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Holy Trinity's Mission Statement

To Worship and glorify God; by promoting the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Faith, to encourage all members' participation through our Greek culture, educational programs, community outreach and fundraising activities while serving God, our community and humanity with love.



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Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Services Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Church School Following Holy Communion

Weekday Divine Liturgy Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Evening Vespersal Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. See Echo Calendar or Weekly Bulletin for times.

Paraklesis every third Friday 7:00 p.m. – See Echo Calendar or Weekly Bulletin for changes.

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Parish Council Members

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Philoptochos President: Kelly Yakumithis
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Dear Parish Family and Friends,

In 1965 the Byrds sang a very popular song called "Turn, Turn, Turn". The song goes like this, "To everything turn, turn, turn, there is a season turn, turn, turn, and a time to every purpose under Heaven." Many of you may know that the rest of the song comes from Ecclesiastes which was written by King Salomon. King Salomon is writing about how our lives are always changing. Like the seasons in the year, there is a time and place for all things. He writes, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven".

As we look around our beloved community, we do see changes. We see people moving away and we see new faces. We see and hear about iconography projects and renovation projects. We read about our festival which is right around the corner. We see different flyers about events coming up and ministries coming back from Summer Break. We see changes in our families. We see loved ones getting older and children and grandchildren continue to grow and change. There are so many things that are changing but there is one thing that is constant and that is our Lord and Savior.

In all the different seasons of life Jesus's love is there. In all of the seasons of life Jesus's presence is there. In the many changes that happen in our parish Jesus is there. In all of the activities and projects that we start, you guessed it, Jesus is there. It is our job to look to Him and allow Him to help us grow and change.

My family in Christ, as we enter into another season of ministry, I am thankful. There are new things that we are hoping to do. All this will be completed because of the one person who does not change, our Lord and Savior.

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	Aug 31	1	2
					9:00 AM Ecclesiastical New Year Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Kamilaris Wedding	6:00 PM Parish Council	10:00 AM Kamilaris Baptism	7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	7:00 PM Ahepa meeting 7pm	Greek American Festival	
					9:00 AM Nativity of Virgin Mary Orthros 8 am Divine Liturgy 9 am 6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Greek American Festival	6:30 PM Philoptochos Board meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting		7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	6:30 PM Men's Ministry	7:00 PM Parakeesis	Hall Baptism Youth GS Classes Begin
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Adult GS Classes Begin 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	6:00 PM Young at Heart	Young Adult Taverna Talk	Parents of Young Children Ministry Youth GS Classes
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
First Day of Sunday School/Sunday School Kick-Off 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip 4:00 PM GOYA Kick Off	7:00 PM Wine and Welcome at Tzanakis (Philoptochos)	10:00 AM Holy Trinity Food Pantry 1:00 PM Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg 6:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	Adult GS Classes 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm			Youth GS Classes
Oct 1	2	Notes				

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Altar Boy Meeting after Liturgy Choir Sunday	2 6:00 PM Parish Council	3 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	4 Adult GS Classes 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	5 6:00 PM Daughters of Penelope Meeting 7:00 PM Ahepa meeting 7pm	6	7 Youth GS Classes
8 D. Petros 10 yr. Memorial Zervos Breakfast 1:00 PM Gusts Farm Outing (H&J)	9 6:00 PM Philoptochos Board meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting	10 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	11 Adult GS Classes 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	12 6:30 PM Men's Ministry	13 6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	14 Youth GS Classes
15 Scarvelis Coffee Hour Youth Sunday-Sunday School 11:30 AM Greek Kitchen (After Church)	16 9:00 AM Greek Kitchen	17 Make and Take Cooking Class (Cookbook) 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	18 Adult GS Classes 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	19 6:00 PM Young at Heart	20 7:00 PM Parakesis	21 Youth GS Classes
22 Pelphrey Memorial 11:30 AM Greek Kitchen (After Church, Spanakopita) 11:30 AM Parish Assembly 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip	23 9:00 AM Greek Kitchen (Spanakopita)	24 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	25 Adult GS Classes 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	26	27 Young Adult Taverna Talk	28 Parents of Young Children Ministry Youth GS Classes
29 OXI DAY Program 11:30 AM Greek Kitchen (After Church, Baklava) 12:00 PM Trunk or Treat 2:30 PM Dionysiou Baptism (Alora)	30	31 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Holy Trinity Food Pantry 1:00 PM Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg	Nov 1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				

CHURCH REGISTRY

HOSPITALIZED

Andreas Proestou,
Becky Skiadas & John Skiadas

BIRTH

Atlas Abrams Fotoples – August 9, 2023
Parents: Nicholas & Michelle Fotoples

BAPTISMS

Tinsley Sophia Buldas
July 1, 2023
Parents: John & Abby Buldas
Sponsors: Stephen & Jenna Gawronski

Theo Ellenberger
July 8, 2023

Parents: Alex & Mary (Papadimos) Ellenberger
Sponsors: Peter Papadimos, Nichole Kanios
& James Papadimos

Jenson Strock
July 16, 2023

Sponsor: Aleca Kamilaris

Isla Evdokia Stewart
July 22, 2023

Parents: Grant & Yanna Stewart
Sponsor: Dr. Dina Proestou & Dean Constantinou

Amalia Ekaterini Nall
July 22, 2023

Parents: Daniel & Tina Nall
Sponsor: Dimitrios Georgakas

Luca Phillip Dionyssiou
August 20, 2023

Parents: Eric & Krystina Dionyssiou
Sponsor: Dayna Dionyssiou Grenier

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Nick & Mary Bekos – 61 years
Stratos & Aphrodite Kourous – 57 years
Manuel & Dorothy Yakumithis – 57 years
Evan & Barbara Batsakes – 56 years
Ted & Dimitra Bekos – 56 years
Dennis & Katherine Lawrence – 50 years
Steve & Sue Sares – 42 years
Steve Papadimos & Dr. Chris Kanios – 40 years
Michael & Maryann Condon – 38 years
Phillip & Linda Dionyssiou – 37 years
Harry & Jenny Barlos – 33 years
Dr. Dean & Maria Kopan – 31 years
Frank & Christine Reder – 28 years
Thomas & Debbie Owen – 25 years
Nick & Katherine Conglis – 22 years
Michael & Dr. Natalie Jackson – 20 years
John & Abby Buldas – 8 years
John & Kelly Lung – 1 year

FUNERALS

Marylou Spanoudis – May 30, 2023
Gust Peter Elmer – June 2, 2023

Gloria Mouloupoulos – August 19, 2023
May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Gust P. Elmer – 40 days
Antoinette Tom – 1 year
Stanley W. Kakmis – 3 years
Demetra Theodorou – 3 years
Chris Theodorou – 5 years
Spiros Theodorou – 7 years
Demetra Karas – 12 years
Peter Karas – 39 years
George & Paraskevi Sfakianos and Patti Bellner
All Deceased Members from the Families of
George & Dawn Anagnos
May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF MARYLOU SPANOUDIS

Anagnos Family
Mrs. Henrietta Galyas
Mrs. Ann Mulopulos
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. & Mrs. William Kakmis
Ms. Debbie Paterakis
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros
Mrs. Barbara Veronie
Mrs. Irene Veronie

IN MEMORY OF GUST P. ELMER

Anagnos Family
Ms. Kathy Andros
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Blevins
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Chongris
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Ms. Milli Corey
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Costopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Elmer
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Garcia
Mr. John Gessert
Mrs. Faye Grevis
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinkolis
Ms. Atienza Maritz
Matovski Family
Mr. & Mrs. James McCabe
Mrs. Olympia Ntakos
Ms. Debbie Paterakis
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou
Mr. & Mrs. Grigorios Ragias
Mr. & Mrs. George Sarantou
Mr. & Mrs. George Scarvelis
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Simopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Panagiotis Tsaousis
Mrs. Irene Veronie
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis
Mrs. Elaine Worley
Young at Heart Members

IN MEMORY OF JENNIE SAMONIDES

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Andrews
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Duris
Mr. & Mrs. William Kakmis
Mrs. Evgenia Matthews
Mr. Peter Mulopulos
Ms. Nicole Patten
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou
Mr. & Mrs. George Sarantou
Mr. & Mrs. George Sares
Ms. Athena Tzanakis
Mrs. Irene Veronie

IN MEMORY OF ALFREDA MORRIS

Mrs. Mary McAninch

IN MEMORY OF ROULA MANTON

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross

IN MEMORY OF ANDREW SARES

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. Peter Mulopulos
Mrs. Irene Veronie

IN MEMORY OF PANDELIS DALLAS

Anagnos Family
Ms. Kathy Andros
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros
Mrs. Irene Veronie

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM TZANAKIS

Mr. Peter Mulopulos

IN MEMORY OF JESSICA ADAMS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos
Ms. Joyce Anagnos
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Daughters of Penelope
Ms. Stacia Dimit
Mrs. Faye Grevis
Mrs. Ann Mulopulos
Mr. Pete Kanios
Ms. Athena Modonas Diafos
Ms. Debbie Paterakis
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mrs. Irene Veronie
Young at Heart Members

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS BUNDROS

Mrs. Irene Veronie

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS THEODOROU

Ms. Elaine Dobias
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ramsdell
Mr. & Mrs. Hristos Rongakis
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Trumbull

**IN MEMORY OF SPIROS & DEMETRA
THEODOROU**

Ms. Elaine Dobias
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Trumbull

IN MEMORY OF STERGIOS & DESPINA HOULLES

Ms. Soteria Houles

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PAYEFF

Ms. Sandra Peters

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE SPILLSON

Mr. & Mrs. John Spillson

**IN MEMORY OF EMMANUEL & OURANIA
KOUNTOURIS**

Mr. & Mrs. George Sarantou

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & VIRGINIA GREVIS

Ms. Dina Grevis

IN MEMORY OF MARIA MOSHOVIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer
Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRATIDAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer
Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF FR. ANGELO ARTEMAS

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bubulya
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Bubulya
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Ms. Soteria Houles
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou
Mr. & Mrs. George Sarantou
Ms. Athena Tzanakis

IN MEMORY OF KALLROI ELIAS

Col. & Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
Mr. & Mrs. George Sares
Mr. & Mrs. John Spillson
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Trumbull

IN MEMORY OF KATIE ELEFThERIOU

Ms. Soteria Houles

IN MEMORY OF VATHOULLA KARTOUEDES

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou
Ms. Maria Proestou

IN HONOR & IN MEMORY OF Roula Manton, Angie Tzanakis, Mary Markham, Tulla Mihos, Mary Wolfe, Mildred Andrews, Jennie Samonides, Frances Petas, Sophie Paterakis, Mary Ann Dionyssiou, Elizabeth Voudouris, and Frances Manton for their memories and the love of faith, dedication, and sharing in food and cooking. By Phyllis Manton

DEATHS ELSEWHERE:

Vathoulla Kartoudes of Cyprus, Greece
(Tasoulla Proestou's sister) May Her Memory Be Eternal
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"Tans fade but the memories last forever..."

My hope and prayer is that everyone had a memorable Summer filled with special times spent with family and friends. Here at Holy Trinity, summer was especially busy and productive! Thank you to all the Parishioners who gave up countless hours of their time and talents this Summer at our many Festival Workshops. There is no way to thank you enough, except to say that the hopeful success of this year's Festival began with you!

Hopefully this month's ECHO will reach you prior to September 8, 9, and 10, the dates of this year's Greek American Festival! I urge everyone to do their part and give whatever time you can towards working multiple shifts at the Festival. You can sign up in person at the Veronie Community Hall or online as well. Contact Kristin Zink if you have any questions regarding sign-ups. Any time you can give is appreciated. Please sign up today and offer your help! It takes ALL of us doing our part to make this Festival a success. Remember above all, that there are two main reasons for having this Festival. First and foremost, the monies raised from this Festival, along with Stewardship, help us to meet our yearly budget. Secondly, this Festival allows us to share our culture and cement our place within the greater Toledo community.

I would also like to personally welcome our new Ministry Coordinator, Zach Heller. I hope everyone is taking the time to meet and get to know Zach. You will find Zach as I do, to be a very warm and welcoming addition to our community and someone who is very organized, helpful, and approachable. He has already done so much to assist Father Larry with all of our many ministries.

As a brief Iconography update, we have received approval from Metropolitan Nicholas to move forward with our plans to use Andromaxi Voutsina as our Iconographer. He has seen her renderings for our new Iconography and feels they will be a beautiful artistic presence in our Cathedral. We will be sending another detailed update in the near future.

A Few Parish Highlights...

- Sunday School
- Stewardship Sunday
- Trunk or Treat

Philanthropy for Generations

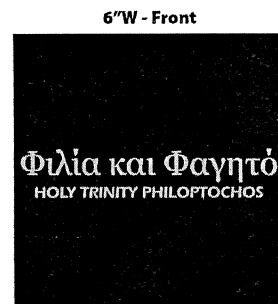
Ladies of Holy Trinity, the Philoptochos Society is thrilled to once again invite you to join our incredible Philanthropic society.

Over the summer we held our first ever Platinum Dinner where 120 guests came and enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. We were honored to be joined by Philoptochos Metropolis President Debbie George. We also highlighted Chef Michael Armstrong who has been helping our community with Cooking Class outreach to the Aurora House. Chef Michael and the ladies of Philoptochos has been hosting unhoused women and their children once a month for six months. Chef Michael shares his lifetime of cooking knowledge so the ladies can level up foods from the pantry. We could always use volunteers, if you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Pam Martin.

Philoptochos is selling aprons! Please pre order your apron to Kelly Yakumithis and you should get it before the festival! (Pick up only, no deliveries or shipping)

The aprons are \$25 (your payment is required for pre order) and say "Friendship and Food" in Greek. Maria Tzanakis will be opening her home to all the ladies of the church over the age of 18 for a Philoptochos Wine and Welcome party! Please RSVP to Maria and join us on September 25 at 7pm. Additional information will be mailed to your home.

We are excited for another wonderful year in Philoptochos! We hope you join us!



Daughters of Penelope by Stacia Dimit

Greetings from Dodona Chapter #24 Daughters of Penelope!

Officers and board members met on Thursday, August 3, 2023 to discuss planning and budgeting for the upcoming year beginning in September 2023. The meeting was held at Charlies Restaurant on Central Avenue with President Nancy Rodgers leading the meeting. We are anticipating a fun year of monthly dinner meetings and other activities and as always welcome new members to join us.

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge was presented with a Remember Toledo gift bag on Sunday, August 13th after the liturgy. Tony Packo's, Libbey Glass and Marsha's Buckeyes were some of the Toledo manufactured items included. Presvytera Ann was a past member of the Daughters. We wish her the very best in her new home in Florida.

The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, September 14, 2023. An email will be sent with the details.

Membership dues for the current year are \$50 and can be sent to Treasurer Sophie Stathopoulos at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania Ohio 43560.

AHEPA NEWS by Tony Capranica

Welcome Back! It's a new AHEPA year and we will soon begin having our meetings. Because of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Festival we will have our first meeting in October. Watch your email or mailbox for the announcement of that meeting.

This year's District Convention held in Warren, OH was very successful. Friday night kicked off the weekend with a Sons and Maids reunion. It was very well attended and many old friends reconnected. Deliberations were held on Saturday with a break for lunch and the Awards Luncheon. The weekend concluded with the Grand Banquet on Saturday evening.

Traditionally, Ypsilanti #118 has taken the lead in skewering and cooking the souvlaki for the Holy Trinity Greek Fest. We will be skewering souvlaki on Thursday September 7th starting at 10:00 am at the Veronie Community Hall. If you are able help,

please plan to be at the community hall. We will also be grilling the souvlaki during the festival September 8-10. A sign-up sheet with times to help out will be sent out early next week.

The officers look forward to a productive and successful year. SEE YOU IN OCTOBER! As always, Ypsilanti #118 is looking for new members and encouraging former brothers to re-join. For more information, checkout www.buckeyedistrict11.org or www.ahepa.org.

Parents of Young Children (POYC) by Leah Simko



Our parents and families met in late July for a pool party / picnic! A great time was had by all and the turnout was a blessing. Thank you to the Schwartz Family (Chadd,

Phaedra, Preston, Maddie and Hudson) for hosting us all at your home.

Our Fall gatherings are currently in the process of being scheduled, but our group typically meets the last Saturday of the month. More details to come on our Facebook page "Holy Trinity Toledo POYC" or you can email rongakis@gmail.com for more information.

Young at Heart News by Andy Petros

Hello everyone, and welcome back!

This year's festival is going to be awesome! A big thank you to all of the YAH members who helped out with the workshops.

We will miss Presvytera Ann dearly, but know that she'll make a lot of new friends down in Naples. Thank you for your 63 years of service to our community!

Our next meeting will be September 21st 6:00 pm
From Faye Haberman:

Young at Heart is sponsoring a trip to Frankemuth on Saturday, December 2nd, which is now open to anyone in the community interested in joining us. The cost is \$36 per person for the bus ride. The bus

will be leaving the Church at 8 am and returning around 8 pm. Your reservation will be your payment - we cannot hold any seats. If you are interested, please, make the check payable to Young at Heart and give it to Faye, Gene, Kris or Frank.

Warm Hands to Warm Hearts

Happy Fall Y'all from Warm Hands to Warm Hearts (WHWH). Cooler temperatures and shorter days are fast approaching. It's hard to believe that the summer has come and gone and that our Greek-American Festival is this month.

Even though our August meeting was cancelled, summer was still a busy time for us. Our members gathered during the months of June and July. In June, we welcomed several members of the Happy Hookers, the crochet and knitting group from the Eleanor Kahle Senior Center who are partnering with us long term to make rectangles for our lap blanket ministry. They observed and participated in our work. We appreciate their efforts and contributions. In July, members organized donated rectangles by color and design to prepare them for assembly. Others folded, tagged, and organized completed blankets. Even though our inventory is growing, approximately one hundred lap blankets are needed before we can make a delivery to a local agency. Remember, twenty-five 7x9 inch rectangles are needed for each lap blanket and baby blankets, lovingly made for the newest members of our church family, need to measure 35x36 and do not require rectangle pieces.

Thank you to all who donated yarn over the summer. We are always in need so please continue to drop off contributions to the Educational Building. Please note that we meet the last **Tuesday** of each month from **1:00 to 3:00** in the Ahepa Room of the Veronie Community Hall. Our next gathering is scheduled for **September 26, 2023**. If you have never attended a WHWH meeting, we encourage you to join us. We enjoy fun and fellowship while putting our warm hands and warm hearts to work by creating blankets made with love for those in need living in the Toledo area. We have jobs for one and all. No experience necessary. We welcome you to come check out this worthwhile ministry. It will warm your heart!

Men's Ministry by Matt Simko

This summer, the Men's Ministry met in July and August and continued our discussion of men and masculinity, specifically how men manage and devote their time and thoughts on prayer and how men view outward manifestations of religion. We met at my house in July and in August Spicy Tuna for dinner and Chadd Schwartz's house for discussion and fellowship.

If you are interested in attending, we normally meet the second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30, usually at a West Toledo or Sylvania restaurant for dinner and discussion and then move to another location for fellowship, further discussion, drinks and/or cigars. RSVP not required, but it helps to let the restaurant or host know how many to expect: matthewsimko@gmail.com.

This month (September), due to the festival, we will not be meeting, however, I will contact everyone to encourage help with the festival.

The Back of the Bus by Paul G. Sieben

Susan and I started our bus journey to Cape Cod in seats 33 and 34. There were 48 people on the Young at Heart Trip to Cape Cod. I vacationed on the Cape many times during my elementary and high school years. Always by car, never by bus.

This was a return trip to a place filled with fond memories. It was also a trip to make new friends and new memories.

Here is what transpired. Marlene had a front row seat on the way to Cape Cod. Once we arrived, we were informed that Marlene would have to give up her seat for the tour guide. Where was she to go? She did not want to go to the back of the bus. Susan generously told Marlene she could have my seat and I would move to the back of the bus.

So, I was sent to the back of the bus for the next three days we toured Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. My seat was next to the bus toilet. There was a slim view past the toilet on one side and no emergency window exit on the other side. If you have not sat in the back of the bus, you have not

experienced the thrill of every bump in the road and when you go over the curb. Fortunately, Martel was a good driver and did not go over too many curbs.

We had faulty intermittent air conditioning as soon as we got to Cape Cod through the end of the trip. It got extremely hot in the back of the bus.

The tour guide's microphone did not work properly so we could not hear her in the back of the bus.

You may think I am complaining, but I am not. I am just setting the stage for perhaps the best part of the trip. The people included Maria Tzanakis, George and Barb Sarantou, Maria Georgiafandis and Bud Connolly, Jim and Pam Martin and me. We had our own comedy club telling stories and jokes. When we could not hear the tour guide, we made up our own information. It may not have been accurate, but it was funny. What you hear on the back of the bus stays in the back of the bus.

Once the tour guide left us and we headed back to Toledo I got my seat back. I had to turn my head to the back of the bus to see and hear what my friends were laughing about. The moral of the story is, if you have the chance to sit in the back of the bus and build friendships, take it.

Memory grips the past; Hope grips the future.

Stewardship Update by Matt Simko

"Give, and it will be given to you." Luke 6:38.

I hope that God has blessed everyone with a fruitful and very relaxing summer enjoying family and friends.

As summer began the stewardship committee sent letters thanking those that have made their stewardship pledge and requests to those that have not. Parish Council followed up with a letter to the congregation describing Holy Trinity's Priority Projects, how they are funded, as well as the amount needed to be raised through stewardship and the festival to run the church and maintain our ministries. As a reminder, aside from the Priority Projects, Holy Trinity's 2023 budget is \$584,000.

As summer closes, we similarly situated to last year. At the time of the last report, Stewards have pledged \$248,331 (compared to \$243,626 in 2022). This amount is most remarkable because there are 13 fewer pledged stewards than at this time last year. Strong stewardship is vital to maintaining our beloved Holy Trinity and is part of what you can do to guarantee completion of the church's Priority Projects. If you have not given this year, or have given and not pledged, please take the time to make your pledge. Pledging is very easy at www.holytrinitytoledo.com.

Again, thank you to those that have made your pledge. I hope you all enjoy the festival as part of God's blessings!

Please join the families of
Persilla and Chris Zervos
in celebrating their parents'
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
740 N. Superior Street
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Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Breakfast after Liturgy in the
community center, about 11:30 a.m.

Please, no gifts.

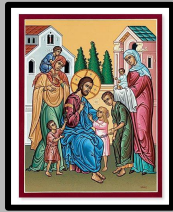
2023 Stewardship Update through August 18, 2023 - Our Stewardship goal for 2023 is \$275,000
So far 214 Stewards have pledged for a total of \$248,331
Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2023
at least the same in Stewardship as last year.

Mr & Mrs George Anagnos
 Ms Joyce Anagnos
 Ms Kathy Andros
 Mr & Mrs John Andujar
 Mr & Mrs Basil Apostolou
 Mrs. Lisa Arvanitis
 Mr & Mrs Ted Arvanitis
 Mr & Mrs Charles Bailey
 Mr Constantine Ballas
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Barlos
 Mr & Mrs Evan Batsakes
 Mr & Mrs George Bekos
 Ms Maria Bekos
 Mr Nick N. Bekos
 Mr & Mrs Nick Bekos
 Mrs Ourania Bekos
 Mr & Mrs Theodoros Bekos
 Mr & Mrs Anthony Berardinelli
 Dr & Mrs Gerald J. Biernacki
 Mr. Yevgeniy Biteikine & Dr. Dina P. Proestou
 Mrs Mary Brandburg
 Mr & Mrs Ed Branstutter
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HTGOC Monthly Youth Update



September 2023

Important Dates:

GOYA

24th: Kick Off Party, 4 PM

HOPE/JOY

24th: First Day of Sunday School

Hellenic Dance Company

Sept. 8-10: Greek American Festival

Upcoming in October:
1st-Hope & Joy Outing

22nd-GOYA Talk with Father

Dear Parents,

Hello all! My name is Zachary Heller and I am the Ministries Coordinator at Holy Trinity. It has been a joy to meet the families of this wonderful community so far, and I look forward to working with everyone during the year!



GOYA Kick-Off

GOYA's first meeting will be the same day that Sunday School starts. We will go to Fleitz Pumpkin Farm first, and then head to Pam Martin's house. There, we will get the year started with a discussion about what we want to do and what we want to learn. Hope to see you there!

Hope and Joy

After the start of the Sunday School year, Hope and Joy will have special monthly gatherings, starting on October 8th after Church, so mark your calendars!

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 24th. We look forward to seeing all of the children and young adults in their classes. A new feature this year will be weekly email updates about what the children are learning in all age groups.

Altar Boys!

Father Larry would like to have a meeting with all altar servers on October 1st. We will have a robe fitting, as well as practice processions.. If you are interested in serving in the altar in any capacity, please mark your calendars for this day.

Greek School

Youth Greek School classes begin on September 16th at 10:00 AM, via Zoom.

Hellenic Dance Company

All age groups will be performing at our Greek American Festival, September 8th-10th. Please double check your schedules so you know when you perform.



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Guest facilitator Mother Paula

Dinner and Discussion

(Is now the second Friday of the month)

Our next meeting will be on October 13th at 6 pm at Hot
Sizzling Wok

Contact Maria Tzanakis at metzanakis@hotmail.comto RSVP



All Classes will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday

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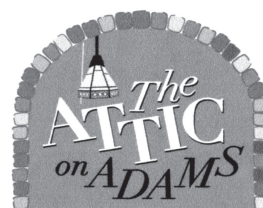
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