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By the Mercy of God

Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch

Grace, Peace, and Mercy unto the Plenitude of the Church

From the Fashioner of All Creation

Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

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Most honorable brother Hierarchs and blessed children in the Lord,

By the good pleasure of God the giver of all, we embark today upon a new ecclesiastical year, glorifying His heavenly name for the uninterrupted and bounteous fruitfulness of the initiatives of His Holy Great Church in the field of creation's protection. The Ecumenical Patriarchate not only highlighted the seriousness of environmental issues from an early stage, but also focused attention on their foundational causes—which are inner, spiritual, and moral—and proposed solutions based on an Orthodox eucharistic and ascetic ethos.

Orthodoxy, in her faith, divine worship, and witness to the world is, one could say, the eco-friendly form of Christianity. Thus, the proclamation of the Feast of the Indiction as a day of prayer for the protection of the natural environment was not merely a reaction to the contemporary ecological crisis, but a natural extension of the Church's life as "applied ecology." From the beginning, we declared the inseparability of respect for creation and the human person, revealing the common root and interconnection of environmental and social problems. Alienation from God breeds a possessive and exploitative attitude and behavior toward creation and fellow human beings, while life in and according to Christ is a source of environmental sensitivity and philanthropic action. As the Lord said: "Every good tree bears good fruit, but a corrupt tree bears evil fruit. A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, and a corrupt tree cannot bear good fruit" (Matthew 7:17–18).

Respect for spiritual values sharpens our discernment of what is good and what must be done. Indifference toward the Transcendent and the "anthropomonism" that follows lead to the entrapment of the human being in the earthly, that is, to a shrinking of his freedom into pragmatic choices and decisions, always intertwined with superficial views of reality and with the identification of the good with "what happens to be useful." The timely call for "ecological repentance"—beyond the call to remorse for the ecological damage already inflicted—and to a

radical change in mindset and behavior toward creation, also points to the need to transcend the erroneous stance that upholds the view of the environmentally destructive “self-regulating economy” as the only path to development. This stance further fuels the naive belief in nature’s alleged ability to regenerate itself indefinitely, despite the human-induced burdens it suffers, such as the intensification of climate change and its devastating global consequences. Today, in addition to all this, is added the pandemonium of war cries, bombings, missiles and explosions, which drowns out the cry of the innocent victims of merciless violence and the groaning of creation. The future of life on our planet will either be ecological and peaceful—or nonexistent.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate, alongside its struggle for peace, justice, and solidarity, will continue to lead in protecting nature, upholding ecological themes as central issues in inter-Christian and interfaith dialogue, and promoting the significance of Christian eco-friendly principles and traditions within international institutions, environmental organizations, scientific foundations, and civil society. We are confident that cooperation in the field of ecology strengthens our sense of shared responsibility for the future and opens up new and favorable prospects.

Returning to what we stated in a previous Message, we once again call upon the Metropolises of the Mother Church around the world, parishes, and monasteries to develop coordinated actions and specific interventions to mobilize the faithful, with emphasis on educating the younger generation. Applying the ecological implications of our faith in practice is a defining aspect of our Orthodox identity.

In this spirit, we wish you all a blessed and fruitful ecclesiastical year in good and God-pleasing works. We call upon the children of the Holy Great Church of Christ across the globe to live in a true eco-friendly manner and in brotherly love, to pray for creation and for peace, to strive for the integrity of the natural environment and sustainability, and to cultivate a culture of solidarity. Through the intercession and protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Pammakaristos, we invoke upon you the life-giving grace and great mercy of the Almighty Creator and All-Merciful God of love.

Blessed Ecclesiastical Year, brothers and children in the Lord!

September 1, 2025

† Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent suppliant for all before God

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Τιμιώτατοι ἀδελφοί Ἱεράρχαι καί τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ εὐλογημένα,

Εὐδοκοῦντος τοῦ πανδώρου Θεοῦ, εἰσερχόμεθα σήμερον εἰς τό νέον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἔτος, δοξολογοῦντες τό ὑπερουράνιον ὄνομα Αὐτοῦ διά τήν ἀδιάσπαστον δαψιλῇ καρποφορίαν τῶν πρωτοβουλιῶν τῆς Ἀγίας Αὐτοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας εἰς τόν χῶρον τῆς προστασίας τῆς κτίσεως. Τό Οἰκουμενικόν Πατριαρ-χεῖον ὄχι μόνον ἐπεσήμανεν ἐγκαίρως τήν σοβαρότητα τῶν περιβαλλοντικῶν προβλημάτων, ἀλλά ἔστρεψε τήν προσοχήν εἰς τά αἰτία των, εἰς τās ἐσωτερικάς, πνευματικάς καί ἠθικάς καταβολάς των, καί προέτεινε λύσεις ἐπὶ τῇ βάσει τοῦ Ὁρ-θοδόξου ευχαριστιακοῦ καί ἀσκητικοῦ ἥθους.

Ἡ Ὁρθοδοξία ὡς πίστις, θεία λατρεία καί ἐγκόσμιος μαρτυρία εἶναι ἡ οἰκοφι-λική μορφή τοῦ Χριστιανισμοῦ. Ἐν τῇ ἐννοίᾳ ταύτῃ, ἡ ἀνακήρυξις τῆς ἐορτῆς τῆς Ἰνδίκτου εἰς Ἡμέραν προσευχῆς ὑπέρ τῆς προστασίας τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος δέν ὑπῆρξεν ἀπλῶς ἀντίδρασις εἰς τήν σύγχρονον οἰκολογικήν κρίσιν, ἀλλά συνέπει-α καί προέκτασις τῆς ζωῆς τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ὡς «ἐφηρμοσμένης οἰκολογίας». Ἐξ ἀρχῆς διεκηρύξαμεν καί τό ἀδιαίρετον τοῦ σεβασμοῦ τῆς δημιουργίας καί τοῦ ἀνθρωπίνου προσώπου καί ἀνεδείξαμεν τήν κοινήν ρίζαν καί τήν ἀλληλουχίαν περιβαλλοντικῶν καί κοινωνικῶν προβλημάτων. Ἡ ἀπομάκρυνσις ἀπό τόν Θεόν γεννᾷ τήν κτητικήν καί ἐκμεταλλευτικήν στάσιν καί συμπεριφορᾶν ἔναντι τῆς κτίσεως καί τοῦ συναν-θρώπου, ἐνῶ ἡ ἐν Χριστῷ καί κατά Χριστόν ζωὴ εἶναι πηγὴ περιβαλλοντικῆς εὐ-αισθησίας καί φιλανθρώπου δράσεως. Συμφώνως πρὸς τόν Κυριακόν λόγον, «πᾶν δένδρον ἀγαθόν καρπούς καλοῦς ποιεῖ, τό δέ σαπρὸν δένδρον καρπούς πονηροῦς ποιεῖ. Οὐ δύναται δένδρον ἀγαθόν καρπούς πονηροῦς ποιεῖν, οὐδέ δένδρον σαπρὸν καρπούς καλοῦς ποιεῖν» (Ματθ. ζ', 17 – 18).

Ὁ σεβασμός τῶν πνευματικῶν ἀξιῶν, ὁξύνει τό αἰσθητήριόν μας διά τό ἀγα-θόν καί τό πρακτέον. Ἡ ἀδιαφορία διά τό Ὑπερβατικόν καί ὁ συνακόλουθος «ἀνθρω-πομονισμός» ὀδηγοῦν εἰς ἐγκλωβισμόν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰς τά γεῶδη, εἰς συρρίκνωσιν τῆς ἐλευθερίας του εἰς πραγματιστικάς ἐπιλογάς καί ἀποφάσεις, συνυφασμένας πάντοτε μέ ἐπιφανειακάς θεωρήσεις τῶν πραγμάτων καί μέ τήν ταύτισιν τοῦ ἀγα-θοῦ μέ τό «περιστασιακῶς χρήσιμον». Ὁ ἐπίκαιρος λόγος περὶ «οἰκολογικῆς μετανοί-ας», πέραν τῆς κλήσεως εἰς μεταμέλειαν διά τήν ἐπιτελεσθεῖσαν οἰκολογικήν ζημίαν καί εἰς ριζικὴν ἀλλαγὴν νοοτροπίας καί συμπεριφορᾶς ἔναντι τῆς δημιουργίας, ἀνα-φέρεται καί εἰς τήν ἀνάγκην ὑπερβάσεως τῆς σφαλερᾶς τοποθετήσεως, ἡ ὁποία στη-ρίζει τήν θεώρησιν τῆς καταστροφικῆς διά τό φυσικόν περιβάλλον «ἰδιονομίας τῆς οἰκονομίας» ὡς μονοδρόμου πρὸς τήν ἀνάπτυξιν, καί τροφοδοτεῖ τήν ἀφελῇ πίστιν εἰς τήν δυνατότητα τῆς φύσεως νά ἀναζωογονῆται ἀφ' ἑαυτῆς εἰς τό διηνεκές, παρὰ τās ἀνθρωπογενεῖς ἐπιβαρύνσεις της, ὡς ἡ ἐντεινομένη κλιματικὴ ἀλλαγὴ καί αἱ καταστροφικαὶ πλανητικαὶ συνέπειά της. Εἰς ὅλα αὐτά προστίθεται σήμερον τό πανδαιμόνιον τῶν πολεμικῶν ἰαχῶν, τῶν βομβαρδισμῶν, τῶν πυραύλων καί τῶν ἐκ-ρήξεων, τό ὁποῖον ἐπικαλύπτει τήν κραυγὴν τῶν ἀθῶν θυμάτων τῆς ἀνηλεοῦς βίας καί τούς στεναγμούς τῆς δημιουργίας. Τό μέλλον τῆς ζωῆς εἰς τόν πλανήτην μας ἢ θά εἶναι οἰκολογικόν καί εἰρηνικόν ἢ ἀνῦπαρκτον.

Τό Οἰκουμενικόν Πατριαρχεῖον, ὁμοῦ μετά τοῦ ἀγῶνος διά τήν εἰρήνην, τήν δικαιοσύνην καί τήν ἀλληλεγγύην, θά συνεχίσῃ νά πρωτοστατῇ εἰς τήν προστασίαν τῆς φύσεως, εἰς τήν ἀνάδειξιν τῆς οἰκολογικῆς θεματικῆς εἰς κεντρικόν ζήτημα τοῦ διαχριστιανικοῦ καί τοῦ διαθρησκευτικοῦ διαλόγου, εἰς τήν προβολήν τῆς σημασίας τῶν χριστιανικῶν οἰκοφιλικῶν ἀρχῶν καί παραδόσεων ἐν τῷ πλαισίῳ διεθνῶν θεσμῶν, οἰκολογικῶν ὁργανώσεων, ἐπιστημονικῶν ἰδρυμάτων καί τῆς κοινωνίας τῶν πολιτῶν.

Εἴμεθα βέβαιοι ὅτι ἡ σύμπραξις εἰς τόν τομέα τῆς οἰκολογίας ἐνισχύει τήν αἴσθησιν τῆς κοινῆς εὐθύνης διά τήν πορείαν πρός τό μέλλον καί δημιουργεῖ νέας εὐνοϊκάς προοπτικάς.

Ἐπανερχόμενοι εἰς ὅσα ἀνεφέρομεν εἰς παλαιότερον Μήνυμά μας, καλοῦμεν ἐκ νέου τάς ἀνά τήν οἰκουμένην Ἐπαρχίας τῆς Μητροῦς Ἐκκλησίας, τάς ἐνορίας καί τάς ἱεράς Μονάς, νά ἀναπτύξουν συντονισμένας δράσεις καί συγκεκριμένας παρεμβάσεις διά τήν κινητοποίησιν τῶν πιστῶν, μετ' ἐμφάσεως εἰς τήν διαπαιδαγώγησιν τῆς νέας γενεᾶς. Ἡ ἐφαρμογή τῶν οἰκολογικῶν συνεπειῶν τῆς πίστεώς μας ἐν τῇ πράξει ἀποτελεῖ καθοριστικήν διάστασιν τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου ἡμῶν ἰδιοπροσωπίας.

Ἐν τῷ πνεύματι τούτῳ, εὐχόμενοι πρός πάντας ὑμᾶς αἴσιον καί πολύκαρπον ἐν ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς καί θεαρέστοις τόν νέον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἐνιαυτόν, καλοῦμεν τά ἀνά τήν ὑφήλιον τέκνα τῆς Ἀγίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας νά ζοῦν οἰκοφι-λικῶς καί φιλαδέλφως, νά προσεύχωνται διά τήν κτίσιν καί τήν εἰρήνην, νά ἀγωνί-ζωνται διά τήν ἀκεραιότητα τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος καί τήν ἀειφορίαν, καθώς καί διά τήν ἐμπέδωσιν τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ τῆς ἀλληλεγγύης, καί ἐπικαλούμεθα ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, μεσιτεία καί προστασία τῆς Παναγίας Θεοτόκου τῆς Παμμακαρίστου, τήν ζεί-δωρον χάριν καί τό μέγα ἔλεος τοῦ πανσθενοῦς Κτίστου τῶν ἀπάντων καί παντε-λεήμονος Θεοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης.

Εὐλογημένον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἔτος, ἀδελφοί καί τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ!

„βκε' Σεπτεμβρίου α'

Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως

διάπυρος πρός Θεόν εὐχέτης πάντων ὑμῶν



**Patriarchal Great Doxology
Welcoming His All Holiness
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
on His Apostolic Visit to the United States**

CHANGE OF TIME

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 3:00 P.M.

**Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey
St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Falls Church, Virginia**



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The deadline for notices to be placed in the bulletin is the 15th of each month. Please email them to htrinityroa@verizon.net on or before this date. Thank you.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2025		
Mon. 09/01/2025	Ecclesiastical New Year	
Sat. 09/06/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 09/07/2025	Sunday Before Holy Cross	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18</i>	Gospel: John 3:13-17
Usher(s):	Van Kakouras, Mike Greenwood, Georgia Liagki	
Mon. 09/08/2025	Nativity of the Theotokos	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Sat. 09/13/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 09/14/2025	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24</i>	Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30
Usher(s):	Carol Royal, Angela Flegas, Larry Owen	
Wed. 09/17/2025	Patriarchal Great Doxology @ St. Katherine GOC, Falls Church, VA	3:00 PM
Sat. 09/20/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 09/21/2025	Sunday After Holy Cross	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20</i>	Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
Usher(s):	Juan Martinez, Maria Hatzios, Naji Karim	
Sat. 09/27/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 09/28/2025	1st Sunday of Luke	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10</i>	Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Usher(s):	Voula Dallas, Beth Gianakouros, Lampros Panogeorgos	

USHERS ARE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE FIFTEEN MINUTES PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF LITURGY! THE USHER LEADER IS TO ARRIVE FOR THE BEGINNING OF ORTHROS. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO USHER AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT ANOTHER USHER FROM YOUR LIST TO REPLACE YOU.



HOLY TRINITY BOOKSTORE

✠ OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH ✠

WE HAVE BOOKS FOR ALL AGES, ICONS, PRAYER
ROPES, PRAYER BOOKS, CHARCOAL, INCENSE,
CENSORS, AND OTHER ITEMS.

PLEASE VISIT US AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY ON
SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!

Weekly Classes & Worship

Path to Eternity with Fr. Theodore will resume after our Big Fat Greek Drive-Thru. Everyone is welcome to join, whether they are just curious about Orthodoxy, or they have been part of the Church their whole life! You do not need to have attended a previous class in order to come.

Bible Study will resume on September 3rd



**THE ORTHOCHAT
EPISODE 70: FR.
THEODORE LYKETSOS**

Holy Trinity Roanoke is on YouTube! God willing, we will soon have the capability to broadcast services as well.

Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityRoanoke>

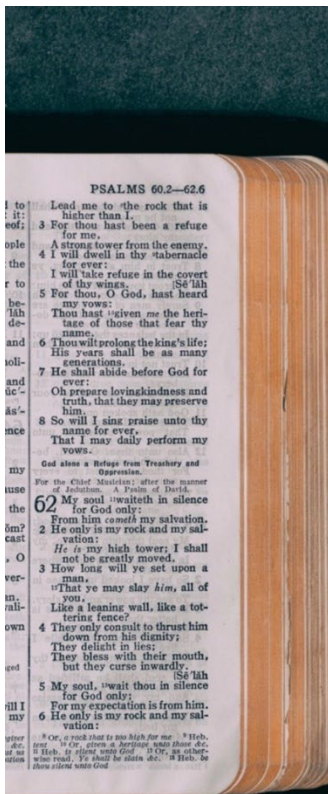


The 2025 calendar is posted in the church hall; please show your hospitality by signing up to be a host.

If there is no sponsor, we will designate every 1st Sunday of the month PotLuck Sunday.

Any parishioner may bring a dish. Check your Friday email to see if the 1st Sunday is Pot Luck.

If you have questions reach out to Danna Owen at Philoptochosroanoke@gmail.com



BIBLE STUDY

Date/Time:
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Subject:
The Gospel of
Matthew

Also streamed online: meet.google.com/pum-cdqw-cza

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Fellowship Hour Hosts for August 2025

August 3	Potluck
August 10	Potluck
August 17	Presvytera Denisa and family - 40 day memorial for Aurelia Muntean, 14 year memorial for George Lyketsos and a 32 year memorial for Euphrosyne Lyketsos
August 24	Parish Council & Philoptochos
August 31	Potluck

Announcements

Welcome To Holy Trinity!

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable Summer break. Welcome back! Clear your calendars for the "Big Fat Greek Drive-Thru" (September 26, 27, 28). Please try your best to volunteer in any way you can. Let's all make this another successful event for our region. Welcome back to all returning college students and new ones as well. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to Father Theodore or any Parish Council member, Welcome committee member or any parishioner. We're eager to help.

This Month's Thought: "Talent knows what to do, Tact knows when and how to do it"

- from the Ushering and Welcome committee
(Maria Apostolou, Naji Karim & Irene Karageorge)

Baptisms

On September 21st, at 2:00pm, Anthony Chenault and Elizabeth "Ellie" Lanning will be baptized. Dr. Charles Tarasidis will be the sponsor for Anthony. And Irene Karageorge will be the sponsor for Elizabeth.

Community Garden

Christ is in our midst! The garden and the tomatoes specifically are still doing well! We have a list of fall/winter vegetables we will plant (onion, greens, garlic, and a few others), and a list of flowers we're going to try that can be used to decorate around the icons and the Church. If anyone has any suggestions or



would like to help in any way, please let Caitlin or Grace know, and we can put you to work! Enjoy the last of the summer days!

Thank you!
Caitlin and Grace



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Religious Education

Registration for Sunday School is open. Please register students as soon as possible.
We plan to start classes on Sunday, 5 October.

In His Service,
Fred Gianakouros



**HOLY TRINITY
GREEK SCHOOL**

STARTING OCTOBER 2025

Online classes:

Children

Beginner - Thursdays 4:00pm
Intermediate/Level 2 - Thursdays 5:00pm

Adult

Beginner - Tuesdays 5:00pm
Intermediate - Tuesdays 6:00pm
Advanced - Thursdays 6:00pm

Registration: September 1st - 30th
For more information please contact:
Greek.Lessons.HTC@gmail.com



**Holy Trinity
Sunday School**

All ages Pre-K - 12th grade

starting
Oct. 5th!



Register with link
or QR code:

<https://forms.gle/ZjepU7Fw93fBqk27>



Deaths

+ **Edward Lee Deeds** - On behalf of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, we express our condolences to and prayers for Ann Apostolou Deeds and John Michael Deeds for the falling asleep in the Lord of their husband and father, Edward Lee Deeds on August 13, 2025.

[AlleghanyJournal.com ONLINE Obituaries](https://www.alleganyjournal.com/online-obituaries)

[Edward Deeds Obituary \(1947-2025\) | Roanoke, VA](#)

Edward Lee Deeds' 40 Day Memorial will be on Sunday September 21st.

May his memory be eternal.

Memorials

On August 10th, a 40 Day Memorial was held for Penelope Tarasidis, 10 years of age, granddaughter of Nick and Maria Tarasidis, and goddaughter of Christina Tarasidis.

On August 17th, a 40 day memorial was held for Aurelia Muntean (grandmother of Presv. Denisa), a 14 year memorial for George Lyketsos and a 32 year memorial for Euphrosyne Lyketsos (grandparents of Fr. Theodore).

May their memory be eternal.

Parish Council News

Parish Council Notes – September Update

As we embrace the days of September, the Parish Council is excited to launch into a vibrant fall season.

Big Fat Greek Drive-Thru: September 26–28

Our Big Fat Greek Drive-Thru is almost here! Join us on September 26, 27, and 28 for this community favorite. We still need volunteers for setup, food prep, and drive-thru operations. Check the parish calendar for baking events, or signup sheets in the church hall to get involved. Your participation makes this event a joyful celebration of our faith and culture!

Stewardship Focus: Completing Your Stewardship Card

We've noticed that some parishioners have signed up on the Tithe.ly website—thank you for your commitment! However, to be recognized as a steward in good standing, we kindly ask that you also complete a stewardship card. Please contact the church office if you need a card or pick one up in the Narthex after services. Your participation strengthens our community!

100th Anniversary Celebration: Planning Begins!

We are thrilled to announce that our church will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2028! A committee is forming now to plan this historic milestone. Early details will be shared at our late fall General Assembly. If you're interested in joining the committee or contributing ideas, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your commitment to our church family.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Matthew

Philoptochos News

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Our parish Philoptochos chapter is committed to contributing to the metropolis and national Philoptochos charities. In September all Philoptochos chapters will make a donation to Hellenic College Holy Cross Scholarship Fund. The exaltation of the holy cross commitment provides

tuition scholarships to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and seminarians at Holy Cross to assist with tuition expenses.

Also, we will contribute to the Retired Clergy and Widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund which provides financial support to retired clergy and widowed Presvyteres. Philoptochos funds also provide short-term support for clergy and their families in times of crisis, responding to critical needs such as uncovered medical expenses, rent, utilities and insurance.

We are thankful for those parishioners who make a regular donation to our chapter. Please know that anyone can donate to Philoptochos at any time.

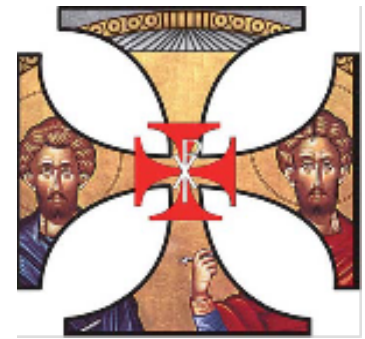
Thank you to all who donated to help us cover the cost of the pizza offered on College Student Sunday and those who helped prepare and serve.

If there is no sponsor for fellowship Hour on any given Sunday, Philoptochos will offer coffee. Although the first Sunday of each month is designated Potluck Sunday, anyone is welcome to bring something to share on any Sunday there is no sponsor. Please read your Friday email or refer to the calendar in the hall to see which Sunday does not have a sponsor.

Please help us keep the hall clean by taking your trash to the trash cans before you leave. Philoptochos will also appreciate help cleaning up the hall, washing dishes and taking out the trash on Sundays. Everyone who is physically able and enjoys the food should pitch in to help clean up.

If you are interested in joining Philoptochos please ask to speak to any member in the hall on Sunday.

Pray for Peace,
Danna



**Greek Orthodox Ladies'
Philoptochos Society
of Holy Trinity Church**

Roanoke



Our next outing is scheduled for **Saturday, November 1st**. Full details will be shared in the monthly and Friday bulletin as soon as they are finalized.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our Club, please feel free to reach out to me at francesimopoulos@gmail.com or 434-851-6830.

Frances Simopoulos



Only 26 Days Until the Big Fat Greek Drive-Thru! Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner, and we need **your help** to make it a success!

Volunteer Sign-Ups

Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/3Jsyt9O> or stop by the **volunteer table in the Fellowship Hall** each Sunday to sign up in person. Every helping hand is vital, and we encourage everyone to get involved! Please volunteer as much time as possible! Remember, we are in this together! Please work with your fellow volunteers, support one another, and lend a helping hand wherever needed.

Key Volunteer Days

- **Opening Day – Friday, September 26:** This is our most important day! We must be fully staffed and ready in all areas to ensure a smooth and successful start.
- **Tear Down – Monday, September 29:** Many hands are needed to take down equipment and ensure the church grounds are clean and ready for church services.

Volunteer Guidelines & Schedule

Please review the enclosed **Volunteer Guidelines** carefully. These are essential for ensuring a safe and organized event. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask! The complete work schedule leading up to the event is also attached. Mark your calendars and join us whenever you are able.

Promotional Materials

Billstuffers and posters are available on the Fellowship Hall tables. Please take a few to share with friends, neighbors, and local businesses—**word of mouth is powerful!** Interested in placing a **car magnet** on your vehicle? Stop by the volunteer table to pick one up. We kindly ask that magnets be returned after the event for future use.

Let's come together to celebrate and share our vibrant Greek culture and traditions with the Roanoke community. Thank you for your continued support and may God bless us all!

Pete Simopoulos, Chairman

ptsims@gmail.com or 434-851-6835

BIG FAT GREEK DRIVE-THRU Work Schedule

Mark your calendars! Below is the September baking, set-up and tear down schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Simopoulos at 434.851.6830 or francesimopoulos@gmail.com. Please join us in our preparations.

<i>Pastry/Work Needed Done</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>
<i>Baklava</i>	<i>Saturday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Sunday, September 7 after the Divine Liturgy</i>
<i>Kourambiethes</i>	<i>Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Packaging of Pastries</i>	<i>Saturday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Volunteer Meeting (mandatory)</i>	<i>Sunday, September 21 after the Divine Liturgy in Fellowship Hall</i>
<i>Set-up Grounds and Kitchen Prep Work</i>	<i>Monday, September 22 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i> <i>Tuesday, September 23 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i> <i>Wednesday, September 24 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i> <i>Thursday, September 25 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i> <i>(Please come to the church and volunteer any time that you have available during the week!)</i>
<i>Tear Down</i>	<i>Monday, September 29 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i>

GUIDELINES FOR THE BIG FAT GREEK DRIVE-THRU

1. **Parking.** We will have designated parking areas for volunteers to park their vehicles. Once these are confirmed, the information will be available on the Friday bulletin and at the mandatory volunteer meeting on Sunday, September 21. All streets surrounding our church need to be free of parked vehicles.
2. **Arrive on Time.** Shifts will be for a 6 hour period. Familiarize yourself with your responsibilities. If you are working with someone that you do not know, introduce yourself!
3. **Meals.** Any person volunteering for 6 hours of work will receive a 50% discount on their meals along with free water (PASTRIES ARE NOT INCLUDED). 50% meals will ONLY APPLY to people actually working a full shift – NO ONE ELSE. Please be considerate of the Big Fat Greek-Drive-thru policy.

4. **Volunteers. Let's Work Together!**
We encourage all volunteers to work side by side, support one another, and make this a positive experience. Teamwork makes everything smoother and more enjoyable. Do not hesitate to lend a hand or ask for help. We are all in this together!
5. **Those handling food and pastries must wear serving gloves and aprons at all times. Aprons and gloves will be available under the tent!**
6. **Keep serving area clean!** Water and towels will be provided.
7. The food tent will be kept supplied by a volunteer. If you are running low on an item, please let them know.
8. **Health Inspection. We are subject to unannounced inspections by the Virginia Department of Health. There should be absolutely NO SMOKING over the gyro grills or in the kitchen. Let us be mindful of the image we are projecting and be aware that we are handling food and we must have a sanitary atmosphere.**
9. **Volunteer T-Shirts – Show Your Spirit and Support Our Cause!** We kindly ask all volunteers to wear a Drive-Thru t-shirt each day they work. Every day features a specific t-shirt color, helping us stay coordinated, and stand out while moving vehicles are in the parking lot! If you are able, we welcome monetary donations toward the cost of the t-shirts. Proceeds will go toward supporting this year's charities (**Bradley Free Clinic, Family Service of Roanoke Valley, Roanoke Valley Speech & Hearing Center**) making your contribution even more impactful. T-shirts will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays leading up to the Drive-Thru. Thank you for your support and for being a part of something meaningful!
10. **Advertising.** There are billstuffers and posters to be distributed that are located in the Fellowship Hall. The billboards are up, and the banner downtown on Market Street is displayed. **GET THE WORD OUT!** Tell everyone you know to visit us 1, 2 or 3 days.
11. **Safety.** Please be aware that extra power has been added to our property. There will be hot grills, hot grease and lots of hot pans to move around the premises. Keep safe and be aware of your surroundings. If you see something strange, contact one of the police officers or Pete Simopoulos.
12. **First Aid.** Will be located in the Fellowship Hall.
13. **Charities.** A portion of the proceeds this year will benefit Family Service of Roanoke Valley, the Bradley Free Clinic and Roanoke Valley Speech and Hearing.
14. **Sponsors.** Many people and businesses through their sponsorship are helping make this drive-thru possible. Please support them.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





BIG FAT GREEK DRIVE-THRU MENU

Sept. 26, 27 & 28

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church • 30 Huntington Blvd., Roanoke, VA
Friday and Saturday 10:30 AM- 8:00 PM • Sunday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

MEALS



MOUSSAKA (moo-sa-KA)

LAYERS OF FRIED EGGPLANT AND SEASONED GROUND BEEF TOPPED WITH A BECHAMEL CREAM SAUCE WITH: GREEK-STYLE GREEN BEANS, PILAF (HERBED RICE), TIROPITA (CHEESE PUFF), SPANAKOPITA (SPINACH PUFF), DOLMADES (GRAPE LEAVES). **\$18.00**



GYRO MEAL (YEE-row)

SEASONED LAMB & BEEF IN A GRILLED PITA WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO & ONION AND TOPPED WITH TZATZIKI (YOGURT CUCUMBER SAUCE) AND GREEK FRIES. **\$13.00**
ADDITIONAL GYRO PITA WRAP \$10.00



PASTICHIO (pa-STEE-cho)

LAYERS OF PASTA AND SEASONED GROUND BEEF TOPPED WITH A BECHAMEL CREAM SAUCE WITH: GREEK-STYLE GREEN BEANS, PILAF (HERBED RICE), TIROPITA (CHEESE PUFF), SPANAKOPITA (SPINACH PUFF), DOLMADES (GRAPE LEAVES). **\$18.00**



MEATLESS VEGGIE MEAL

GREEK-STYLE GREEN BEANS, PILAF (HERBED RICE), TIROPITA (CHEESE PUFF), SPANAKOPITA (SPINACH PUFF), DOLMADES (GRAPE LEAVES). **\$10.00**

SIDES



DOLMADES (Dol-MA-thes)

GRAPE LEAVES STUFFED WITH SEASONED RICE IN AN OLIVE OIL LEMON-BASED SAUCE. **(6 COUNT) \$6.00**



TIROPITA (tee-ROH-pee-ta)

A RICH, CREAMY CHEESE FILLING WRAPPED IN A CRISPY, BUTTERED PHYLLO DOUGH. **(6 COUNT - 1 OZ.) \$6.00**



SPANAKOPITA (spa-na-KO-pee-ta)

A RICH, CREAMY SPINACH AND CHEESE FILLING WRAPPED IN A CRISPY, BUTTERED PHYLLO DOUGH. **(6 COUNT - 1 OZ.) \$6.00**



GREEK FRIES

FRENCH FRIES SEASONED WITH GREEK SPICES. **\$3.00**



TZATZIKI SAUCE

EXTRA YOGURT CUCUMBER SAUCE. **(5 OZ.) \$2.00**



GREEK SALAD

ROMAINE AND ICEBERG LETTUCE, CHERRY TOMATOES, ONIONS, KALAMATA OLIVES, PEPPERONCINI, AND FETA CHEESE. SERVED WITH KEN'S GREEK DRESSING. **\$5.00**

PASTRIES



ASSORTED PASTRY PACK

1 BAKLAVA (LAYERED WALNUTS, HONEY IN PHYLLO SHEETS) • 1 KATAIFI (SHREDDED WHEAT, WALNUTS AND HONEY) • 1 KOURAMBIE (BUTTER COOKIE COVERED IN POWDERED SUGAR) • 1 ERGOLAVI (ALMOND DELIGHT! CRESCENT-SHAPED ALMOND COOKIE) • 1 MELOMAKARONO (HONEY DIPPED NUT COOKIE) • 2 KOULOURAKIA (TWISTED BUTTER COOKIE). **\$15.00**



BAKLAVA (bah-klah-VA)

AN AROMATIC BLEND OF WALNUTS, CINNAMON, AND SUGAR LAYERED BETWEEN BUTTERED SHEETS OF PHYLLO DOUGH, SOAKED IN A SWEET HONEY SYRUP. **(4 COUNT) \$14.00**



GALAKTOBOUREKO

(ga-lak-to-BOO-ree-ko)
RICH VANILLA CUSTARD BAKED BETWEEN SHEETS OF BUTTERED, CRISPY PHYLLO DOUGH SOAKED IN SWEET SYRUP. **(4 COUNT) \$16.00**



KOURAMBIETHES

(Kou-ram-BEH-thes) A DELICATE BUTTER COOKIE COVERED WITH POWDERED SUGAR. THE GREEK TRADITIONAL "WEDDING COOKIE". **(6 COUNT) \$10.00**



ERGOLAVI (er-GOH-la-ve)

A DECADENT CHEWY ALMOND COOKIE. **(4 COUNT) \$12.00**

GREEK WINE



WHITE

(Bottle)
\$20.00



ROSE

(Bottle)
\$20.00



SWEET RED

(Bottle)
\$20.00



MERLOT

(Bottle)
\$20.00

FROZEN



PASTICHIO PAN (pa-STEE-cho)

LAYERS OF PASTA AND SEASONED GROUND BEEF TOPPED WITH A BECHAMEL CREAM SAUCE. **\$40.00 (FAMILY SIZE - SERVES 9-12 PEOPLE)**

BEVERAGES

BOTTLED WATER

\$2.00



Information

NAME

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

☐ yes ☐ no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?

☐ yes ☐ no



treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$_____ each week

planned giving

☐ "____ I would like to speak with someone about how to remember the church in my will, trust, or estate plan."

We enter our spiritual home not to be entertained, but to be a part of a community of believers. We receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As we pray, worship and serve together, we become His Body. To be truly a member of the Church as Body of Christ requires our presence and our engagement with one another -- in worship, study and service to others. We grow spiritually as a family. We give sacrificially as we acknowledge that all we have comes from God.

time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

EDUCATION

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Adult Religious Education
- ☐ Intro to Orthodoxy
- ☐ Publications
- ☐ Speakers
- ☐ Bookstore
- ☐ Library

LITURGICAL

- ☐ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- ☐ Altar boys / Acolytes
- ☐ Baking Prosphora
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Reader
- ☐ Greeter/Usher

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- ☐ Campus Ministry
- ☐ Welcome Team
- ☐ New Member Events
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- ☐ Visitation - Hospital
- ☐ Visitation - Shut-ins
- ☐ Feed the Hungry
- ☐ Prison Ministry
- ☐ Grief Bereavement Group
- ☐ Disaster Relief Projects
- ☐ Blood Drives
- ☐ Project Mexico
- ☐ Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- ☐ OCMC Mission Center
- ☐ Seniors Ministry
- ☐ Couples Ministry
- ☐ Singles Ministry
- ☐ Military Ministry

YOUTH

- ☐ Church School Teacher
- ☐ Church School Administration
- ☐ Youth Leader
- ☐ Vacation Church School
- ☐ Camp Counselor

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- ☐ Garden & Landscape
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Clean-up
- ☐ Interior Repairs
- ☐ Exterior Repairs
- ☐ Roofing
- ☐ Hall Rentals

ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Fiscal Mgt / Review
- ☐ By-Laws
- ☐ Development / Fundraising
- ☐ Office help
- ☐ Computer / Technical
- ☐ Data Entry

COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Web site & E-mail
- ☐ Bulletin & Newsletter
- ☐ Public Relations

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

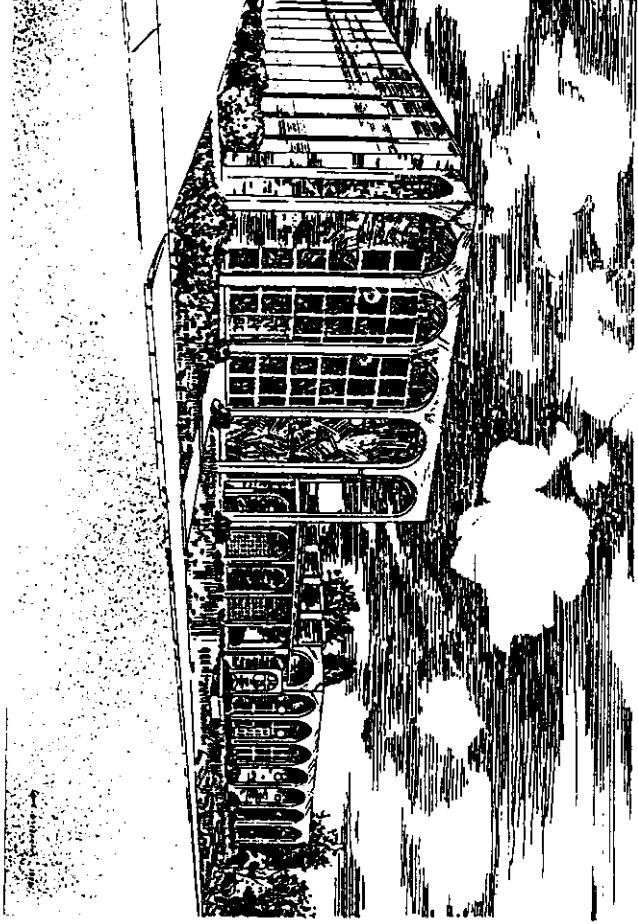


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