras, Valerie

Chahalish, Maria
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, Georgia
Constantinou, Stephen
Constantinou, Virginia
Coulaloglou, Michelle
Curtis, Harry & Sophia
Coustenis, Katherine
Creedon, Patrick & Mary Beth
Croussouloudis, Despina
Dalianis, John & Vicky
Dargakis, Mike & Kleo
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
Ferentinos, Joan
Fernandes, Jordan & Evanthea
Fessarais, Costas & Anna
Fisfis, Nicholas & Cathryn
Fleming, Elizabeth
Floropoulos, Yiannis
Fotakis, Greg & Angeliki
Fotakos, Arhontoula
Fotakos, Leonidas & Sophia
Fountzoulas, Costas & Audrey
Fournakis, Susan
Fournaris, Anna
Fournaris, Constantine & Kristen
Fournaris, George & Soula
Frangakis, Christine
Galanis, Agnes
Gatanis, Theodore

2025 FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Gatos, Paula	Kayiaros, Joanna	Papachrysanthou, George & Laura	Tsakumis, George & Julia
Geanopoulos, Georgiean	Kirifides, Eleni	Papanicholas, Evan	Tsakumis, Theodore
George, Mary	Kirifides, Lazarus V	Papanicholas, Maria	Tsavalas, George & Yvonne
Georgiou, Constantinos	Kirtses, Eugenia	Papettas, Vasilis & Christina	Tsigkakos, Dimos & Ioanna
Gerakios, Michael	Kirtses, Petros & Athy	Pappas, Elizabeth	Tsionas, Angela
Gerakios, Nikoletta	Kledaras, Olympia	Pappoulis, Demetra	Tsioucha, Eleftheria
Gerakios, Sakelaris & Spiridoula	Klezaras, Michael & Kathy	Pastis, Jaqueline	Tsoukalas, Frederiki
Gerakios, Michael	Klezaras III, Michael	Pettaris, George & Stavroula	Tsoukalas, Niki
Gerakios, Nikoletta	Klezaras, Nikoletta	Phalangas, Charalambos & Mary	Tsugranes, George & Penny
Gianelos, Eleni	Kollias, Georgia	Piccirilli, Melissa & Joe	Vande Poele, Andrew & Caroline
Gianelos, James & Stacie	Koninis II, John	Pierson, Vetta & Charles	Vande Poele, David & Anna
Giannakakis, Vivian	Koninis, John & Anastasia	Pispitsos, Pantelis	Vassiliou, Kleoniki
Giannatos, Stavros & Terrie	Kontis, Gus & Cindy	Pittaoulis, Steve	Velitskakis, Steve & Karen
Gordan, Brendan & Harriet	Kontodemos, Klianthis & Anthi	Pittas, John	Verikakis, Dena
Graham, Catherine	Kontomaris, Kostas & Melissa	Poulos, Vasilios & Eulampia	Verikakis, Evangelos & Shannon
Grigorakakis, Maria	Kostas, John & Gale	Psaltis, John	Vice, Elaine
Grivas, Demetrios	Kostas, Lynn	Psaltis, Nikolaos	Visvardis, Fotini
Guajardo, Evangelina	Kostas, Nicholas & Stephani	Psihalinos, Thomas & Magdalini	Visvardis, Socrates & Ruth
Guardascione, Louis & Shelly	Kostos, Yianni	Raisis, Irene	Vlamis, Nicholas & Peggy
Halakos, Garifalia	Kotanidis, Christos & Maria	Raisis, Pauline	Vlastaridis, Theodoros & Sofia
Haldas, George & Beth	Kotanidis, Roula	Raisis, Spiros	Voultsis, Catherine
Haldas, Harry	Koukourdis, Athanasios & Dimitra	Raisis, William & Emily	Voultsis, Evangeline & Damien
Haldas, Nicholas & Rodie	Kramedas, Matoula	Rapposelli, Hareklia	Voultsis, Jordana
Haldas, Thomas	Kranidiotis, Konstantinos & Maria	Rassias, George & Amalea	Wiechecki, Frank & Kelly
Haldas-Long, Irene	Kyranakis, Demetri & Vanessa	Rassias, Peter & Julie	Wilkinson, Suzanne
Hall, Elena	Kyranakis, John	Regas, Sofia	Xarhoulakos, Peter
Hantzandreou, George & Diane	Laletas, Earnest & Barbara Brockett	Rentoulis, Niko & Androniki	Zaloga, Paul & Joann
Hantzandreou, Katerina	Laskaris, Johanna	Richardson, Robert & Stavroula	Zerefos, Yianni & Lauren
Hantzandreou, Lambrini	Laws, Brian & Vasiliki	Riga, Jason & Ekaterini	Zerefos, Markos & Eugenia
Hantzopoulos, Bill & Lisa	Lawson, Alexander & Gia	Rigas, Elais & Patoula	Ziccarelli, Louis & Catherine
Hantzopoulos, George & Amanda	Lawson, Michael & Victoria	Righos, Elaine	AS OF: November 16, 2025
Hatzis, Katherine	Lazopoulos, Emmanuel & Laura	Roberts, Scott & Linda	338 Families of 400+ Families
Hatzis, Tom+ & Bing	Lazopoulos, John & Christina	Rochonchou, Athena	listed as active members of
Healy, Kevin & Sophia	Lempesis, Dimitra	Roussalis, John & Valerie	Holy Trinity Cathedral.
Heggan, Brandon & Maria	Lengel, Robert & Maria	Roustopoulos, Alexia	
Heliotis, Alexandra	Liarakos, George+ & Ann	Roustopoulos, Theodoros & Natalie	
Hinte, Jr., Forrest	Logullo, Desponia & Francis	Ruhl, David & Athena	
Hionis, Sophia	Lonergan, William & Francesca	Saitis, Mary	
Humphrey, Caroline	Lomis, Toula	Sarmousakis, Marika	
Issaris, Katherine	Manolakos, Adam & Isabelle	Sartin, Nimrah & Deborah	
Jacobs, Joseph & Alexandra	Manolakos, Nicholas	Savopoulos, Despina	
Joris, Irene	Mantzavinis, Spiros & Megan	Schillinger, Robert & Karen	
Joseck, Anastasia	Marcantonis, George & Agnoula	Semos, Joanne	
Joseck, John & Taylor	Marini, Irene	Shahwan, Sofy	
Joseck, Xanthy & Fred	Marinis, Kalliope	Spence, Jason & Sunday	
Kaliakin, Victor & Elizabeth	Markatos, Harry & Susan	Staab, Kristina	
Kamenakis, Effie	Marusiodis, Kalliope	Stevens, Richard & Penny	
Kamenakis, Peter & Juli	McCloskey, Brendan & Anna	Stout, Robert & Voula	
Kanas, Emmanuel & Valerie	McGee, John & Tina	Tarabicos, Christina	
Kanas, Larry & Alicia	Michell, Vasili & Megan	Tarabicos, John & Joanne	
Kanteliotis, Steve & Olga	Milionis, Constantine	Tarabicos, Sophia	
Karablacas, Stelios	Mitoulis, Nikolaos & Stella	Tawfik, Emad & Soultana	
Karagiannis, Peter	Moriello, Carissa & Nicholas	Theodorakis, Stamatis & Lisa	
Karahalias, Stratton	Napoli, Frances	Theodorakos, Nicholas & Katherine	
Karakasidis, Demetri & Eleni	Nicholas, John & Emily	Thomas, Richard & Angela	
Karakasidis, John & Vickie	Nicholas, Steve	Tiniakos, Gregory & Elaine	
Karakasidis, Stephen & Angie	Novakis, Louis	Tsaganos, Alexandra	
Karaoglanis, Eleftherios & Niki	Ohlemacher, Evangline	Tsaganos, Anthony & Joanne	
Karapanagiotis, Athanasios	Pacienza, Stephanie	Tsaganos, Nicholas & Joanna	
Karas, Theodore & Pamela	Pagonis, Marcus & Cheryl	Tsaganos, Robert & Popi	
Karavangelas, Eleni & Samer	Pandelakis, Denis & Anna	Tsaganos, Robert	
Karavasilis, Nicholas & Foula	Pantelopulos, Anthony & Daphne	Tsakataras, George	
Karvounis, Nikolaos & Amanda	Papachrysanthou, Chris & Popi	Tsakiris, Konstantine	



 If you have not submitted your pledge for 2025 there is still time! We will except your pledge for 2025 until January 6, 2026. After that date any pledges received will go towards your 2026 Stewardship. We thank you for your continued support of our Holy Trinity Cathedral!

PRESENTED BY THE HOLY TRINITY GREEK SCHOOL



- Fun
- Food
- Fellowship
- Family



December 14th
 after Church
 in the
 Community Center
 Free for children 13
 and under



**Don't forget
your camera!!!**

For questions call the Church Office

Kids:
 Bring your list with
 you so Santa can
 take it with him!



Holy Trinity's Young Adult League met for a casual 'Friendsgiving' on November 28th in the community hall. It was nice to gather after Thanksgiving and catch up with all the YAL members back from college. We had a fun game night and played basketball.

We plan to participate in the Philoptochos community- wide philanthropic project 'Rise Against Hunger' to package 10,000 meals for those in need. Thank you to the Philoptochos ladies for planning another wonderful event.

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/ suggestions please email Anna Fournaris fournaris10@gmail.com

Wishing our community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Luke 2:8-14

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



JOIN US FOR A

HOPE & JOY CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025
5:00 - 7:30 PM

Holy Trinity Cathedral Main Hall

Get ready for a cozy night of Christmas joy
with your HOPE & JOY friends!

Wear your favorite PJs and enjoy:

- a Christmas movie ● hot cocoa ● snacks ●
- Christmas Bingo ● fun time with friends ●

We can't wait to celebrate the season together!

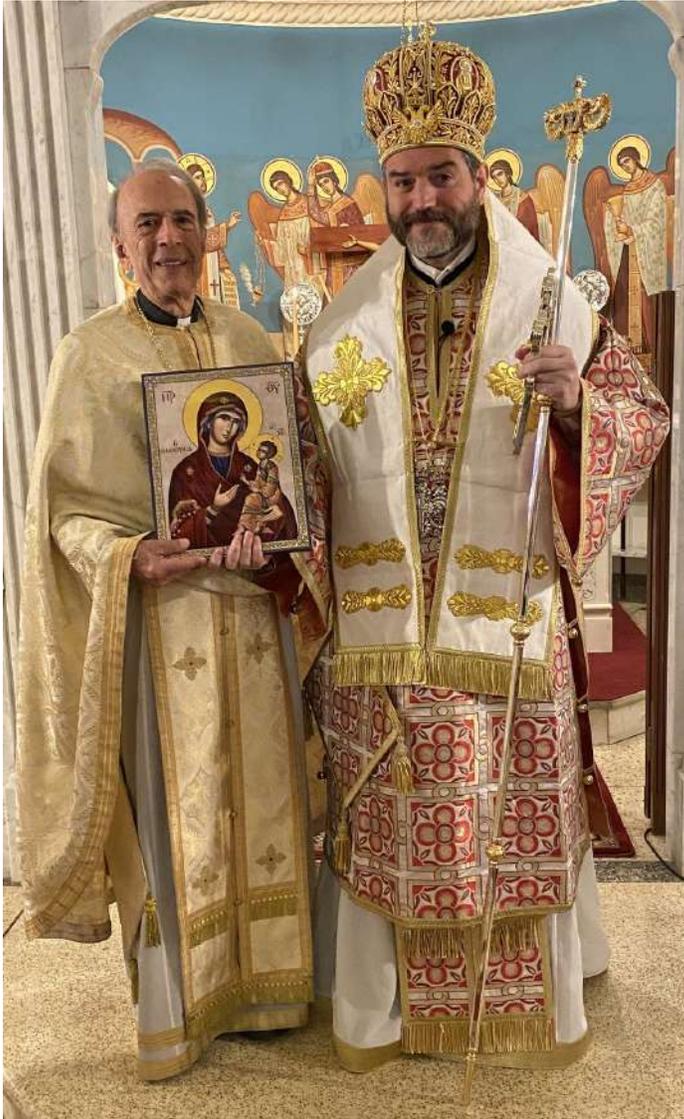
RSVP: hopejoyhtw@gmail.com



It was a great blessing and honor for our Cathedral to welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos and our Reverend Clergy for the Metropolis Clergy Synaxis.

On Tuesday, November 12, 2025, The Clergy Syndesmos of the Metropolis of New Jersey held its Annual Fall Synaxis at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Wilmington, Delaware. In the morning, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey presided over the Divine Liturgy, concelebrating with Metropolis Chancellor Fr. Gregory Gilbert, Clergy Syndesmos President Fr. Anastasios Kousoulas, Fr. Nicholas Bacalis, Vicar of Southern Virginia and most senior priest of the Metropolis and Fr. Konstantinos Loukas, the newest priest of the Metropolis.

Following the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence presented Fr. Nicholas Bacalis, who will be retiring as proistamneos of Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Richmond, Virginia, with an Icon of Panagia "Eleoussa" or "The Merciful" to recognize his many years of service to his community and the Metropolis of New Jersey.





GOYAgiving & Meeting



Our annual GOYAgiving event was another success. Families gathered to enjoy a wonderful meal, just before the Christmas fast, major events were discussed including our basketball tournament, MDF, and Sights and Sounds. The teens also had a rewarding Q&A with Father after dinner. A great time was had by all.



DVYC FALL RETREAT



The Annual DVYC Fall GOYA Retreat saw incredible growth again this year! We had 22 campers attend as well as Father Christoforos and the ever popular Nurse Jessica. We thank her for serving our youth. From Dodgeball, to a Rock/Paper/Scissors contest, Greek Dancing, Icon Painting, Orthodox Life lessons, and closing with celebrating liturgy all together, all involved left with new friends.



ALTAR GUILD

We are in the most happy and holy season of the year celebrating the Birth of our lord, Jesus Christ. The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for this Christmas season on December 3rd at 10am. All are welcomed to join us in this endeavor.

The following donations were received for this month:

November 21st, Stavroula and George Pettaris: For the continued good health of our family.

December 25th, Steve, Karen and George Velitskakis: For the continued good health of our family

The above families also donated towards Poinsettias for the church.

Donations are still needed for Poinsettias, as well as the Icon for January 30th, Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs. Please contact Joanne Tarabicos at 302-239-4950 or Evie Fournaris at 302-475-5035 or use the form below. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.**

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



Daughters of Penelope Xanthus #149 Wilmington, Delaware

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!!

To order, go to
GIFTITFORWARD.com
Enter Code **DAUGHTDE001**

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.



Victorian Spray \$50.75-53.50

This unique Holiday decoration is handcrafted using a combination of Balsam Fir, Cedar, and Pine, and is decorated with the same elements as the Victorian Wreath. This Spray is often used in concert with the Victorian Wreath to create a matching Holiday theme for the home or can also be used by itself.



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.

2025 Metropolis of NJ Ambassador Awards Banquet

On November 2, 2025, our Metropolis held its annual Ambassador Awards Banquet, during which His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey honored faithful stewards from the churches of the Delaware Valley for their dedication and service to their parishes. Our Cathedral was proudly represented by eight exceptional individuals, both teens and adults (see their names and short biographies on the next page). Each received the blessing of His Eminence along with an honorary plaque, and their accomplishments were warmly applauded by more than four hundred attendees.

A special highlight of the evening, and a particular honor for our Cathedral, was the recognition of our own Susie Kelleher. His Eminence offered heartfelt gratitude for her more than ten years of tireless work and invaluable contributions to the success of this annual event through her leadership in producing the Commemorative Journal. Congratulations to Susie and to all of the Holy Trinity Cathedral honorees!

Fr. Christoforos recognized and presented all the honorees in Church on Sunday, November 9th.



2025 Youth Ambassadors

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wilmington, DE



Josiah Wolcott, Jr. ~ Ambassador of Faith

Josiah (Joe) has been a lifelong parishioner at Holy Trinity Cathedral, in Wilmington, Delaware. He has served as lead acolyte and has danced at the Cathedral's annual Greek festival since he was a young boy. He has been an active GOYAn and has participated in Greek dance classes, the Music and Dance Festival, and Sights and Sounds activities. Joe is a Senior at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, Delaware, where he received a full academic scholarship. He serves as Drum Major for St. Mark's award-winning Spartan Marching Band and runs long distance for the track team. Joe is honored to represent his church community at this year's Ambassador's Award banquet and wishes to thank his family and friends and Father Christoforos for their love and support.



Joseph Demourtzidis ~ Ambassador of Hope

Joseph is a dedicated member of Holy Trinity Wilmington and GOYA, where he actively serves his community. He plays church basketball and has developed strong friendships through his involvement there. Currently a senior at Bayard Rustin High School in West Chester, PA, Joseph has made a significant impact both academically and athletically. He maintains a rigorous course load, excelling in all subjects, and is a proud member of Model UN, DECA, National Honor Society, and National Business Honor Society. As a committed athlete, Joseph competes on the varsity soccer and tennis teams and contributes annually by helping run youth clinics for both sports. Looking ahead, Joseph plans to major in finance in college next year.



Anastasia Thomas ~ Ambassador of Love

Anastasia is a 17 year old senior at Odyssey Charter School, where she is a distinguished student. She is an active member of the National Honor Society as well as Business Professionals of America. In addition to her academic accomplishments, she is a dedicated multi-sport athlete who has earned First Team All-Conference recognition in both volleyball and basketball. She also enjoys playing golf. Anastasia is deeply devoted to her Greek heritage and Orthodox faith. She has been an active member of the Holy Trinity Cathedral GOYA for several years, serving on the board for the past five and currently holds the position of President. After high school, Anastasia plans to attend college and major in health science.



Alexander Hall ~ Ambassador of Peace

Alex Hall is a dedicated and well-rounded senior at Odyssey Charter School. Deeply rooted in his faith and community, he is an active member of GOYA, dance, and proudly serves as an altar boy. Beyond his involvement in the church, Alex is committed to Scouting, where he has developed strong leadership skills and a love for the outdoors. Each summer, he works at Camp Rodney in Northeast, Maryland, guiding and mentoring younger Scouts. Known for his strong character, reliability, and enthusiasm, Alex brings energy and dedication to everything he does. After graduation, Alex plans to pursue a career as a paramedic, continuing his commitment to helping others. Whether he's dancing at a festival, serving in church, or leading at camp, Alex exemplifies service, tradition, and leadership.

2025 Adult Honorees

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wilmington, DE



Dr. Leonidas Raisis ~ Parish Honoree

Dr. Leo Raisis currently serves on the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Wilmington, Delaware. He has been a member of Holy Trinity for over 40 years. He has volunteered every year at the annual Greek Festival enjoying and sharing his Greek heritage with the Delaware community. He served 14 years as a GOYA advisor and basketball coach and enjoyed traveling to surrounding Greek communities with his children during weekend GOYA basketball tournaments. Dr Raisis graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1983 where he met his wife, Dr. Irene Phillips Raisis. He is a Past President of the Medical Society of Delaware and served as the founding Medical Director of the Center for Advanced Joint Replacement and Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Christiana Care Health System. There he practiced orthopedic surgery for 36 years retiring in 2024. He and his wife were married at Holy Trinity in 1983 and have three children and three grandchildren.



Dr. Theodore Michell ~ Senior Parish Honoree

Dr. Theodore (Ted) William Michell, the son of William and Alexandra from Tripoli, Greece, born in 1937 in Chester, PA. He was raised in the St. George GOC in Chester. He attended Sunday School, served as an altar boy, and sang in the church choir. After graduating from Pennsylvania Military College with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, he studied medicine at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He moved to Wilmington, DE. He became a member of the Holy Trinity and AHEPA Chapter 95. Ted and his brother founded Total Care Physicians, which became one of the largest family medicine practices in Delaware. Early on, he made house calls, delivered babies, and performed small surgeries. During his 40 years of practice, he was privileged to serve many members of the Greek community with compassion and dedication. He made significant contributions in the church and organizations such as The HUC of Wilmington and Philadelphia, is a member of Leadership 100. Notably, in the 1990s, Ted and a few other parishioners founded the Endowment Committee of Holy Trinity, in order to guarantee the financial future of the church. Ted served on the committee for more than twenty years and was the treasurer. For Ted, the church has been the foundation of his life. He will be forever grateful for the opportunities he has had to serve our community under the guiding words of our faith.



Joanne Tarabicos ~ Philoptochos Honoree

Joanne joined the church and received her Chrismation in April, 1972. She is deeply committed to serving her parish and helping to keep the faith and culture alive for future generations. Her love for tradition runs deep, and she has always valued how it remains firmly rooted in its history. She has served as Sunday School teacher, GOYA advisor, & past president of the Daughters of Penelope. She is a Philoptochos member, has served as recording secretary, serves on the board. She coordinates the Philoptochos Christmas card, is a festival volunteer, a member of the Young at Heart, and one of the welcoming faces often seen hosting coffee hour. Joanne's most meaningful role has been with the Altar Guild. As one of the original members and now co-president, she loves working with the priest and a dedicated group of volunteers. Decorating the church and its icons is about more than beauty - it's about thoughtfully creating a sacred space that reflects each feast day and preparing for Holy Week and decorating the kouvioklion, is a tradition that brings her pride and deep connection to the community. Joanne's love of service is shared by her entire family. Her husband, John, has been a devoted parish and AHEPA member for decades, while their three daughters are active participants in their own parishes. Together, they are carrying forward their parents' love for the church, which now includes Joanne and John's eight wonderful grandchildren. At the heart of everything she does is a simple mission: to keep the faith alive and pass on the traditions that make the church strong. Outside of church life, she enjoys baking, reading, swimming, and loves spending time with her family.



Evaggelia Thomas ~ Youth Worker Honoree

A devoted member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral for over 50 years, Evaggelia has been a part of the parish community throughout her life. She was married at the Cathedral to her husband, Rich, and together they have been blessed with two children—Anastasia (17) and Demetri (15)—both of whom were baptized at Holy Trinity. Evaggelia has given generously of her time and talents in many aspects of parish life. She has sung in the church choir, is an active member of the Philoptochos Society, and volunteers each year at Holy Trinity's annual Greek Festival. Most meaningfully, she has served as a dedicated GOYA youth advisor for the past four years. Her commitment to guiding and supporting the youth of the parish reflects her deep love for the Church, her Orthodox faith, and its future.

Please join us on the occasion of
H.U.C. Wilmington's Diamond

60TH ANNIVERSARY

&

CHRISTMAS GALA

Friday, December 19, 2025, 6 p.m.

Mendenhall Inn Grand Ballroom

Cocktails & Meze

Three-Course Dinner with Wine

Dancing to Sergiani

Cash Only Bar

RSVP: HUCWilmington.org



HUC WILMINGTON

Diamond 60th Anniversary Christmas Gala

Friday, December 19, 2025

Honoring 1965 Charter Members

Dr. & Mrs. George J. Boines
Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Destounis
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Diamanty
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Honoring 2025 HUC Scholarship Winners:

Ludovic Nektarios Wiecheck
Irene Sophia Kirifides
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Christina Nicole Pennia

Honoring HUC Wilmington Presidents (1965 - Present)

1965-1966 George Harris
1966-1967 James Kakavas
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1968-1969 Philip Manos
1969-1990 Basil Stergis
1970-1971 Peter Yiannos
1971-1972 Costas Krikelis
1972-1973 Lazarus Kirifidis
1973-1974 George Vassilatos
1974-1975 Harry Doukakis
1975-1976 Georgiean Georgiou
1976-1977 Tom Livizos
1977-1978 Charalambos Phalangas
1978-1979 Constantine Gletsos
1979-1980 Dean Lomis
1980-1981 Nicholas Psaltis
1981-1982 Gus Skidas
1982-1983 Helen Lempesis
1983-1984 Gus Costis
1984-1985 John Burpulis
1985-1986 William Kramedas
1986-1987 Dimitris Staikos
1987-1988 George Karas
1988-1989 Efstathios Michaelides
1989-1990 Stella Yiannos
1990-1992 Emmanuel Kanas
1992-1993 Theodore Nannas
1993-1994 Dimitris Dandolos
1994-1996 Peter Yiannos
1996-19997 Soula Mistras
1997-1998 Anestis Logothetis
1998-1999 Helen Kirifides
1999-2000 Harry Doukakis
2000-2001 George Rassias
2001-2-002 Vasil Kirifides
2002-2003 Kathy Michell
2003-2005 Yvonne Tsavalas
2005-2008 Georgia Pyrros
2008-2009 George Rassias
2009-2012 Michael Logothetis
2012-2015 Stephen Karakasidis
2015-2017 Maria Karas
2017-2018 Nina Lazaridis
2018-2022 Marianne Archbell
2022-Present Georgia N. Kollias

Τα Κάλαντα των Χριστουγέννων

(Αναδημοσίευση)

Δρ. Κώστας Γ. Φούντζουλας

Η λέξη Κάλαντα προέρχεται από την Λατινική λέξη *Calendae* (*Καλένδαι*), που σημαίνει “*Πρωτομηνιές*.” Στην Ανατολική Ρωμαϊκή Αυτοκρατορία, γνωστή και ως Βυζαντινή Αυτοκρατορία, συνήθιζαν να εορτάζουν τις Καλένδες του Ιανουαρίου με ιδιαίτερη λαμπρότητα, οι οποίες, σε μεγάλο βαθμό, εσχετίζοντο με αρχαιοελληνικά έθιμα. Οι “*Καλένδαι*” του Ιανουαρίου ονομάζονταν *Πνανέψια*, ονομασία προερχομένη από τον μήνα *Πνανεψιόνα* (15 Οκτωβρίου με 15 Νοεμβρίου). Στην αρχαία Ελλάδα, κατά τη διάρκεια των Διονυσιακών εορτών, τα παιδιά επισκέπτονταν τα σπίτια, κρατώντας στο χέρι ένα κλαδί δάφνης ή ελιάς, τυλιγμένο με πρόβειο μαλλί, την “*Ερεσιώνη*”, και τραγουδούσαν τα κάλαντα. Τα παιδιά τότε, όπως και σήμερα πήγαιναν στα σπίτια και έλεγαν διάφορα άσματα για να πάρουν φιλοδώρημα.

Τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα κάλαντα στην πραγματικότητα είναι Πρωτοχρονιάτικα γιατί μέχρι τον 4^ο αιώνα Μ.Χ. η 25^η του Δεκεμβρίου εορτάζονταν ως αρχή του νέου έτους. Κατά μία παράδοση, η συνήθεια να ψάλλονται τα κάλαντα των Χριστουγέννων διεσώθηκε από τον Άγιο Φραγκίσκο. Μάλιστα λένε, πως όταν οι χωρικοί τον επισκεύθηκαν στην Χριστουγεννιάτικη σκηνή του αυτός τους εξήτησε να τραγουδήσουν τα κάλαντα.

Παλαιότερα τα παιδιά έψαλλαν τα κάλαντα το βράδυ της παραμονής των Χριστουγέννων, της Πρωτοχρονιάς και των Φώτων, κρατώντας μία μαγκούρα ή ένα ραβδί για να προστατευθούν από τα άγρια σκυλιά. Τα τελευταία χρόνια τα παιδιά ψάλλουν τα κάλαντα το πρωί της παραμονής των τριών μεγάλων αυτών εορτών, ξεκινώντας συνήθως από τις 5 η ώρα το πρωί. Ενώ παλαιότερα τα παιδιά κρατούσαν ένα караβάκι όταν έψαλλαν τα κάλαντα, τώρα κρατούν ένα χαλύβδινο τρίγωνο, που κτυπούν ρυθμικά καθ’ όσον ψάλλουν τα κάλαντα για να κρατούν τον ρυθμό. Κατά την αρχαία εορτή των “*Ανθεστηρίων*” ο ερχομός του Διονύσου παρίστατο επίσης με ένα ομοίωμα караβιού. Τα παλιά τα χρόνια, με την μεγάλη φτώχεια, μιας και τα χρήματα ήταν σπάνια, το πιο συνηθισμένο φιλοδώρημα των παιδιών ήταν τα “*Κόλιντρα*”; δηλαδή μικρές κουλούρες από σιτάρι ή κριθάρι. Τα έθιμά μας πηγαινούν πολλούς αιώνες πίσω!

ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ!!

Kalanda or Christmas Carols*

(Republication)

Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas

The word “Kalanda” is derived from the Latin word “*Calendae*”, meaning “*The first day of the month.*” In the Eastern Roman Empire, also known as Byzantine Empire, they used to observe the *Calendae* of January in a particular magnificent way that, to a great extent, were related to ancient Hellenic customs. The “*Calendae*” of January were called “*Pianepsia*”, name derived from the month “*Pianepsiona*” (15 October to 15 November). In ancient Greece, during the Dionysian festivities, the kids were visiting the houses and they were singing the kalanda holding in their hand a laurel or an olive branch, wrapped up in sheep wool, which was called “*Eresioni.*” The kids then, as now, were singing various songs (caroling) at the houses for a tip.

However, the Christmas Kalanda were New Year’s Kalanda, because until the 4th century A.D. the 25th of December was considered the beginning of the New Year. According to a legend, the custom of singing the Kalanda (Caroling) of Christmas was preserved by Saint Francis. In particular, it is said that when some peasants visited his tent during Christmas he asked them to carol.

In the past, the kids used to carol during the evening of the Christmas Eve, New Year’s Day and Epiphany (Phota), holding a cane or a stick in order to protect themselves from the wild dogs of the neighborhood. Nowadays, the kids sing the Kalanda during the morning of the eve of these three great feasts of Christianity, by visiting the houses as early as 5:00 o’clock in the morning. Whereas in the past the kids were holding a small effigy of a ship when they were caroling, now they usually are holding a small steel triangle, which they are beating rhythmically inasmuch as singing carols to keep the pace. During the ancient Greek feast of “*Anthestiria*” (*Flower Festival*), the arrival of god Dionysos was also portrayed by an effigy of a small ship. In the not so distant past, at the times of the great poverty, since money was scarce, the most common tip of the children were “*Kolintra*”, that is small spiral loaves of wheat or barley. Our customs go back many eons!

**Carol*: Derived from the Latin *choraules*, which is derived from the Greek *choraules*, “a flute player who accompanied the choral dance.”

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Young @ Heart's Christmas Gathering!

We will be gathering for a Christmas Luncheon
on

December 11th ~ at 12pm

@

Mendenhall Inn

(323 Kennett Pike, Chadds Ford, PA)

Cost: \$50.00 per person (\$75-non members)
(gratuity included)

Lunch will be

Mediterranean Salad

CHOOSE ONE MAIN COURSE:

___ Broiled Crabcake

___ Maple Citrus Salmon

___ Rustic Tortellini

All served w/Roasted Potatoes & Steamed Vegetable Medley

Fresh Brewed Coffee or Tea

Dessert: Red Velvet Cake

Please RSVP by December 1, 2025 to

Stacy Koninis @ 302.475.1236 or Sophia Hionis @ 302.893.8850

or Dimitra Pappoulis @ 302.753.3941

***Please send your check for \$50.00 per person, made payable to Young @ Heart to:
Young @ Heart 808 N Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806***



**Fun will be had!
Good food will be enjoyed!
Fellowship will take place!**



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

November at the Emmanuel Dining Room

We *sincerely* thank **Fotini Visvardis** for sponsoring the meal in November! 155 men, women and children enjoyed a nice warm meal through her generosity. The **Karakasidis family** will sponsor our day in December, as they have been doing for many, 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!

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 on the 12th of every month.

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

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

We have been reporting the numbers of one food pantry located at Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church on Broom Street. For October there was a 10% increase in people going to this one food pantry. One hundred and ninety new families at this particular location. Delaware has a total of 47 pantries throughout the state with 27 pantries in Wilmington alone.



As of October 2025 a local newspaper has reported an annual average of 119,000 Delawareans receiving SNAP benefits including 60,000 families and 45,000 children. That is 11% of the total population in the state of Delaware.

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for those is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those humor, for they will be comforted.”*

Matthew 5:3-4



Praying that you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

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

Serving in December

Coffee Hours:

- December 7 ~ Parish Council
- December 14 ~ Greek School Lunch with Santa
- December 21 ~ Philoptochos Community Breakfast
- December 28 ~ No Coffee Hour (Christmas/New Years)



Narthex Duty:

- December 7 ~ Group 1
- December 14 ~ Group 2
- December 21 ~ Group 1
- December 28 ~ 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



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| Joseph Demourtzidis | + Jerry Rassias |
| +Ioannis Gerakios | Nicholas Rassias |
| Alexander Hall | +Demetri Thomas |
| +Angelo Hall | Savvas Thymakis |
| +Demetri Karakasidis | +Paraskevas Verikakis |
| +Ioannis Karakasidis | +Fotios Wolcott |
| Demetri Psaltis | +Jack Wolcott |
| Nicholas Psaltis | +Josiah Wolcott, Jr. |
| George Psihalinos | |
| Gerasimos Psihalinos | |

ALTAR ASSISTANTS

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

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	2 7pm AHEPA Executive Meeting	3 12pm Bible Study 5:00pm St Nicholas HOPE/JOY & Greek School Event	4 <u>St Barbara</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy 7pm GOYA Dance Practice	5 5:30pm HOPE JOY Dance Practice 6pm Philoptochos Bid N Buy 6pm Vespers of St Nicholas, Atlantic City, NJ	6 <u>St Nicholas</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy 10Aam GOYA Nativity Retreat @ St Thomas
7 <u>10th Sunday of Luke</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Sunday School 12pm Rise Against Hunger Event Parish Council Elections	8 Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	9 7pm AHEPA Meeting 7pm DVYC Zoom Meeting (6pm S & S Meeting)	10 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School	11 12pm Young @ Heart Christmas Luncheon 7pm GOYA Dance Practice	12 <u>St Spyridon</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy 12pm Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Room 7pm Adult Goya Dance Workshop	13 3pm Parish Trip to Sights and Sound theater - Noah
14 <u>11th Sunday of Luke</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School Breakfast with Santa after Divine Liturgy 4pm DVYC Basketball @ Wilmington, DE	15 <u>St Eleftherios</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	16 9am Philoptochos Baking	17 <u>St Dionysios</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9am Philoptochos Baking 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School	18 9am Philoptochos Baking 6pm Metropolis Tree Lighting and Open House 7pm GOYA Dance Practice	19 5:00pm HOPE JOY Christmas Party 6:30pm HUC Christmas Dinner/Dance	20 GOYA Kalanda/Christmas party
21 <u>Sunday before the Nativity</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Sunday School Pageant and Philoptochos Bread Sale & Community Breakfast CHRISTMAS DRIVE ENDS 5-6pm DVYC Basketball Games @Wilmington, DE	22 <u>St Anastasia</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Basketball Practice 6:30pm Girls 7:30pm Boys	23 6:30pm DOP Gathering	24 <u>St Eugenia</u> 9am Service of the Royal Hours of the Nativity & Divine Liturgy Church Office Closes at 12noon <u>8pm Orthros & Liturgy of Christmas</u>	25 <u>Holy Nativity</u> Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 <u>Sunday after the Nativity</u> 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy No Sunday School/ Family Worship	29	30 Philoptochos Serving @ Emmanuel Dining Room	31 Church Office Closes at 12noon	JANUARY 1 St Basil The Great / Circumcision of Christ 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Church Office Closed		

**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
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**Thank you for answering the call!!
If you have not sent in your donation yet...
There is still time to donate!**

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Level 10 (\$200,000+)

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