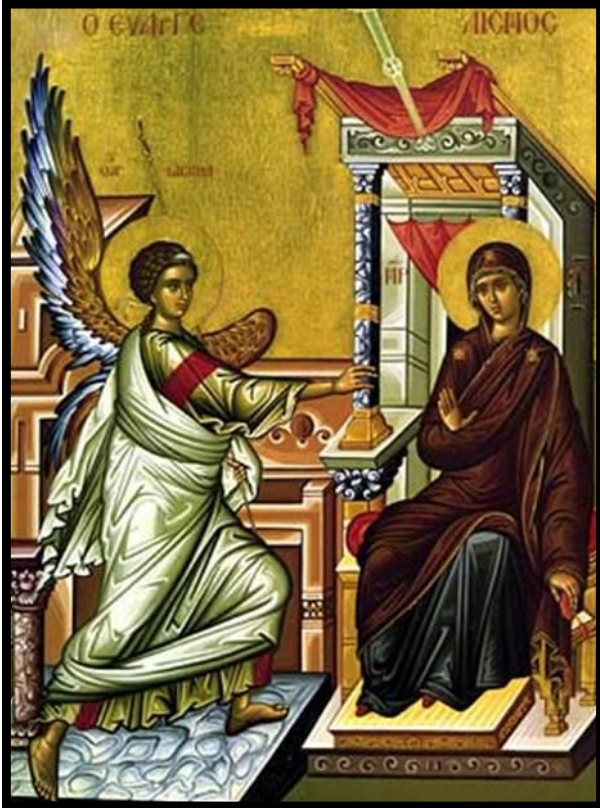


**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Metropolis of New Jersey**  
7004 Ridge Avenue & Mill Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

# HOLY TRINITY HERALD

MARCH 2024



The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her womb.

## BIBLICAL STORY

The biblical story of the Feast of the Annunciation is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (1:26-39). The Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, who was living in Nazareth, and said to her, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you." Mary was perplexed and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

The angel told her not to be afraid, for she had found favor with God. He said, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary responded to the angel by asking how this could happen since she had no husband. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit and the power of God would come upon her, and that the child to be born of her would be called holy, the "Son of God."

The angel then proceeded to tell the Virgin Mary that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age (John the Baptist), and affirmed that with God nothing is impossible.

In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word." Upon her response, the angel departed.

It is on the Feast of the Annunciation, that Orthodox Christians commemorate both the divine initiative of God, whereby He took on flesh from the Virgin for our salvation, and the human response, whereby Mary freely accepted the vocation offered to her. He elected to become man, and He desired to do this with the willing agreement of her whom He chose as His mother. Mary could have refused, for she was not a passive instrument, but an active participant with a free and positive part to play in God's plan for our salvation. Thus, when on this and other feasts the Orthodox Church honors the Theotokos, the Mother of God, it is not just because God chose her but also because she herself chose to follow His will.



## CHURCH SERVICES

9 Μαρτίου, Σαββάτον

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00/ 10:00 πμ

Ψυχοσάββατον

16 Μαρτίου, Σαββάτον

Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00 πμ

Ψυχοσάββατον

17 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι

Katanyktikos Εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ

18 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα Βράδι

Απόδειπνος, Νηστήσιμος Δείπνος 6:00 μ.μ.

ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ Η ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ

20 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

22 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 5:30 μ.μ.

Α' Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

23 Μαρτίου, Σαββάτον

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00/ 10:00 πμ

Ψυχοσάββατον

24 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι

Μέγας Εσπερινός του Ευαγγελισμού

6:00 μ.μ *Evangelismos or Annunciation Church*

25 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα

Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 πμ

Ο Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου

25 Μαρτίου, Δευτέρα Βράδι

Απόδειπνος 5:00 μ.μ

27 Μαρτίου, Τετάρτη Βράδι

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:30 μμ

29 Μαρτίου, Παρασκευή Βράδι

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 5:30 μ.μ.

Β' Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

31 Μαρτίου, Κυριακή Βράδι

Katanyktikos Εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ

March 9, Saturday

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am

1st Saturday of the Souls

40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste

March 16, Saturday

Divine Liturgy 8:00 am

2nd Saturday of the Souls

March 17, Sunday Evening

Katanyktikos Vespers 6:00 pm

March 18, Clean Monday

Compline & Lenten Meal 6:00 pm

LENT BEGINS

March 20, Wednesday Evening

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 22, Friday Evening

*Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm*

First Salutations 7:00 pm

March 23, Saturday

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am

3rd Saturday of the Souls

March 24, Sunday Evening

*Great Vespers of the Annunciation 6:00 pm.*

*Evangelismos or Annunciation Church*

March 25, Monday

Divine Liturgy 9:00 / 10:00 am

ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

March 25, Monday Evening

Compline 5:00 pm

March 27, Wednesday Evening

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

March 29, Friday Evening

*Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm*

Second Salutations 7:00 pm

March 31, Sunday Evening

Katanyktikos Vespers 6:00 pm

## SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year's Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, March 10th, following the Divine Liturgy. All those parishioners who have sent in their stewardship cards for 2023 and/or 2024 will be eligible to vote.



# Building on Faith

Capital Campaign Luncheon  
Mardi Gras Style!

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SUNDAY MARCH 3RD  
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

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A FAMILY CELEBRATION FOR ALL AS WE  
KICKOFF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN, FOOD, FUN,  
AND FELLOWSHIP!

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<https://holytrinityoutreach.com>  
RSVP: AthenaSacco@gmail.com







## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

### ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

February 5, 2024

To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy,  
Distinguished Members of the Metropolis Council, Beloved Archons of the Order of St. Andrew,  
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood,  
Dedicated Members of the Parish Organizations, and  
Devoted Orthodox Faithful of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved in the Lord,

It is with great joy and much excitement that I announce to you the creation of a new ministry of our Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey entitled *Walking With Christ*. This most important ministry is being offered solely for the benefit of our beloved Seminarians and Masters of Divinity Candidates studying at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Working together with the beloved and most dedicated women of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Society, we will be offering beautiful events throughout our sacred Metropolis, in which all of the proceeds will be utilized in order to offer our future Clergymen and future lay leaders valuable financial assistance while they continue their studies at our beloved "Scholi."

It is therefore with much pride that I inform all of you that the **First Walking with Christ Seminarian Benefit Luncheon** will be taking place on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall, New Jersey beginning at 11:00am. Please know that tickets are now available for purchase at a cost of \$125.00 per person and may be purchased by following the link on the accompanying flyer. In addition, there are also various levels of Sponsorship Opportunities available for yourselves, your parishes, your Philoptochos Chapter, parish organization or your beloved parishioners to make a much-appreciated contribution to this most worthwhile cause to benefit the future of our Orthodox Church and the future of our sacred Metropolis.

For questions or more information please contact the event co-chairman, the V. Rev. Archimandrite Philotheos Tomczewski at [frphilotheos@nj.goarch.org](mailto:frphilotheos@nj.goarch.org) or at 908-301-0500.

Thanking you in advance for your love and support for our seminarians and praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings

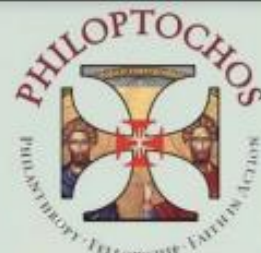
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GREEK ORTHODOX  
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



# WALKING WITH CHRIST

*First Seminararian Benefit Luncheon*



**St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church**  
**35 N Malin Rd, Broomall, PA 19008**

**March 16th**

**11 A.M.**

**2024**



**Follow the QR code for Ticket Sales and Event  
Sponsorships. All Proceeds Will Benefit the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey  
Seminarists and Masters of Divinity Students**





**BRING YOUR  
RESUSABLE BAGS !**

HOLY TRINITY'S PHILOPTOCHOS ST. ELPIDA CHAPTER

# ANNUAL YARD SALE

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th 8am – 2pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th 8am – 1 pm

**NO EARLY BIRDS!!**

SPIROS A MALASPINA GYMNASIUM at  
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
7004 RIDGE AVENUE, EGG HARBOR TWP., NJ 08234

## **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Items Accepted at the Gym Starting:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH -  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

The following items **CAN NOT** be  
accepted: mattresses, tires, old TVs,  
chemicals, and large furniture.

Donations must be clean, complete and  
in operable condition.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need **YOUR** help to set, staff the  
event and breakdown.

To Volunteer or Make Drop Off  
Arrangements Please Call:

Heather Koltoukis – 609-816-6171  
Ria Pierelli – 609-457-0836  
Kelly Kyriakou – 609-412-0147

# *Wilmington Basketball Tournament*







**LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF HOLY TRINITY EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ, ST ELPIDA CHAPTER**  
**2024 REGISTRATION FORM**

For my love of the Lord and the good works of the St.Elpidia Philoptochos Society, kindly accept my gift of:

☐ \$25    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$75    ☐ \$100    ☐ more \$\_\_\_\_\_, for my 2024 membership\*

Please make checks payable to: St.Elpidia Philoptochos Society

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Be mindful, that the first \$23. of your commitment is an obligation paid directly to National and Metropolis Philoptochos.

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_ Renew my membership

\_\_\_\_ I am a new member

**YES! Contact me about helping with or to learn more about the following:**

\_\_\_\_ Help plan, organize or work an event

\_\_\_\_ Festival baking

\_\_\_\_ Visit the sick/ill in private and/or nursing homes.

\_\_\_\_ Assist with P.B. & J. Club

\_\_\_\_ Host (or cohost) a Coffee Hour

\_\_\_\_ Prepare meals for the needy/homeless

\_\_\_\_ I would like to help wherever the help is needed most – please contact me

\_\_\_\_ I am not able to work on projects this year but support the Mission

The Ladies Philoptochos Society  
Saint Elpidia Chapter 1040 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
7004 Ridge Ave. Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234





As we enter a New Year, we recognize and honor our Philoptochos members across the country. It is through the devotion and hard work of our women and men at every level that our beloved organization has grown into a formidable "Army of Agape" dedicated to serving our brothers and sisters in need.

**January begins our annual Membership Drive!** *The primary enrollment period for Chapter Membership is the first quarter of the calendar year; however, membership is an ongoing process of not only retaining current members but also recruiting new ones. Chapters are encouraged to employ a variety of ideas, activities, and resources to help invigorate their membership. Our aim is to "Invite, Embrace, and Involve" every woman to become a member of Philoptochos:*

Annual dues are \$25.00 per member. The National Philoptochos has amended annual local chapter dues to a form of "stewardship". Your donation is tax deductible. Please give what you can. We look forward to having you as a member and hope you will attend the meetings and learn firsthand about the inspiring sisterhood of Philoptochos.

**Please complete form and include with payment.** Checks are payable to: Holy Trinity Philoptochos Society. Dorrie Papademetriou [dpapadem@comcast.net](mailto:dpapadem@comcast.net) and Ginny Kramvis [ekramvis@comcast.net](mailto:ekramvis@comcast.net) are coordinating for questions and if payment made at church/in person. If payment by mail, send to the address indicated at the bottom of this form.

**2024 St. Elpida Philoptochos Membership Drive Committee:**

**Faten Dib, Donna Efstatos, Ginny Kramvis and Dorrie Papademetriou.**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to aid anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources.
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs.
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy, and kindness.

**[www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org)**

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## Sunday of Orthodoxy

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

### **Apolytikion of Sun. of Orthodoxy**

Second Tone

O Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, You filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

### **Kontakion of Sun. of Orthodoxy**

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The indescribable word of God became defined when He became incarnate of You O Theotokos. He restored our soiled image to what it was of old by joining it to His divine beauty. We confess salvation, and recount it in word and deed.



# PARISH NEWS

## BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group will meet on March 19th via Zoom. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to share in this wonderful experience.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to those baptized Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves for the reception of the Sacrament by prayer and fasting. Blessed Bread is available for all our visitors at the very end of the Divine Liturgy.

## CHURCH REMINDERS

Wearing masks is now optional in the church and throughout the community center. Those who are feeling sick should stay at home. We will continue to live-stream our church services.

## PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish council meeting on Monday, March 25th following the Compline service.

## TLC BOARD MEETING

There will be a TLC Board meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30 pm.

## SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year's Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, March 10th.

## GREEK PROGRAM

This year's Greek Independence Day Program will be held on Sunday, March 24th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

## GREEK PARADE

This year's Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 7th.

## PHILOTOCHOS

There is a Philoptochos Meeting on Sunday, March 17th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

In an effort to create awareness and encourage participation of Philoptochos philanthropic initiatives and projects please like/follow our Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinitys-Philoptochos-St-Elpida-Chapter-119236026143902/>

Philoptochos will continue to sell Shop Rite Gift Cards. Please see attached flyer (page 21) with information on how to purchase.



## ADULT CONFESSIONS

The Lenten period is an important time of spiritual preparation for all Orthodox Christians. For this reason, everyone is encouraged to contact Father George, or any other spiritual father, in order to partake of the Sacrament of Confession.

## LENTEN YOUTH PROCESSIONS

The youth of our community will be participating in the following events:

March 24: Icon Procession

April 7 - Cross Procession

April 27- Saturday of Lazarus

April 28 - Palm Procession

April 28- Evening - Girl's Candle Procession

May 1- GOYAn's Reading

May 3 - Afternoon & Evening Procession & Retreat

May 5- Agape Service at noon

## COFFEE HOUR

If you would like to host the coffee hour on a Sunday please call or email Faten Dib. (609-226-2691 or [fattounch@hotmail.com](mailto:fattounch@hotmail.com)). If you are hosting the coffee hour please make sure that all products are nut free. We have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you!

## MEMORIALS

If you are planning a family memorial, please contact the church office far in advance of the date.

## YOUTH SAFETY POLICIES

After Sunday School all of the children are to stay in the Fellowship Hall with their parents. The gym, classrooms and church areas will be off limits to the children after Sunday School has been completed.

## SPECIAL TLC ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to ensure the safety of all our TLC children, the following procedures are being implemented effective immediately. During TLC school hours (Monday-Friday, 6:45 a. to 5:30 pm) all parishioners must be either buzzed in through the front door of the community center or must be checked in through the TLC main entrance. Any parishioner who has a key or fob to our facility must follow the same procedures.



## ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

Επειδή λάβατε το πακέτο της Εθελοντικής Προσφοράς για το 2024, σας παρακαλούμε να στείλετε την κάρτα σας το συντομότερο. Σας παρακαλούμε να μην στείλετε χρήματα χωρίς να στείλετε και την κάρτα.

## ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

Η Γενική Συνέλευση θα γίνει την Κυριακή, 10 Μαρτίου, μετά από την Θείαν Λειτουργίαν. Σας παρακαλούμε να λάβετε μέρος για την πρόοδο της ενορίας μας. Οι ενορίτες που έχουν στείλει κάρτες για το 2023 ή το 2024 θα μπορούν να ψηφίσουν.

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΑ

Το ετήσιο πρόγραμμα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου θα γίνει στις 24 Μαρτίου.

# MARCH 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>31</b> Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am  Sunday School Teachers Mtg.  Katanyktikos Vespers 6 pm.					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>   F.H. Rental
<b>3</b> Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am  Capital Campaign Kick Off GYM  F.H. Rental	<b>4</b>   Greek School	<b>5</b>   Greek School  Clergy Retreat	<b>6</b>   Greek School  Clergy Retreat	<b>7</b>   Clergy Retreat	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am 1st Saturday Of the Souls 40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste
<b>10</b> Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am  Meat Fare Sunday  General Assembly	<b>11</b>   Greek School	<b>12</b>   Greek School	<b>13</b>   Greek School  TLC Board Mtg. 5:30	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>   Philoptochos Yard Sale  F.H. Rental	<b>16</b> Divine Liturgy <b>8:00am</b> 2nd Saturday Of the Souls  Philoptochos Yard Sale  Walking with Christ Event Broomall
<b>17</b> Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am Cheese Fare Sunday Forgiveness Sunday Philoptochos Meeting  Katanyktikos Vespers 6 pm.	<b>18</b>   Great Lent Begins  Greek School  Compline and Lenten Pot Luck 6:00 pm	<b>19</b>   Greek School  Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom	<b>20</b>   Greek School  Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>   F.H. Rental  Pre-sanctified Liturgy 5:30  1st Salutations 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 3rd Saturday of the Souls  Philoptochos Lenten Retreat  GYM Rental
<b>24</b> Divine Liturgy 8:30 am 9:45 am  Greek School Program  Great Vespers at Evangelismos or Annunciation	<b>25</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00am 10:00am Annunciation Of the Theotokos  Greek School Compline 5:00 pm PC Mtg.	<b>26</b>   Greek School	<b>27</b>   Greek School  Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>   Pre-sanctified Liturgy 5:30  2nd Salutations 7:00 pm	<b>30</b>



## March 2024 Herald **Sunday School**

**March 24th** is Sunday of Orthodoxy. All children are encouraged to attend church so they may participate in the icon procession.

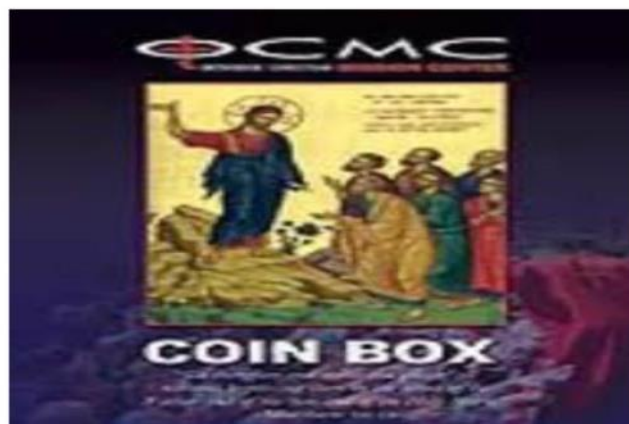
**April 7th** is Sunday of the Holy Cross. All children are encouraged to attend church so they may participate in the cross procession.

**Save the Date! Saturday April 27th** is Saturday of Lazarus liturgy, breakfast, and palm folding. All Sunday School students are encouraged to attend. This is an instructional liturgy for the children. Father George will explain the different components of the liturgy and Holy Week services. We need many hands to make palm crosses for our palm procession on **Palm Sunday April 28th!**

**Save the Date! Friday May 3rd** is the Holy Friday Retreat from 11am-3pm. Please come and experience the true meaning of Pascha; the crucifixion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please see flyer and registration form in weekly bulletin.

Please attend Agape Vespers on Sunday **May 5th** There will be an egg hunt for the children, and each child will receive a balloon to celebrate the Resurrection!

# LENTEN COIN BOXES



**TAKE ONE HOME TODAY  
FILL IT WITH YOUR DONATIONS  
RETURN IT ON HOLY PASCHA**

*These funds will be used to support the ministries of the  
Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)  
to spread Christ's love around the world.*

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
7004 Ridge Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

## Dementia Caregiver Support Group

**Presented by: Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter**

- **2nd Monday of the month 5:30—6:30 pm**

**To register contact: Carolyn Johnson Peterson at 609-833-6119 or [cjpeterson@angelichospice.net](mailto:cjpeterson@angelichospice.net)**

**Build a support system with people who understand.**

**Alzheimer's Association® support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for care partners of people with dementia:**

- **Develop a support system**
- **Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions**
- **Talk through issues and ways of coping**
- **Share feelings, needs and concerns**
- **Learn about community resources**



Visit [alz.org/delval](http://alz.org/delval) to learn more about caregiver programs and resources. To further extend your network of support, visit ALZ connected®, our online community, at [alzconnected.org](http://alzconnected.org).

**ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION®**





## **Phone Directory for Holy Trinity**

The church phone number is:  
609-653-8092

### **The extensions are:**

Father George: #12

Church Office: #16

TLC Front Desk: #13

Fellowship Hall Kitchen: #28

Commercial Kitchen: #29

## **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

We are excited to announce a new way to give your Business or Service a face in our church community. We are opening up the opportunity to advertise your place of business in our church bulletins. The most important aspect of this opportunity is that not only will it enhance and promote your business but ALL of the money collected for advertising will go to the church. We are confident that this advertising opportunity will improve the exposure and revenues of your business. If you have an interest in obtaining more details we encourage you to speak to Athena Sacco [athenasacco@gmail.com](mailto:athenasacco@gmail.com) or [609-653-6775](tel:609-653-6775)) or any other parish council member. We thank you in advance for your participation and support.

## **PARISH WEB SITE**

Our new web site has now been activated.

[www.holytrinityeggharbor.com](http://www.holytrinityeggharbor.com)

Please visit the site often for updated information.

Group leaders should submit their group's information to the church office ASAP so that all the tabs can be activated.

## **Scheduling Meetings and Events**

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts all parish ministries and organizations must call the church office to schedule all meetings, practices and events.



PHILADELPHIA  
**GREEK**  
INDEPENDENCE  
**DAY 2024**  
CELEBRATIONS

*Save the Dates*

**FLAG RAISING**

**FRIDAY  
APRIL 5**

**1:00 PM**

**BANQUET**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 6**

**5:00 PM**

**PARADE**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 7**

**1:00 PM\***



\*1:00 PM | Ben Franklin Parkway & 22nd Street Formation  
2:00 PM | Step-off /Parade will begin at 22nd & the Parkway marching towards City Hall





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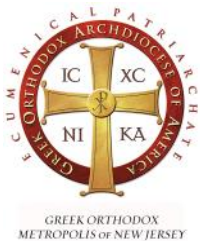
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# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

7004 Ridge Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234  
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*Our Vision is...*

*to follow Christ as stewards of our faith, by fostering a loving and welcoming community through active service, worship, education, and fellowship.*



*Our Mission is...*

*to become disciples of Christ in thought, word and deed, through loving and humble service to God and mankind, while seeking salvation for all through the Holy Spirit.*

*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God." Romans 15:7*



You are invited  
**BE OUR GREETER FOR THE DAY!**

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

Many of you have been greeted as you entered church on Sundays and important Feast days and perhaps you are wondering about this ministry and how it serves our church.

- Greeters help to make our parish a warm and welcoming place.
- Greeters assist visitors as well as new and regular parishioners.
- Greeters answer questions about our church, distribute bulletins and other parish forms, and fellowship with our visitors during coffee hour.

What most people do not know is that any Parishioner of Holy Trinity can serve as a greeter.

While we encourage regular greeters, we are always happy to have new members experience being a greeter and invite you to **be our Greeter for the day!** You can serve by yourself, with your spouse or with a family member or friend. General guidelines will be provided, but no special skills are needed. After all, it is all about a welcoming smile and making everyone feel a part of the church.

Our greeter program has completed its seventh year and we are very grateful for all our Greeters who helped make this ministry successful. I am sure that you have all felt its impact both personally and from others. I assure you that reaching out to our visitors has been a very positive experience. As we are always looking to enhance this ministry, please consider our invitation. You will find this a very rewarding experience in serving our Lord and His Church.

For more information or to volunteer please speak with Ginny Kramvis at 609 344-2967

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**"Holy Trinity Philoptochos"**

Demi Zalman is Chairperson of this fundraiser. Faten Dib [fattouneh@hotmail.com](mailto:fattouneh@hotmail.com) 609-226-2691 and Athena Sacco [athenasacco@gmail.com](mailto:athenasacco@gmail.com) are on point to assist.



The Ladies Philoptochos Society Saint Elpida Chapter 1040 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 7004 Ridge Ave.  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

## PHILOPTOCHOS MISSION STATEMENT

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness.

## COMMUNITY PASCHAL CARD

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Donation (minimum of \$20): \_\_\_\_\_

***Please remit to: Holy Trinity, PO Box 769, Northfield, NJ 08225***  
***Last day is Sunday, April 21st***

## How to Host the Coffee Hour

**Requirements:** Desserts (Nut-free), Milk 1 gallon, Orange Juice

**Set up in coffee room:**

1. Prepare coffee urn with # of cups and amount of water. Instructions are pasted inside the door of one of the cabinets. Switch on the coffee.
  2. Place coffee cups, plates napkins, forks, spoons on the counter and milk jugs, basket of sugars. Everything is in the drawers.
  3. Take out the money box and place it on the counter.
- After coffee is served: Please clean up everything. Empty urn and clean. Count money.  
Place in envelope marked

**PHILOPTOCHOS COFFEE HOUR,  
DATE, NAME OF VOLUNTEER AND AMOUNT.**

Money is either given to Faten Dib or slipped under Father George's office door.

Donuts can be picked up free at Minos if you call at 6pm on Saturday evening to request donuts to be put aside. Minos opens at 7.00am on Sunday, pick up any time after that.

Coffee hour need not be an elaborate affair. It is NOT a competition as to who serves the best spread. Some ladies love to bake, others do not have the time.

We are thankful to anyone who volunteers just to host a simple coffee hour.

## Holy Trinity Coffee Hours

Please call or email Faten Dib 609-226-2691 or [fattouneh@hotmail.com](mailto:fattouneh@hotmail.com) today and offer to sign up for a Sunday to host the coffee hour! There are many Sunday's available and it is a great way for your family, or a few families together, to offer fellowship and refreshments to our community. We will post any available Sundays in the weekly newsletter and the monthly Herald.

In the event that no one signs up for a Sunday to host a coffee hour, only coffee will be available at the Fellowship Hall. So come one, come all and sign up today to host "Holy Trinity Coffee Hour".

Available Sundays for March:

March 17: ?

March 24: ?

March 31: ?







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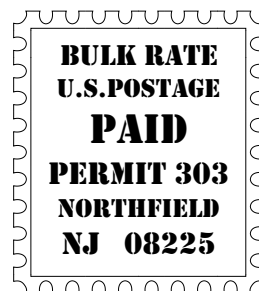
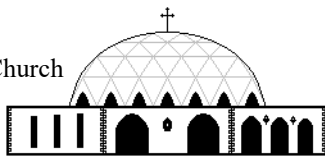
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3: Capital Campaign Luncheon  
March 10: Spring General Assembly  
March 15-16: Philoptochos Yard Sale  
March 17: Parish Oratorical Festival  
March 18: Lent Begins  
March 23: Philoptochos Lenten Retreat  
March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos  
April 5-7: Philadelphia Greek Independence  
Day Celebrations  
April 14: Philoptochos Membership Event  
April 27: Saturday of Lazarus  
April 28: Palm Sunday  
May 4: Ocean City Block Party  
May 5: Resurrection  
June 6-9: Greek Festival  
June 23-29: Camp Good Shepherd

*One is your teacher, the Christ.*

*Matthew 23:10*