



THE HOLY TRINITY HERALD

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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Holy Trinity family,

On December 2nd, we commemorate St. Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia. Below I have reproduced a testimony from one of his spiritual children, Panagiotis Sotirchos:

“Once, the Elder set off for a monastery with three of his spiritual children to celebrate Vespers. At first, they said they would go on foot. However, after walking some distance, Elder Porphyrios became tired, and the monastery was still quite far away. They decided to find a vehicle to take them the rest of the way.

At that moment, a taxi appeared in the distance. The Elder’s three lay companions told him that they would wave it down and ask the driver to take them to the monastery. “Don’t worry,” he told them, “the taxi-driver will stop anyway. But when we get into the cab, no-one is to speak to the driver; I’m the only one who’ll speak to him.”

That’s exactly what happened. The taxi-driver stopped without them waving him down, they got in and the Elder told the driver their destination.

When the taxi set off the driver began to put the clergy down and to blame them for a thousand and one different things. Each time that he said something he addressed it to the three laymen sitting in the back seat of the cab. “It’s like that isn’t it, you guys? What do you say?” They kept their lips tightly shut and didn’t say a word, just as the Elder had told them.

When the driver saw that the others weren’t answering him, he turned to Elder Porphyrios and said, “Isn’t that the way it is, pappouli [grandpa]? What do you say? The things they write in the papers are true, aren’t they?”

Then Elder Porphyrios said to him, “My son, I’ll tell you a little story. I’ll tell you it only once, you won’t need to hear it a second time. There once was a man from a certain place (he named it), who had an elderly neighbor with a large property. One night he killed him and buried him. “Then using false papers, he got hold of his elderly neighbor’s property and sold it. And do you know what he bought with the money that he got from selling the property? He bought a taxi.

The moment the taxi-driver heard the story, he was so shaken, that he pulled over to the side of the road, and shouted, “Don’t say anything pappouli. Only you and I know about it.”

“God also knows about it,” Elder Porphyrios answered. “He told me so that I could tell you. See to it that you change your way of life from now on.”

This is just one of innumerable accounts about the saint, which now fill many books, including *St. Porphyrios: Testimonies and Experiences* by Klitos Ioannidis, from which this one was taken. St. Porphyrios, known as Elder Porphyrios during his life, was a simple Greek priest-monk who during his lifetime acquired a reputation for his gift of “clear sight”, also sometimes known as clairvoyance or discernment. But that was not his only spiritual gift: he was known at times to levitate, shine with otherworldly light, appear in two places at once, heal through his prayers, and accurately predict the future. These stories were recorded by numerous eyewitnesses, who were not only from among the ignorant and uneducated, but also included intellectuals, doctors, and scientists. And these testimonies don’t come from very long ago, either: St. Porphyrios died in 1991, the same year the World Wide Web was launched. I myself had the privilege of meeting one of his spiritual children, who testified to his remarkable supernatural *charismata*.

St. Porphyrios was not a shaman, sorcerer, or a New Age guru, but a simple Orthodox Christian priest. He did not teach any sort of occult or esoteric practice, only the prayers, services, and fasts of the Orthodox Church combined with the self-abnegating morality of the Gospels. He was not a performer, nor did he enrich himself through his supernatural gifts, but instead he lived in obscurity in the outskirts of Athens, for a while in a trailer and later in a small, austere cell. He generally tried to hide his gifts so as not to glorify himself, only revealing them in order to bring people to faith and repentance; his primary concern was the salvation and wellbeing of others. He was distinguished chiefly by his love for all people and his extreme humility — his last request was to be buried in a secret location, so that his grave would not become a place of pilgrimage. He was a Christian in the fullest, most authentic sense of the word, and for that reason was rightly canonized as a saint of the Orthodox Church in 2013.

I first learned about Elder Porphyrios in 2012, when I was in college, and I was astounded. I had been baptized as an Orthodox Christian as a baby, and raised with a rather loose connection to the Church and little spirituality. I remember once my dad telling me that our religion is the true one, but I can’t say that it made a tremendous impact on my way of life at the time — after all, doesn’t everyone believe their religion is the “one true faith”? But in the person of Elder Porphyrios I was confronted with a pretty strong *empirical* reason to take my own religion seriously! If nothing else, he seemed to show that Orthodoxy “works”, that the teachings and practices of our faith really do radically, even supernaturally, transform the one who follows them to their utmost. And I learned that St. Porphyrios was hardly an isolated anomaly, with many similar saints appearing in the Orthodoxy in the last century, including St. Paisios of Mt. Athos, St. Sophrony of Essex, and St. Sophia of Kleisoura to name but a few. When I discovered the Divine and Life-giving Grace that exists in the Orthodox Church, I quickly became obsessed. And I’d like to think that I still am to this day.

The 20th-century saints have played an important role in the explosive growth of Orthodoxy in the United States. Many people from all sorts of backgrounds take their first steps into the Church because they were inspired by the love of St. Porphyrios, the humility of St. Nektarios, or miracles of St. John Maximovitch. These figures demonstrate tangibly that Jesus Christ is living and active in our world, and this is deeply refreshing for all of those who hunger and thirst spiritually, as I did. God’s Grace through His saints is actively building and growing His Church.

But in all of this, there is a secret point of pain for me as well. So many from outside of the Church are coming in and finding life and joy and rest for their souls, and this is beautiful, incredible even. But so many who like myself were born into the Church are completely indifferent to their spiritual heritage! So many of us were never taught about the saints or the great works of God in the modern day, and instead learned to regard our Holy Faith as a quaint relic of our Greek, Serbian or other ethnic roots. Instead, we treat spiritual matters like Liturgy, fasting, and the saints with a disinterest, bordering on apathy — after all, what time do we have for that sort of thing, when we have our jobs, vacations, and children’s soccer games to attend to? If only we knew what we were throwing away!

St. Paul was distressed at how few of his fellow Jews were willing to accept the Gospel, going as far as to say that he would give up his own Salvation for the sake of theirs: “For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel” (Romans 9:3-4). I often feel similarly about my own people. It is my tremendous joy to play a role in the dawn of American Orthodoxy, and to watch as so many people from so many different backgrounds come to living faith and a knowledge of the Truth. But what I wouldn’t give to also see Greeks and Greek-Americans awoken from their spiritual slumber! May the Lord Jesus illumine all of us, and the whole world.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Theodore Lyketsos





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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

DECEMBER 2025		
Sat. 12/06/2025	St. Nicholas Vespers	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy 5:00 PM
Sun. 12/07/2025	10th Sunday of Luke	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19</i>	Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Usher(s):	Carol Royal, Angela Flegas, Georgia Liagki	
Tues. 12/09/2025	St. Anna the Prophetess	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Fri. 12/12/2025	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Sat. 12/13/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 12/14/2025	11th Sunday of Luke	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11</i>	Gospel: Luke 14:16-24
Usher(s):	Juan Martinez, Nada Melki, Naji Karim	
Sat. 12/20/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 12/21/2025	Sunday Before Nativity	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40</i>	Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25
Usher(s):	Van Kakouras, Maria Hatzios, Frances Simopoulos	
Mon. 12/22/2025	St. Anastasia Farmakolytria (St Anastasia the Curer)	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Thurs. 12/24/2025	Holy Nativity Eve	8am: Orthros 9am: Great Hours 10am: Vespersal Divine Liturgy 6pm: Orthros 7pm: Divine Liturgy
Sat. 12/27/2025	Vespers	5:00 PM
Sun. 12/28/2025	Sunday After Nativity	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Galations 1:11-19</i>	Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
Usher(s):	Voula Dallas, Maria Apostolou, Irene Karageorge	

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

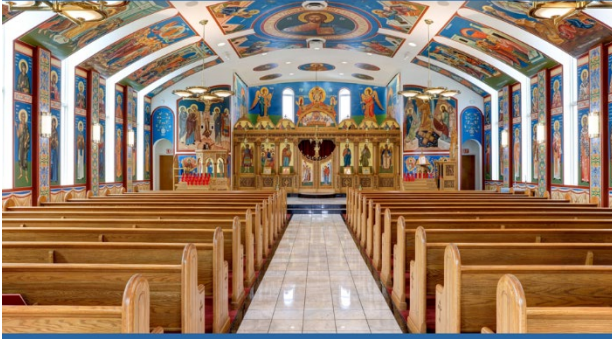
❧ OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH ❧

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

Holy Trinity invites you to our
Orthodox Catechism
A weekly class on Orthodox Christian faith and life



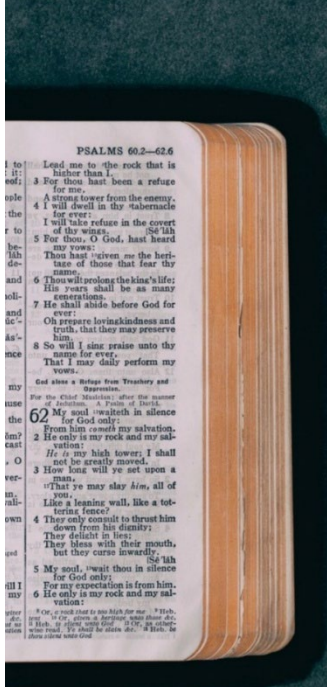
Time: Sundays after the 10am Divine Liturgy
Location: Conference Room
All are welcome/No commitment necessary
Questions? FrTheoHTROA@gmail.com

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Path to Eternity with Fr. Theodore:

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 is on
Wednesdays at 7pm**



**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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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.

Fellowship Hour Hosts for November 2025

November 2	Sadler and Wilson Families
November 9	Polizos Family
November 16	Philoptochos
November 23	Greek Street Pastry & Market
November 30	Potluck Sunday

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

Announcements

Welcome To Holy Trinity!

Welcome to all visitors and newcomers. We're happy and eager to help with any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Father Theodore or any parishioner.

The Welcome Committee will be hosting a luncheon January 25th, 2026 in honor of all the newly baptized and christmated of 2025. Please make plans to join us.

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

Baptisms

Luke Orion Mullen, 9 months, son of Anthony and Julia Childers Mullen, was baptized November 15th, 2025. His godmother is Andrea Fries.

May God grant him many years!

Deaths

+ **John George Arfaras**, brother of Linda Arfaras Miller, and uncle of Jessica Miller of Roanoke, passed away November 1st, 2025. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Dolores Bayer-Callis-Arfaras.

May his memory be eternal!

Ladies' Liturgical Year Literary Club

The new year is coming up and with it we are starting a new book club for the women of Holy Trinity. Join us on January 10 at 3:30 in the conference room for an introductory meeting to discuss the future of the Ladies' Liturgical Year Literary Club. If you have any questions, email Caitlin DeMarco at crdema@gmail.com.

Ladies' Liturgical Year Literary Club

A book club for Orthodox Women



**First Meeting:
January 10th
3:30-4:30pm
At Holy Trinity**

- **No book for first meeting - just come check it out!**
- **Tea and snacks provided**
- **Vespers service to follow**
- **Questions? Contact Caitlin (crdema@gmail.com)**

Religious Education

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We wish all our parishioners a blessed Nativity fast and celebration!

We have more children attending education classes than we have had in years! The middle and senior high grades meet in the conference room with elementary grades in classrooms in the fellowship hall. Unfortunately, we do not have enough teachers to do the job. Our already thin ranks are depleted as one of our elementary teachers is moving away and we do not have any substitutes. A Director is also needed.

Please, if you are able, help us prepare our children in understanding Christ and our Orthodox Theology.

Please volunteer so our younger students can get the basics for their lifelong religious education. Contact Father Theodore, Diane Simmons or Fred Gianakouros if you are willing to help.

In His Service,
Fred Gianakouros

Greek School

“The Church has been offering free, weekly online lessons in Modern Greek for the past few years. There are currently four groups of students, from elementary school age to senior citizens, studying at beginning to advanced beginner levels. Here are some of the student comments we received recently:

Learning Greek has been so fun! I feel like a child who's learning to read. While decoding words I realize I knew many of the words all along but now know how it is spelled!! Georgia is a great teacher who offers encouragement and guidance at an appropriate pace

I am very excited and feel blessed to have the opportunity to participate in the Adult beginning Greek classes. Having married into a Greek family, many things in the class are familiar, many things are new, while many things are being well explained and now make sense. My only regret is this opportunity was not provided earlier.

I have enjoyed beginner Greek language class. Our teacher, Georgia is patient and kind. All of my classmates are fun and encouraging. I look forward to class every week!

Registration for the classes is held each fall, and will be announced in the Church bulletins.

VMI & Washington and Lee Orthodox Christian Fellowship



Orthodox Services 2025-2026

Thursday nights at 7pm:

September 25th
October 30th
November 13th
January 22nd
February 19th
March 12th
April 23rd

Confession available before/after services!
Contact: frtheoHTROA@gmail.com

Location:

VMI Museum
415 Letcher Avenue
Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, VA 24450



VIRGINIA TECH OCF



PARAKLESIS SERVICES FROM 6PM-8PM:

SEPTEMBER 15
SEPTEMBER 29
OCTOBER 13
OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 10
DECEMBER 1

CONFESSION HEARINGS START AT 4:30

DIVINE LITURGY: NOVEMBER 8 FROM 9:30AM-11AM

LOCATION:

WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

601 DRILLFIELD DR
BLACKSBURG, VA 24061



Holy Trinity Sunday School presents:

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 14th
Following the 10am Divine Liturgy

Also look out for:

- Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Children's Stockings
- Christmas Caroling
- ...and more!

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Feeding the Hungry – TLOT



I would like to extend a genuine thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation of the Thanksgiving meal for The Least of These.

Whether it was monetary, sharing your talents in turkey carving, or other meal preparation, to helping clean up and washing dishes, to transporting and serving meals!!! If I've forgotten anyone, please forgive me.

I sincerely appreciate each and every one of you!!!!

In December we will again be having a 3-day cook-a-thon (my made-up word), starting on December 22nd, making pecan pies.

On December 23rd we will be peeling, and dicing potatoes.

The menu will consist of baked ham, mashed potatoes, maybe gravy and rolls and whatever else I think of.

I hope to see everyone there. Thank you again.

Della Ann

Parish Council News

Dear Holy Trinity family and friends,

As the calendar turns to December, our hearts turn toward Bethlehem. We have officially begun the **Nativity Fast**, a beautiful, intentional journey of forty days designed to prepare our hearts, not just our homes, for the coming of our Lord and Savior. We pray that this season allows each of you the time and peace to truly reflect on the profound mystery and joy of the **Incarnation**: God becoming man to save us.

This spirit of humility and devotion is what sustains our beloved parish throughout the year. On behalf of the Parish Council, I want to extend my **deepest thanks** for your unwavering support in 2025. Your dedication, whether through volunteering your **time** at events, sharing your **talents** in our ministries, or fulfilling your **financial pledges**, is the lifeblood of our community.

Every act of stewardship ensures that our church doors remain open, our youth are mentored in the faith, and the light of Orthodoxy shines brightly in our community. We are especially grateful to those who are completing their annual stewardship commitment as the year closes, allowing us to plan faithfully for the needs of the coming year. If you are uncertain whether your 2025 pledge is fully up to date, please feel free to contact the Church Office before the end of the year at 540-362-3601 or via email at htrinityroa@verizon.net. We thank you for your commitment to our Parish family.

As we move toward the great Feast, let us use these remaining weeks to offer our best, not just our gifts to the Church, but the gift of our **spiritual focus** to Christ. May this holy season bring you peace, spiritual renewal, and the profound joy of welcoming the Newborn King.

With Prayerful Gratitude and Anticipation,
Matthew Mandros
President, Parish Council

Philoptochos News

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Our Philoptochos chapter has had a very active year of charitable giving! To date we have donated over \$15,000. We are humbled to have been able to assist some of our very own parishioners who are facing difficult financial situations.

With that in mind, I'd like to ask everyone to consider Philoptochos in your charitable giving.



Greek Orthodox Ladies'
Philoptochos Society
of Holy Trinity Church

Other than private donations and fundraisers, we have no regular income. We receive no funding other than private donations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parishioners who remember Philoptochos EVERY month with a donation. Thank you!!

Here is how YOU can donate to Philoptochos:

- Link your Kroger card to 'Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos' on Kroger.com/communityrewards. Every time you use your Kroger Card when shopping, Philoptochos benefits.
- Make a direct donation by check or through the website.
- Sponsor an event or item. We are currently in need of a 50 cup coffee maker.
- Purchase cookbooks and Christmas ornaments for your friends and family.
- Attend our Valentine's Dinner on February 14th.
- Donate to help cover the cost of poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary.

Donations and sale of cookbooks and ornaments will be available at the Philoptochos table at the back of the fellowship hall beginning November 30th.

We are always in search of coffee hour sponsors. Sign up on the calendar at the back of the hall as a family, group, club or school! If you can't help, we welcome donations of paper plates, napkins, cups and plasticware. We always need kid drinks, coffee creamer and sweeteners. Every dollar Philoptochos spends on coffee hour takes away from the money we can donate to a needy family.

Please consider joining Philoptochos (women of the poor) and be a part of the charitable giving arm of our parish and metropolis. Men are also invited to join as non-voting members. We cannot do without their input and assistance. Membership dues for 2026 of \$30 will be accepted at the Philoptochos table.

As Always for confidential assistance or referrals, please reach out to me at 540-581-5695 or Philoptochosroanoke@gmail.com.

We are Thankful for your support now and always.

Pray for Peace

Danna

PACK-A-SNACK SERVICE PROJECT

Philoptochos is once again coordinating the Winter Break "Pack-a-Snack" service project. For those of you who are new to our community, several churches in the Roanoke Valley have started an organization called "Pack-a-Snack" which provides healthy snacks to underprivileged children during several breaks throughout the year such as Christmas break, spring break and other long weekends. We would like to participate with our neighboring churches in the Williamson Road area to provide snacks for eligible students attending Round Hill Elementary. **We would like to aim to pack "60" or more bags with healthy snacks for the upcoming Christmas break.**

The following are suggestions of healthy snack items:

- Canned vegetables: corn, peas, green beans, or mixed vegetables
- Canned soups: chicken noodle (or any kid friendly soup)
- Small jars of peanut butter
- Small jars of grape jelly
- Saltine or Ritz crackers
- Oatmeal packets
- Cereal bars
- Pudding cups
- Apple sauce cups or fruit cups
- Microwaveable popcorn packets
- Peanut butter crackers
- Granola bars
- Individual snack bags of pretzels, goldfish, cheese nips, etc.
- Mac 'n cheese boxes or cups
- Fresh apples or oranges

If you would like to donate items or make a monetary donation, please see Frances Simopoulos, Danna Owen or Angela Flegas. We will be collecting items/money until **Sunday, December 7th**. **If you choose to donate nonperishable snacks, please bring 30 of that item. If you desire to bring more, that will be greatly appreciated since our goal is 60 bags. For example, if you choose to bring microwaveable popcorn packets, we need to have 30 individual packets. One packet will be included in each bag.** If you have any questions regarding the "Pack-a-Snack" service project, please contact Frances Simopoulos at francesimopoulos@gmail.com or 434.851.6830.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall starting Sunday, November 2nd. Please let us know the snack you will bring. This allows us to have a variety of snacks versus a lot of duplicates. Place your snacks on the table to the left as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Philoptochos thanks you in advance for your support of this very important service project.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD -ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΡΤΑ

It is that time of the year to express your Holiday Greetings to our fellow parishioners, through the Holy Trinity Community Christmas Card. We will begin to collect information and donations on Sunday, Nov. 30th. Please complete the information and turn it in at the table in the Fellowship Hall when you come or mail it along with your donation to the church office by **December 14th**. Please print the family names of your household only, as they are to appear on the Christmas card. **Minimum donation is \$10.00 per household, per line.**

Συμπληρώστε τις παρακάτω πληροφορίες και στείλτε το απόκομμα μαζί με την επιταγή σας στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας, πριν την 1η Δεκεμβρίου.
Γράψτε τα ονόματα όπως θέλετε να τυπωθούν στην κάρτα. Η ελάχιστη δωρεά είναι \$10.00 για κάθε σπίτι.

Enclose your donation payable to "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church" and designated for Christmas Card.

Εσωκλείω την επιταγή μου πληρωτέα στην Αγ. Τριάδα, για την Χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα.

Poinsettias – If you wish to donate money for the purchase of poinsettias, to decorate our church for the holiday season, they are \$20.00 per plant. Please complete the information below and mail it to:

Philoptochos

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

30 Huntington Blvd. NE

Roanoke, VA 24012

Αλεξανδριανές γλάστρες - Η Φιλόπτωχος δέχεται δωρεές, για λουλούδια που θα στολίσουν την εκκλησία μας τα Χριστούγεννα. Η κάθε γλάστρα κοστίζει \$20.00, στείλτε το απόκομμα με την επιταγή σας γραμμένη στην Φιλόπτωχο, στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας μέχρι τις 14 Δεκεμβρίου.

Name / Όνομα: _____

Enclosed is my donation payable to **Philoptochos**, for ____ poinsettias in the amount of \$_____.

Εσωκλείω την επιταγή μου πληρωτέα στην Φιλόπτωχο, για ____ γλάστρες εις το ποσόν των \$_____.

Roanoke



The December Hellenic Club outing will be held on **Saturday, December 6th at 6:15 at Sal's Italian Restaurant**, 3940 Valley Gateway Blvd., Roanoke. Please RSVP your attendance by **Monday, December 1st**.

The January outing will be held on **January 17, 2026 at 6:15 at Coach and Four**, 5206 Williamson Road, Roanoke. Please RSVP your attendance by **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**.

For our new church members, we would like to remind you that every parishioner is a member of the Hellenic Club! The Hellenic Club's mission is to cultivate fellowship and friendship among our community, providing a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another better. We hope you will join us and be a part of our gathering!

If you have any questions, please contact Frances Simopoulos at 434.851.6830 or francesimopoulos@gmail.com.

Frances Simopoulos

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:



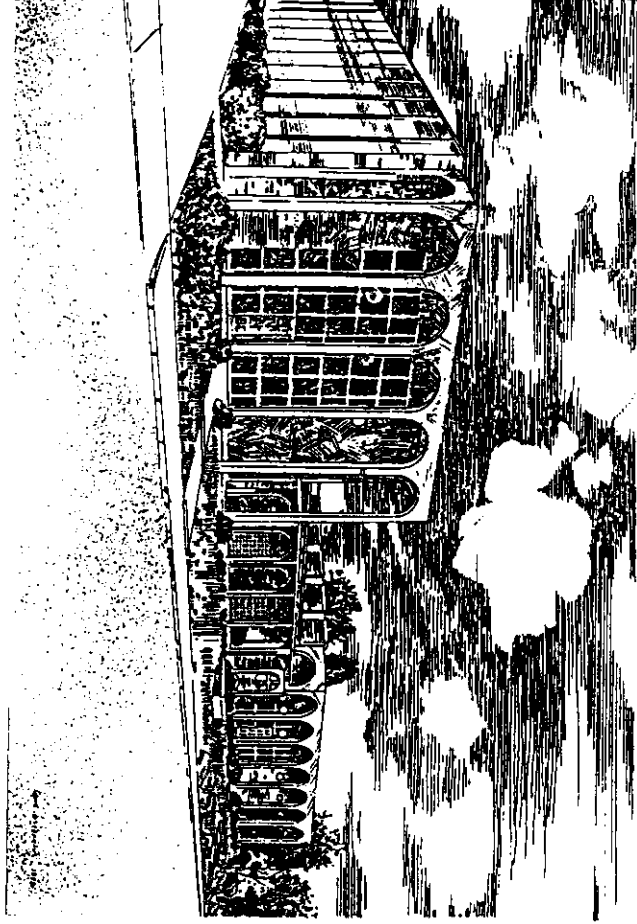
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