THE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE

The awesome sight of the PANTOCRATOR ICON graces the interior of many churches in our land. This is a particular type of icon of Christ the Ruler of All, usually done in monumental style. It depicts the divine majesty of the Saviour and Judge of man, and governor of the universe. The Lord is shown in all His majesty, usually clutching the Bible. There is a unique combination of sternness and loving kindness in the facial features of the Lord, presiding over the destinies of all humanity.

Seeing such an icon, we pray piously before it. One may recall the words of St. Cyprian, the great Bishop and Martyr of the Early Church: *"This is a cheerful world as I see it from my garden . . . But if I were to ascend some high mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see: thieves on the highways, pirates on the sea, armies fighting, cities burning . . . selfishness, cruelty, misery and despair under all roofs."*

"It is an incredibly evil world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are CHRISTIANS and I am one of them!"

Let the Pantocrator icon remind us that the Lord rules this world. Our Saviour loves His people and one day He shall judge His creation.

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin . . . . . Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey . . . . . Litho in U.S.A.



Psalm 103:19

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And
His kingdom rules over all.

Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

January 26, 2025

Rev. Fr. Nicholas Halkias
Parish Priest
Home: 330-956-9039
Email: frnick@htgoc.net

Deacon Michael El-Bardawil
Cell: 330-209-7235

Dan Speece
Parish Council President
Cell: 240-483-6930
Email:djspeece@aol.com

Office: 330-494-8770
office@htgoc.net
www.htgoc.net

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel
Luke 19:1-10

Attendance
1/19/25
115

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by Mary Musat
In Loving Memory of parents, George & Valerie Musat and Aunt and Uncles, Nick & Virginia Sandru, John & Eleanor Musat and Jack & Rozeta Metes

Given by the Family of Alex Karaginides
In Loving Memory of Soula Karaginides

Upcoming Memorials

February 9, 2025
1-Yr. Memorial - Esther Kaplanis

February 23, 2025
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Helen Dimos
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Dimos

Condolences

Helen Dimos, age 91, fell asleep in the Lord on January 17, 2025.

May her memory be eternal!

57th Annual Debutantes Ball



High School Greek Female Seniors in Maids of Athena or with good standing parents in AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope are invited to join the Informational Meeting at St. Haralambos on *TUESDAY, January 28* at 7:00 PM. The flyer details are posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Please RSVP if interested in attending.



Congratulations to the newly elected 2025 Parish Council Board!

Nick Aslanides
Denise Bellas
Lisa Georgiades
Elaine Kontogianes
Kathy Koufos
Chris Macrides
Debbie Memmer
Eliana Monnot
Joe Ostrowske
Peter Pergins
Diana Pittman
Julie Sandru
Dan Speece
Roula Stern

This is a notice of a General Assembly for all members in good standing. We appreciate and urge your attendance and participation.

A General Assembly will be conducted Sunday, February 9, 2025 immediately following Divine Liturgy. The tentative agenda for this meeting is:

1. Opening prayer
2. Election of the Chairman of the Day
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Priest's Report
5. President's Report and Short Update on Background Checks
6. Election of 2025 General Assembly Committees
7. Donating to the New Metropolis Center
8. Financial Update
9. Stewardship Update
10. Other Business from the Floor
11. Closing Prayer

See you following Liturgy on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 9th



Following Liturgy on Sunday, February 9th, the Sunday School is hosting a bake sale. Stop by and buy a sweet for your sweetie!

KORAES LADIES SOCIETY 2nd ANNUAL APOKRIATIKO (GREEK CARNIVAL) FAMILY DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 6PM - 10PM

Music by DJ Puff from Cleveland. Children and adults are encouraged to come in costume. Let's celebrate in Greek style!

COST: PRESALE $20 adults, $10 for children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free)
Appetizers included with a cash bar
(Tickets at the door are $25/$12 respectively)
For tickets, see Voula Pierce, Kathy Koufos or call the Church Office



COFFEE HOURS AT HOLY TRINITY

Coffee Hours are a great start at making our visitors and friends feel welcome. Our goal continues for having a coffee hour following each Sunday Liturgy. Individuals and families are welcome to sign up. Pastries, coffee and juice are plenty; no need for a light meal. Tables will be set up. **Open dates are February 2, March 2, & March 30.** Please call the Church Office!

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, January 26
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Aristides Amentas 11:30 AM
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Macrides 11:30 AM
5-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Soula Karaganides 11:30 AM

Monday, January 27
Girls Basketball 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 28
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 29
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Boys Basketball 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 30
Three Hierarchs
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Byzantine Chant Class 6:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, January 31
GOYA Basketball Tournament

Saturday, February 1
GOYA Basketball Tournament

Sunday, February 2
Presentation of our Lord
Church of the Lakes Confirmation Class Visit 9:00 AM

Godparent Sunday
March 2, 2025

Please join us for Godparent Sunday! Bring your Godchild / Godchildren to church to receive Holy Communion together!

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!
SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 1.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. β΄.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ᾅδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ᾽ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος γ΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὅς ἐστιν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδείς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονείτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἁγνείᾳ. Ἕως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοι διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἰεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμὼν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἤμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτὸν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἁμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.