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

Evening Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. See Echo Calendar or Weekly Bulletin for times.
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Holy Trinity Cathedral Family,

On the 28th of October we, as Greeks, remember "Oxi Day." This is when Greeks the world over remember when Greek Prime Minister, Ioannis Metaxas, responded to Ultimatum of Benito Mussolini (through Italian ambassador Emanuele Grazzi) who said, in essence, "allow us to occupy your country or be invaded." The Greeks chose the hard road, but the righteous road. They would not give in to the evil Axis forces (which included Nazi Germany) and changed the course and outcome, of World War II.

But even as Greece was occupied, resistance continued in the form of two Greek Orthodox Bishops. Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, responded to the Nazi insistence that all Jews be handed over by ordering his clergy to issue baptismal certificates to all known Jews in their area. Because of this order, about 27,000 papers were given out to protect the Jewish people of Greece from they could be found.

Likewise, Bishop Chrysostomos of Zakynthos (along with Mayor Loukas Karrer), was ordered by a German Commander to give a list of all known Jewish residents in the area. In response, the two handed the commander a list of just two names, their own.

Before this, the Greek Orthodox Church would celebrate the "Holy Protection" of the Theotokos on October 1st. But to commemorate all our Greek forefathers, who acted bravely in the face of evil, we now celebrate the Holy Protection on October 28th, Oxi Day.

We pray for the Theotokos to watch over us, for her intercessions for the souls of those who lost their life fighting for their faith and freedom while protecting the innocent, and for the wisdom of God to always allow us to act in faith and love as did Archbishop Damaskinos and Bishop Chyrsostomos.

Father Jon McClish

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	Sep 30	1 **6:00 AM** City of Toledo **6:00 PM** Daughters of Penelope Meeting **6:00 PM** AHEPA Meeting	2 **6:00 AM** City of Toledo	3
4 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy **12:00 PM** Hope and Joy Gathering	5 **6:00 PM** Parish Council	6 **10:00 AM** Bible Study	7 **7:00 PM** Bible Study	8 **6:30 PM** Men's Ministry	9 **5:00 PM** Confession **6:00 PM** Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	10
11 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy	12 OFFICE CLOSED **9:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Workshop (Baklava)	13 **10:00 AM** Bible Study **6:00 PM** Philoptochos Board Meeting	14 **7:00 PM** Bible Study	15 **6:00 PM** Young at Heart	16 **5:00 PM** Confession **6:00 PM** Paraklesis	17 **9:00 AM** Tent City (GOYA)
18 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy **12:00 PM** AHEPA meeting **12:00 PM** Philoptochos	19 **9:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Workshop (Tiropita)	20 **10:00 AM** Bible Study	21 **7:00 PM** Bible Study	22	23	24 Jordan Wedding 2pm Ministry of Orthodox Parents
25 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy **12 PM** Trunk or Treat **4:00 PM** GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip	26 **9:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Workshop (Spanakopita) **9:00 AM** Saint Demetrios Orthros/Liturgy	27 **10:00 AM** Holy Trinity Food Pantry **1:00 PM** Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg	28 **7:00 PM** Bible Study	Oct 29	30	31
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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY	**2** **6:00 PM** Parish Council	**3** **10:00 AM** Bible Study	**4** **7:00 PM** Bible Study	**5** **6:00 PM** Daughters of Penelope Meeting **6:00 PM** AHEPA Meeting	**6**	**7**
8 DOP Chili Cook-Off **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy **12:00 PM** Hope and Joy	**9** **9:00 AM** Saint Nektarios Orthros/Liturgy	**10** **10:00 AM** Bible Study	**11** **7:00 PM** Bible Study **OFFICE CLOSED**	**12** **6:30 PM** Men's Ministry	**13** **9:00 AM** Saint John Chrysostom Orthros/Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM** Confession **6:00 PM** Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	**14** Theotokos Tea-Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr
15 Stewardship Sunday - Brunch **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM Madonna Homes Thanksgiving Dinner	**16**	**17** **10:00 AM** Holy Trinity Food Pantry	**18** **9:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Workshop (Baklava Baking) **7:00 PM** Bible Study	**19** **6:00 PM** Young at Heart	**20** **11:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Pick-Up **5:00 PM** Confession **6:00 PM** Paraklesis	**21** **9:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Pick-Up **9:00 AM** Entrance of the Theotokos Orthros/Liturgy
22 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy **11:00 AM** Greek Kitchen Pick-Up **2:00 PM** Ohana Thanksgiving Dinner Set-Up **4:00 PM** GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip	**23**	**24** **10:00 AM** Bible Study **1:00 PM** Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg	**25** **7:00 PM** Bible Study	**26** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**27** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**28**
29 **8:45 AM** Orthros **10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy	**30** **9:00 AM** Saint Andrew Orthros/Divine Liturgy	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	**Notes** office@holytrinitytoledo.com				

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Persilla & Chris Zervos – 53 years
Pam & Jim Martin – 52 years
Jaina & Kenneth MacLaren – 48 years
Eva & William Hadgigeorge – 42 years
Christine & Peter Diver – 41 years
Joanne & Lee McCormick – 39 years
Marina & Rober Wade – 39 years
Annette & Ted Rousos – 38 years
Julie & George Yakumithis -35 years
Alta & John Spillson – 30 years
Zenith & David Jakubowski – 26 years
Dena & Stan Smith - 25 years
Dionysia & Steve Bubulya – 22 years
Gina & Bill Sares – 20 years
Jamie & Jacob Blevins – 11 years
Caryn & Peter Petros – 6 Years
Maria & Caleb Wotring – 4 years
Marina & John Kwiatkouski – 1 year

MEMORIAL



Panayiota Marangou- 40 days
Gus Georgakopoulos- 1 year

May Their Memory Be Eternal



MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF JUDITH BRUCE
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook

IN MEMORY OF CAROL HANRAHAN
The Mancy Family

IN MEMORY OF DAVID JOSEPH
The Mancy Family

IN MEMORY OF BILL KAKMIS
Mr. & Mrs George Krinas

IN MEMORY OF STANLEY KAKMIS
Mr. & Mrs George Krinas

IN MEMORY OF PANAYIOTA MARANGOU
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. Peter Mulopulos & Ms. Suzanne Murt
Mrs. Olympia Ntakos
Mrs. Soteria Pastrikos
Mr. & Mrs. George Sares
Dr. Michael Thompson & Dr. Elainie Lillios
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis

IN MEMY OF MARY ALICE POWELL
The Mancy Family

IN MEMORY OF SOTIRIA SARANTOS
Mr. & Mrs George Krinas

IN MEMORY OF ELENI XENOFONTOS
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis

President's Report
by Debbie Morris

Our parish wrapped up another wonderful Greek Festival, and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made it possible. To our dedicated chairmen, our wonderful secretary, the booth chairs, and every volunteer who offered their time, energy, and joy. You proved once again what our community can achieve when we work together. Your hard work made the event a success and reflected the true spirit of fellowship at Holy Trinity.

As many of you know, our beloved Terry was recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and is undergoing chemotherapy. We will keep you updated as he shares news about his progress. Please keep Terry and his family in your prayers.

I want to thank the parishioners who stepped in without hesitation to keep our facilities running smoothly during his absence. Your quiet acts of service have not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful. In saying that – I would be remiss not to specifically thank George and Margie Sares for their tireless work over the last several weeks. They come to church daily to handle essential tasks. George has been mowing grass, taking care of general maintenance while Margie has kept the kitchen and Cathedral in top shape. They set up and clean up each week for Coffee Hour in addition to preparing the hall for any additional meetings. I can't thank
them enough for their continued dedication to Holy Trinity.

With Fall upon us, our parish ministries are back in full swing. Sunday School is back in session, and it is a joy to see our children learning, growing, and reconnecting with their teachers and classmates. I encourage everyone to participate in the ministries that speak to your heart—this is how we continue to strengthen our parish life.

Looking ahead, our next General Assembly will take place on December 6th. I hope you will join us as we reflect on our progress, discuss our future, and continue building a vibrant, faithful community together.

Philoptochos News
by Maria Kopan

We held our kickoff General Membership Meeting on September 20, 2026 and are on our way to another fulfilling year ahead!

We meet after church during coffee hour in the AHEPA room. It is never too late to join.

We welcome all women over the age of 18 to come listen, share ideas and see what we're all about. There is no need to "join" ahead of time, just know you are welcome to enjoy the fellowship of other women putting their faith in action with service to our church and community. Grab your coffee at coffee hour, grab a friend, and help us keep the Christian and cultural components of our faith active here at Holy Trinity.

This month we are working on establishing new service projects and developing a fun event to be held this winter. We will continue our existing commitments of service to the church, and are forming committees for everything we do.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on October 18, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there.

Daughters of Penelope
by Stephanie Birtsas-Schuppenies

The mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence.

The Daughters of Penelope met on October 1, at Georgio's Grill. We discussed the upcoming calendar events.

The District 11 philanthropic causes voted on to continue were: Water by Women, Autism Speaks and Kids on the Go. Please visit these websites for more information:

https://waterbywomen.org;
https://www.autismspeaks.org ;
https://kidsonthegocamp.com

Upcoming events

Toledo Dodona 2026-27 Purse Raffle. Proceeds fund scholarship and the organizations listed above.

Please buy a ticket or two! This year will be featuring a luxurious Louis Vuitton Madeline BB (valued at $2860). See pic below.



To get your purse tickets, open the camera on your iPhone and hold it over the QR code below, then click on the pop up.

The Daughters join Philoptochos in support of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Food Pantry (monthly). This charity serves numerous local families and individuals in need per month (adults and children). Volunteers are always needed and welcomed! See the Echo Calendar for dates. Donations of shelf stable food, kitchen/household items and cash are always accepted.

The next meeting will take place on November 5, 2026 at 6:00 at the Veronie Community Hall. Membership dues for the year are $60.00. Please see Sophie Stathopoulos if you have any questions about being up to date or to reinstate your membership. We are always excited to see new faces!

AHEPA News
By Tony Capranica

The officers of Ypsilanti #118 are going to try something a little different this year. We are going to attempt to have our meetings on Sundays after Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

We are looking at the third Sunday of the month to coincide with the Philoptochos meetings. Although Philoptochos will be meeting in the AHEPA room, we can meet in the front conference room of the Veronie Community Hall. Therefore, our next meeting will be Sunday October 18th following Divine Liturgy. So, grab a refreshment from the coffee hour and meet in the conference room.

The Super Bowl blocks will soon be available! We will be selling block tickets for $15 a square with 100 blocks available. First and third

quarter winners receive $125; half time winner receives $250 and the
final score wins $500. The officers will have tickets after Sunday Liturgies, or you can call Tony Capranica at 419-540-1150 for tickets.

Although for many students, school has just started, seniors should be thinking about the various
scholarships available to high school and undergraduate university students. The local AHEPA chapter has three scholarships, the local Daughters chapter has two scholarships, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral has a couple of scholarships. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors. The AHEPA Buckeye District as well as AHEPA National have scholarships available to both high school seniors and undergraduates. Some AHEPA National scholarships are available to graduate students as well.

As a reminder, any student applying for the AHEPA District Scholarship receives additional points for being a member of one of the Orders – AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles or Maids of
Athena. If a student is interested in becoming a member of one of the Orders, please contact Tony or Marian Capranica @ 419-540-1150. The scholarship applications will soon be available and notifications will go out.

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.

Young At Heart
by Frank Reder

Hello to all!

First of all, I would like to thank Andy Petros for his 4 years of running the show! His leadership as President has been outstanding. A wonderful sense of humor as well.

I've said this before, and I stand by it! Our church family is nothing short of amazing! I'd like to thank all of our hardworking Members for their dedication to our festival and the prep for it!

We've started out this fall season with a great dinner attended by 73 members and had two new members join: Soulla Pastrikos and Theresa Matthews Shiffert. Welcome! Bill Karahalios did an amazing job taking over the kitchen for us.

I'd like to thank everyone for their generosity and loyalty to Terry Timmons! You are all wonderful, beautiful, people!!

You've heard me say this before: Fall is my favorite season of the year, where the days are beautiful, the nights are cool, and the trees are painted beautiful colors.

Our October meeting will be on October 15th at 6:00 pm. Be on the lookout for the flyer! Bring a friend, let them see what a great group we have! Our dinners are the best, and our business meetings are short! Anyone can be a member of YAH. The only requirements are a belief in God, and being at least 50 yrs old. Dues are only $10 per person per year, and meals are $10 each. Where else can you have a fabulous meal and enjoy such great company for that price?!

If anyone has suggestions for restaurants for our Christmas party, please email them or give them to me. I'll do something similar to last year where everyone can vote their choice.

Remember: do not hit "Reply All" when sending in your choice! I'd like to stay with ones owned by church members, if possible, but will respect the top choice of our members.

We wish Maria Petros, Terry Timmons, and Athanasios Karagiannakis, perastika (περαστικά) and a speedy recovery!

Ending on a lovely note from our beautiful VP: **Happy Fall**. May the beauty of this colorful season light up your heart with joyful memories!

Greek Kitchen
by Nancy Liponoga

PLAN AHEAD and have your baking needs ready for Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holiday gatherings.

Both Thanksgiving and Christmas orders ***due*** in by ***Sunday, November 8, 2026***. PICK UP orders at the Veronie Community Hall on Friday, November 20th, Saturday, November 21st, or Sunday, November 22nd between the hours of 11:00 am to 1:00 pm!!!

Order forms will be sent by email or Order online: http://www.holytrinitytoledo.com/greek-kitchen/

- **24-piece Baklava - $35.00 (baked ready to serve)**
- **24-piece Frozen Baklava - $35.00 (uncooked, syrup provided)**
- **24-piece Chocolate Baklava-$35.00 (baked ready to serve)**
- **Spanakopita - $25.00 (uncooked)**
- **Tiropita - $20.00 (uncooked)**
- **12-pieces Galaktobouriko - $15.00 (uncooked, syrup provided)**

The Greek Kitchen *THANKS* you for your support!!!

Men's Ministry
by Matt Simko

We're excited for the return of Men's Ministry and to welcome Father Jon to our group. Our next meeting will be held on **October 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM**. You'll receive an email closer to the date with the location and discussion topic.

All men are welcome! If you'd like to be added to the monthly meeting reminders, please email me at **Matthewsimko@gmail.com**. The Men's Ministry is an informal group, so there's no pressure to attend every month—some members join us regularly, others only occasionally.

We're always looking for new topics. Please feel free to email me and Father Jon—or just Father Jon if that's more comfortable—with any ideas you'd like the group to discuss. It can be a fully formed topic or just the beginning of an idea that we can help develop. You won't regret sharing!

Warm Hands to Warm Hearts
by Elena Perry

Happy Fall to one and all from Warm Hands to Warm Hearts (WHWH)! We hope that your autumn season is off to a good start and that you are enjoying the cooler temperatures.

Many thanks to those of you who filled our basket with colorful 4-ply yarn at the recent Ministry Showcase. We appreciate your support. In case you didn't have the opportunity to visit the WHWH display last month, we would like to remind you of our worthwhile ministry as we enter our 7th year and invite you to join us. All

warm hands and hearts are welcome to participate. We Need You!

WHO: Anyone with time on their HANDS and love in their HEARTS can join us: men, women, young, and old. We have a job for you. No need to know how to knit or crochet.

WHAT: We knit or crochet 7 x 9-inch rectangles in any stitch, style, or pattern. The more interesting the better. We arrange the rectangles to design each blanket. Twenty-five pieces are sewn together. Finished blankets are folded and tied with a ribbon and gift tag.

WHEN: WHWH meets the last Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 unless otherwise indicated in the Sunday bulletin.

WHERE: WHWH meets in the AHEPA Room in the Veronie Community Hall.

WHY: Our mission is to help those in need in our community to keep warm by providing them with a lap blanket made with love. It's also fun and relaxing to knit or crochet the rectangles. Plus, creating something beautiful together unites us and makes us feel good.

HOW: How can I help if I don't knit or crochet, you ask?

1. You can donate brightly colored 4-ply yarn to keep our supply stocked.

2. You can join us to sort rectangles by color and/or arrange them to create a beautiful design.

3. You can sew rectangles together if this is a skill you can offer.

4. You can fold blankets and tie them up with ribbons and tags.

5. You can pray for our ministry to grow.

So, once again, WE NEED YOU. Many hands working together make more lap blankets. Please consider joining us to see what we are all about. Together, we can make HEARTS happy by making a difference in the lives of others. Since the Echo article deadline is before our regularly scheduled monthly meeting, we'll fill you in on our September meeting in the November issue. You will be amazed at the number of rectangles we received! Our next meeting will take place on October 27, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the AHEPA Room of the Veronie Community Hall. Our cheer for the year is "Join our mix in 2026!" There is still time left…you can help us make a difference. For questions or more information, please contact Maria Petros at 419.473.2387 or Elena Perry at 419.265.6275.

Dance Group Ministry
by Leah Simko

2026 Greek Festival in Review

This year has been an exciting season of growth and renewal for the Holy Trinity Toledo Greek Dance Ministry. We were blessed to welcome three new families to our dance community, bringing our program to over 70 dancers across all age groups. It has been wonderful to see both new and returning dancers share their enthusiasm for preserving and celebrating our Greek heritage through dance.

One of the highlights of this year's festival was the arrival of beautiful new costumes from Greece. These authentic costumes represent the regions of Cyprus, Crete, and Kefalonia, allowing our dancers to more fully showcase the rich traditions and unique cultural histories of these areas. We are grateful for the support that made these additions possible and look forward to

incorporating them into performances for years to come.

In addition to expanding our costume collection, we also gained a new dance costume closet. This dedicated storage space has provided much-needed organization and protection for our growing inventory and now holds nearly all of our costumes in one location. The improved storage will help preserve these valuable pieces and make costume preparation much more efficient for our volunteers and families.

As we reflect on the past year, we are thankful for our dancers, families, instructors, and volunteers whose dedication makes this ministry thrive. We look forward to continuing to grow, strengthening our faith and fellowship, and sharing the beauty of Greek dance with our parish community in the coming year.

With gratitude,
Holy Trinity Toledo Greek Dance Ministry Team

Ministry of Orthodox Parents
by Leah Simko

Our next parent gathering, and our first with Father Jon, will be held on Saturday, October 24. Stay tuned for location details. Information about the gathering will be posted on our Facebook page, ***Holy Trinity Toledo - Ministry of Orthodox Parents***, and shared via email.

We look forward to welcoming both new and returning members. Our ministry encourages all parents of school-aged children to join us for meaningful discussion, fellowship, and support as we navigate the joys and challenges of raising children in the Orthodox faith. Please email Leah **rongakis@gmail.com** or Paula **paulamapostolou@gmail.com** to be added to the distribution lists.

Outreach and Evangelism
by Josh Lytle

Hello everyone!

We were blessed to have a successful festival, and we look forward to the next one! School is back in-session and all of our ministries have started up now. We are thankful for another opportunity to welcome everyone to our parish and show Toledo what we do!

Remember that with outreach, everything you do can be considered evangelism!

Stand by for the next round of introductory classes to Orthodoxy! We look forward to Father Jon continuing leading us learning the basics of this ancient faith. All are welcome – those
interesting in learning about the Orthodox church and those who have been members for many years.

The Ministry Showcase was in late September, but that is a perfect opportunity for outreach for many people. If you're in a ministry, invite new people into it! Getting involved not only expands a ministry, but is a great way to get to know new converts, inquirers, or simply those new to our parish. Invite people from outside the parish too if there's an opportunity! There's something for everyone. Let's look forward to another month at Holy Trinity!

Stewardship Update
by Matt Simko

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee

As fall settles in and the activity of a new church year continues, Holy Trinity's Stewards appear full of energy and purpose. Our children are back in Sunday School; ministries are in full swing, and our Cathedral community continues to gather in worship, fellowship, service, and prayer.

We are also grateful for a successful festival! The work we do for the festival is absolutely part of our Stewardship. It helps to provide the resources we need to care for our Cathedral and grounds and gives another opportunity to spread our faith. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, worked a shift, attended, and helped make the festival a success.

Our Stewardship Campaign continues to make strong progress as well. **More than $223,000 has now been contributed toward our 2026 Stewardship goal of $310,000.** We are grateful to everyone who has made a pledge and faithfully followed through on that commitment.

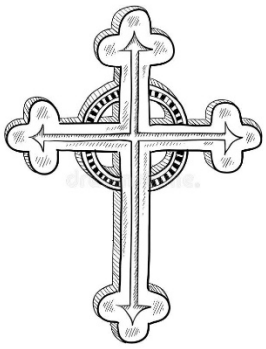
Please take a moment to review the list of pledged Stewards in the Echo. At times in the past, Carole was able to fill out pledge forms for members who gave regular contributions—her institutional knowledge was a gift! But many of you have been left off the list of pledged Stewards now that she has retired. If you do not find your name on the list, you are not recorded as a pledged Steward. Pledging, in addition to giving, allows Parish Council to plan responsibly, support our ministries, and fulfill the mission entrusted to us. It also helps us reduce our reliance on the endowment and avoid unnecessary or untimely withdrawals. Please consider making your pledge, even at this point in the campaign.

As we look ahead, (and your will hear the Committee increasingly communicate about this) we want to keep our long-term stewardship goal before us. At last fall's General Assembly, the parish set an ambitious three-year objective: to have Stewardship cover **75% of Holy Trinity's operating expenses.** If applied to this year's budget, that would require increasing our annual Stewardship goal from $310,000 to approximately **$450,000**.

This is a significant increase, but it is necessary to secure the long-term health and stability of our parish. The three-year timeline means that, on average, you will need to increase your pledge by approximately **13–15% each year** for the next three years. As we begin looking toward the next Stewardship year, we encourage each member and family to prayerfully consider what that goal means for them and how they might participate.

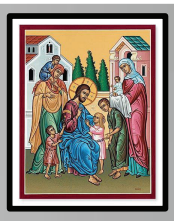
Thank you for all that you give to Holy Trinity — not only through your financial Stewardship, but through your time, your service, your presence, and your love for our Cathedral. **Together, we are building a strong foundation for the future of our parish.**

May God bless you and your families and continue to bless Holy Trinity Cathedral.



2026 Stewardship Update through September 23, 2026– Our Stewardship goal for 2026 is $311,000. So far 198 Stewards have pledged for a total of $301,012.00. Thank you for all your support of Stewardship 2026!

Mr & Mrs George Anagnos
Ms Joyce Anagnos
Ms Kathy Andros
Mr & Mrs John Andujar
Mr & Mrs Basil Apostolou
Dr Paula Apostolou & Mr Kelley Rowe
Mrs. Lisa Arvanitis
Mr & Mrs Evan Batsakes
Ms Maria Bekos
Mr & Mrs. Nick C. Bekos
Mr Nick N. Bekos
Mrs Ourania Bekos
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Ms. Stephanie Cape
Mr & Mrs Tony Capranica
Mr Shawn Carr & Nicole Petros
Mr & Mrs Bryan Chaka
Ms Catherine H. Chengges
Mr. Samuel Chipps
Mr & Mrs Nick Chirgott
Mrs. Alexandra Chrysochoos
Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Chrysochoos
Mr & Mrs Michael Chrysochoos
Mr. Andrew Cleaver
Mr & Mrs Greg Cook
Mr & Mrs Richard Dashner
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HTGOC Monthly Youth Update

October 2026

Dear Parents,
The festival was a wonderful success, due in part to the participation of our youth. May God continue to bless us all! Please watch your emails for updates and this section of the Echo. We welcome Father Jon and are excited to see how he guides us towards Christ!
In Christ,
Zachary Heller



Important Dates:

GOYA:
October 17th-Tent City
October 25th-Coffee Talk at Sip

Hope and Joy:
Oct. 4th-1st Gathering





GOYA: GOYA is gearing up for a great year! We kicked off on Sunday, September 27th, electing officers and previewing the year! Please watch your emails and texts for all updates for anything GOYA related.

Hope and Joy: Hope and Joy kicked off the first weekend of October! We went to Gust Pumpkin Farms and enjoyed the first bit of fall weather! We also learned how to properly do our crosses and when to do them. Our next gathering will be on November 8th!

Dance Practice: A hearty congratulations to all of our dancers and dance instructions for another wonderful Greek Festival showcase. Thank you for all of your time and hard work! During the year, we will also, most likely, be gathering to practice for our group to perform at the Greek Independence Day Parade next year. More information regarding that event will be announced at a later date.

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