"I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN"

Of all of the Apostles, Peter was undoubtedly the most impulsive and boisterous. When our Lord walked across the Sea of Galilee, it was Peter who wanted to join Him. When Jesus questioned the Twelve, inquiring Who they thought He was, it was Peter who boldly proclaimed his belief that He was *". . . the Christ, the Son of the Living God."* It is no surprise, therefore to read in the Gospels that when our Lord addressed His followers at the Mystical Supper and predicted that they would all soon abandon Him, Peter loudly protested that even if threatened with death, he would remain loyal to His Master.

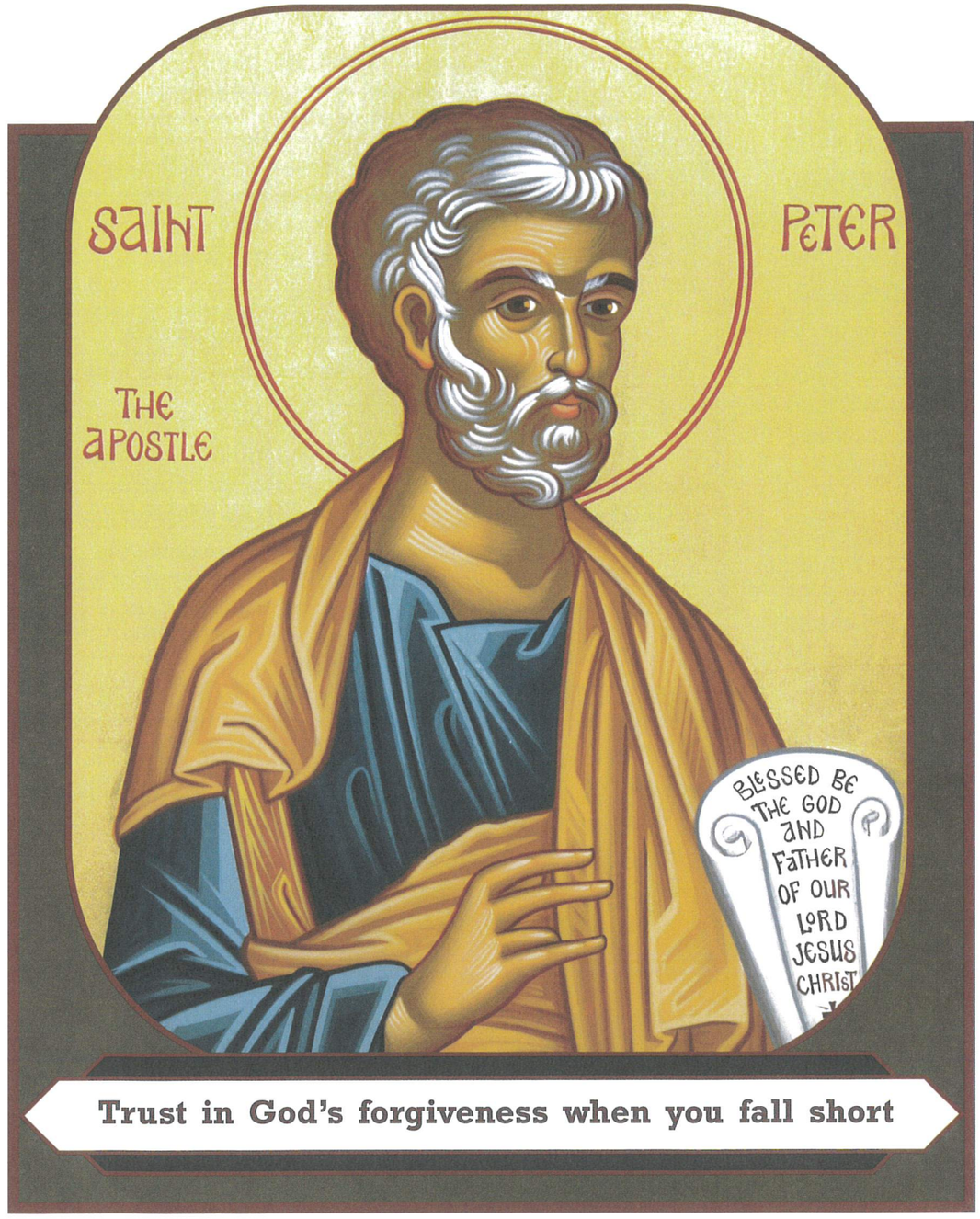
As we progress through Lent, we will find that Christ's words were true. After Jesus was arrested, Peter had several opportunities to prove his faithfulness. With the unfolding of Christ's trial before Pilate, we witness his cowardly denial -- not once, but three times -- of even knowing Him! As a cock crowed in the distance, Peter remembered Christ's words, and he wept bitterly. It is no wonder that after our Lord's Resurrection, He poses the question *"Do you love Me?"* to Peter three times as a reminder of how he fell short of what was expected of him.

There is a great lesson here for all of us to learn. It is relatively easy to be a loyal follower of Christ when everything is going well in our lives. The difficulty in living a Christian life comes when our faith is tested, and when our belief in Christ and His teachings force us to take a stand on matters that may not be popular or in accordance with the prevailing attitudes of the times. We must remain firm in our faith. Our Lord is not looking for *"fair weather followers."* Indeed, only those who willingly would give their lives for Him will ever see the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.



Trust in God's forgiveness when you fall short

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8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Hebrews
9:11-14

Gospel
Mark
10:32-45

Attendance
3/30/25
175

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by the Kiskoridis Family
In Loving Memory of Kostas Kiskoridis

Given by the Petrakis Family
In Loving Memory of Alex Petrakis

SOMETHING NEW This Sunday, the first 3 rows of pews on the left side of the church will be roped off for our new Youth Sermon Dates.

Reminder **REMINDER:** All Trinitarian items are due into the Church Office by the **10th of the month** for May. Thank you!

GOYA PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 13, 2025 immediately following Divine Liturgy

COST: $18.00 (Baked Fish or Plaki will be available)

Tickets on sale following liturgy in the hallway!

YOUTH LUMINARY PROJECT - GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18



Luminary Forms are available in the cubbies outside the Church Office and after Divine Liturgy on Sunday with a Youth Representative to place orders. Each Luminary is $5.00 and can be designated in memory of or for the health of someone.

DEADLINE for orders is next Sunday, APRIL 13th.

EGG HUNT - PASCHA - APRIL 20TH



On Sunday, April 20th - Bring the kids to Church and stay for the egg hunt!!! THERE ARE PRIZES FOR EVERYONE! See you there!!! Sunday School is sponsoring this event!

2ND ANNUAL GREEK GATSBY GALA

MAY 10, 2025
5-11 PM

Tickets for Regular Tables of 8 - $600
VIP Tables - $1,080 (includes a full page ad)
Individual Tickets - $75.00 per person
Ads & Sponsorships Available

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Cash Bar, Greek Dinner & Pastries, Silent Auction, Live Band, Dancing
1920s or Semi-Formal Attire Requested

Thank you very much!



Thank you to Youth & Ed and the GOYAns for choosing the Food Pantry as their service project. You did an outstanding job and your generosity is appreciated.

Denise Bellas, Food Pantry Coordinator

Attention Graduating Seniors (High School & College)



It is time to gather a list of all the students in our Holy Trinity parish that are graduating between July 2024 and June 2025. Please contact Lori in the Church Office at 330-494-8770 or email her at office@htgoc.net and provide the graduate's name, date of graduation, school graduating from, and if a college graduate, please provide the major. **Name Day is June 8, 2025 where graduates will be recognized.**

Daughters of Penelope 59th Annual Debutantes Ball



Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 7:30pm
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Krassas Event Center

Tickets: $25 per person

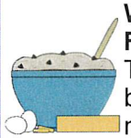
TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are looking for committee members to assist with the decorating of the indoor taverna and outdoor patio for our festival. Please contact Ellen Romeo at 330-495-3164 if interested in helping with this important aspect of our festival - July 16-19, 2025.

2025 48th Annual Grecian Festival Dates are:



Wednesday, July 16, Thursday, July 17, Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19, 2025. The baking schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the Church Office. Many hands are needed to help bake and get ready for our festival.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Apply Now Online!



To apply to all the Scholarships available at Holy Trinity, please visit our website at

https://htgoc.net/events/scholarships

to fill out the applications.

All applications are due by April 30, 2025.

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, April 6
GOYA Spring Retreat
1-Yr. Memorial - Alex Petrakis
Parish Council Coffee Hour
Sr. Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, April 7
Koraes Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 8
Senior Luncheon 12:00 PM
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 9
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM
@ Holy Trinity

Thursday, April 10
Fine Arts Meeting 6:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, April 11
Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 12
Saturday of Lazarus
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Breakfast/Palm Making 11:00 AM
Baptisms 1:30 PM

Sunday, April 13
GOYA Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon 11:00 AM
Bridegroom Service 6:30 PM

2025 AHEPA Chapter #59 Scholarships

Apply Now Online!

Instructions and Applications are available for:
Local Canton Chapter 59 at: ahepa59.org (April 30, Deadline)
Buckeye District 11 at: buckeyedistrict11.org (March 31, Deadline)
AHEPA National at: ahepa.org (March 31, Deadline)
Contact: John Karipides (330) 283-0113
Paul Koskovich (330) 327-4079

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!

SCAN ME

Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Devout Woman.
Mode pl. 4.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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 2.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῆς Ὁσίας.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐν σοὶ Μῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ᾽ εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

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 β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 9:11-14

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 9:11-14 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειοτέρας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ᾽ ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι᾽ αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὑράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἁγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσῳ μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 10:32-45 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἰεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινοῦσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὃ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσῃς ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἴδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαι ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ᾽ οἷς ἡτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἴδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ᾽ ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.