"GLORY TO THEE, WHO HAS SHOWN US THE LIGHT"

A large advertising billboard once had this message: "The darkness can kill you." It was an ad for electric light bulbs, but what it said is profoundly true: DARKNESS BRINGS DEATH. People like the light and fear the darkness. The first thing you do when you come into a dark house is turn on the lights. Even plants seek the brightness of the sun.

One of the most profound statements that Jesus made during His years among us was this: "I am the light of the world. Whosoever comes after Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

What a name this is for our Lord! The Light of the World. Everything outside of Christ is darkness. But with Christ, there is light. It is no accident that burning lamps and candles are closely associated with the Christian faith. When a baby is brought for Baptism, the sponsors hold lighted candles to symbolize that this is now a child of the light, a child of Christ. Candles are lit for every service. And when a person dies and is brought to the church for burial, again lighted candles are placed about the body, to show that even in death there is a lighted way to go to Christ.

Jesus also referred to His followers as light . . . "You are the light of the world . . . So let your light shine, that men might see your good work and glory your Father who is in heaven . . ." Just as, for example, the moon reflects the light of the sun, so we are to reflect the light of Christ.

We are the ones who can now dispel the darkness of fear, despair, evil and sin in the world. There is an old saying that Christ now has no hands but our hands to do His work on earth, no feet but ours to carry Him to the sick, needy, poor and outcast; no tongue but our tongues to teach and comfort and do His bidding in the world. Surely there is much truth to this concept.

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

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



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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
Titus
3:8-15

Gospel
Matthew
5:14-19

Attendance
7/6/25
178

Upcoming Memorials

August 10

Trisagion - Maria Callas (31 Yrs) and Mike Callas (29 Yrs)

2025 48th Annual Grecian Festival Dates are:



Wednesday, July 16	4pm-10pm
Thursday, July 17	11am-10pm
Friday, July 18	11am-11pm
Saturday, July 19	11am-11pm

Pick up menus & schedules in the July Trinitarian and near the bulletin board!

Festival SET UP begins tomorrow, MONDAY, JULY 14th. Volunteers are needed in all areas! Please join us!





The last baking day is Tuesday, July 15 for RICE PUDDING. Volunteers are needed to help with this last item before the festival. Plan on starting at 9AM!!!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS





The Food Pantry is in desperate need of boxes of cereal and liquid dish soap. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Church Office. Our pantry continues to gain people each month and new faces.

Thank you for your continued support of our continually growing Pantry!

~Denise Bellas

FABRIC SOFTENER NEEDED!



The kitchen is asking for donations of fabric softener and Oxi cleaning products so we can wash and dry towels and aprons as they are used. Please leave donated items in the kitchen. Thank you!

TRINITARIAN SPOTS AVAILABLE

There are several openings in the Trinitarian for Ad spots for businesses, memorials, or groups at Holy Trinity. These run for 12 months in our Trinitarian. Please contact Lori in the Church Office for more information.





NOTICE: Bible Study will resume on July 30, 2025.

Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes



Sign up sheets are at the pangari for anyone interested in taking our classes on Orthodoxy 101 or 201. **Classes begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM.** See Father Nick for further information or any questions.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Volunteers are still needed to help at the festival for carry out orders, food service, drive thru orders, trash detail, and various other areas from July 16-19, 2025. **Please contact or see Ted or Sally Rath, Anne-Charissa Halkias, Dan Speece, Dino Costi or Kostas Kalantzis** if you are available to assist for even a few hours on one day. There are spots available for help for all ages!

Hours are Wednesday 4pm-10pm, Thursday 11am-10pm and Friday and Saturday 11am-11pm.

Please volunteer today!

GRECIAN FESTIVAL
JULY 16 - 17 - 18 - 19

SCHEDULED EVENTS

****LIVE* GREEK BAND NIGHTLY****

GUIDED CHURCH TOURS
(Meet at Church main doors)
WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm
THU, FRI, SAT. 1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm

DANCE TROUPE PERFORMANCES
WEDNESDAY 6 pm
THU, FRI, SAT 6 pm & 8 pm

DRIVE THRU / CARRY OUT
WEDNESDAY 4 pm - 6:30 pm
THU, FRI, SAT 11 am - 6:30 pm
PRE-ORDER ONLINE @
GrecianFestivalCanton.com

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, July 13
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, July 14
Set Up and Prep for Festival

Tuesday, July 15
Set Up and Prep for Festival
Baking - Rice Pudding 9:00 AM
Parish Council 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 16
Food Pantry 1PM - 3PM
48th Annual Grecian Festival
Opa! 4PM - 10 PM

Thursday, July 17
48th Annual Grecian Festival
Opa! 11AM - 10 PM

Friday, July 18
48th Annual Grecian Festival
Opa! 11AM - 11 PM

Saturday, July 19 *Opa!*
48th Annual Grecian Festival
11AM - 11 PM
Elias the Prophet @ Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery

Sunday, July 20
Elias the Prophet
Father Nick - Vacation Begins following the Service

Fr. Nick's Schedule

Fr. Nick will be on Vacation from July 20-28.



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

SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!”

For the Fathers.
Mode pl. 4.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be 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 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 Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 31.11,1
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.
Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions have been forgiven.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀποῤῥίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῶν Πατέρων.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, 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 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 Τίτον 3:8-15

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 31.11,1

Εὐφράνθητι ἐπὶ Κύριον, καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι.
Στίχ. Μακάριοι, ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ ἀνομίαι.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις · μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιΐστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἱρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὢν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρός με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονταί σε οἱ μετ ᾽ ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 5:14-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ᾽ ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφήτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἓν ἢ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ᾽ ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.